



KENTUCKY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Building a **GROUNDWELL**

in partnership with the Prichard Committee

“Example County supports a community that C.A.R.E.S. - Connected, Attentive, Respected, Engaged and Safe”
Example County Schools

Bracken County Middle Action Plan Snapshot

1. Population, Desired Results, and Indicators

All students of **Bracken County Middle School**

- are physically, mentally, socially and emotionally healthy.
- are equipped to transition and succeed in their chosen pathway.
- live and learn in stable and supportive environments.
- experience robust partnerships between school, family and community.
- succeed academically and elementary students enter Kindergarten ready to learn.

Attendance, Behavior, and Course/Academic Performance are the headline indicators that will be monitored to see if we are achieving the desired results above.

2. What is the story behind the curve?

- Our partnerships with several organizations (Health Department, Conservation Office, Extension Office, FRYSC, Public Library, etc.) allow access to a variety of resources and expertise. They serve as a beacon of support, innovation, and opportunity for our school, enriching the educational experience.
- We have a School Based Health Center on campus which offers medical, dental, and mental health services to our students. Our FRYSC partners with SBHC on transportation to take transportation issues out of the equation.
- They foster a student centered environment where the school promotes active engagement and participation in their Middle School journey. This also cultivates a positive school culture and climate. Students feel comfortable taking risks, making mistakes, and growing both academically and personally.
- Eighth Grade Math Proficiency is 37% scoring above the state average of 36%.
- Postsecondary Readiness scores are at 92% vs. state average of 79%.

3. Locally Set Indicators (based on Areas of Concern)

- #/% of classroom teachers who report that students’ non-academic (SEL—or other) needs are met allowing them (students) to be more successful inside the classroom (quarterly teacher survey of students that attended enrichments)
- #/% of parents reporting an increase in their skills to support students' education at home and/or at school (this could be quarterly or Fall/Spring surveys)

Strategies for Active Family and Community Engagement

- In partnership with admin., FRYSC, extracurricular activity sponsors, and KCSI Director; High School Preview Night is an new strategy in which staff will be available for 8th grade students and families to explore what comes with the transition from middle to high school.
- In partnership with Shoe Sensation, community members, FRYSC, administrators, and KCSI Director; the Back to School Bash serves as a “one stop” location for students to receive everything they need to start the year out prepared. Students are given the opportunity to “shop” for their supplies. School supplies, clothing, shoes, and haircuts are currently available for free.
- In partnership with Bracken community, 4H Agent, FRYSC, KCSI Director, club leaders; the Student Interest Clubs is a new strategy that is designed to identify the students interests and provide them with clubs that cater to those preferences while introducing them to new opportunities.
- In partnership with 4H agent, Molly Jordan; the Middle School Leadership Academy is new strategy that is designed to provide eighth grade students with an opportunity to shadow professions, tour businesses, explore hobbies/new skill sets that focus on teen adulting and leadership opportunities.
- In partnership with FRYSC and KCSI Director; Relatives Raising Relatives is a new strategy that is designed to educate families on effective parenting strategies, navigating the school system, and accessing community resources that will empower these caregivers and help them better support the children in their care. A database checklist and digital playbook or resource directory to cross reference basic needs and services will also be developed.
- In partnership with administrators, KCSI Director, FRSYC, maintenance, club leaders, and students; the Family Engagement Nights/Events are new strategies that are designed to strengthen family bonds, enhance problem solving skills, promote collaboration and teamwork, encourage creative thinking and improve communication skills through the Escape Room; foster a sense of community by bringing together students, parents, and staff, thereby enhancing school spirit and creating positive associations with the school with the Outdoor Movie Night with Trail; encourage families to eat together, have fun and grow close in conversation with The Dinner Table Project.

Strategies for Integrated Student Supports

- In partnership with workers within careers throughout the community and abroad, College and Career Week will be continued by bringing individuals into the school and/or taking students on field trips to different professions identified in up to 3 areas of interest completed by students' career clusters. This student growth strategy is designed to connect students to career areas of interest in which they will be provided hands on experiences along with a "Real Life Fair" to focus on practical life skills.
- In partnership with FRYSC, Bracken County Extension Office, FCS Agent, and school counselors; The Dinner Table Project is a continued strategy that is to bring families together to grow with fun and conversation in an alternative setting. The Dinner Table Project is designed to provide families with a meal that they themselves are to create together while building rapport among themselves. FRYSC also provide "Take Home Time" gifts to encourage families to continue the work when they are together at home. These offerings include board games, conversation starters, and recipes for families to use on their own.
- In partnership with admin, staff, KCSI director, and FRYSC; the Sixth Grade Survivor is a new strategy that is designed to provide incoming middle school students the chance to make the ultimate transition from elementary to middle school with a new and exciting form of new school orientation. Incoming sixth grade students will work on interactive games, activities, and have all their questions answered through a Q & A session.
- In partnership with high school educators and students (Bracken County High), Halfway to High School is a new strategy that is designed to give seventh grade students the opportunity to get details on what to expect in high school, pick up study tips, and set goals for high school and beyond.
- In partnership with the Optical Mobile Lab the Optical Academy is a new strategy that is designed to provide onsite eye care to students. The optometrist on site will confirm the prescription and children will choose their eyewear, same day. Students' eyewear will be pre-fit and processed in the Mobile Lab or shipped to the school within 2-4 weeks.
- In partnership with KCSI Director, counselor, educators, and admin; Attendance Brag Tags is a new strategy designed to motivate students to achieve perfect or outstanding attendance each month. An attendance assembly is held to explain the layout of earning Brag Tags eating breakfast, acquiring the correct amount of sleep, and getting to school on time. Brag Tags will be given monthly and there is an end of the year recognition ceremony. Collect them all chains are given to celebrate and assist with incentivizing students' endurance.

Strategies for Expanded and Enriched Learning Time and Opportunities

- In partnership with FRYSC, community volunteers, BCM students, and BCH students, The Sunshine Effect is an existing strategy designed to encourage a strong mental focus and emphasize how small actions can have unexpected results overtime. Students are given the option to mentor younger students across the district to assist with activities such as building, sewing, gardening, etc.
- In partnership with Bracken community, 4H Agent, FRYSC, KCSI Director, club leaders; the Student Interest Clubs is a new strategy that is designed to identify the students interests and provide them with clubs that cater to those preferences while introducing them to new opportunities.
- In partnership with BC educators, the Homework Help Line is a new strategy that is designed to have teacher “on call” Monday-Thursday from 6:30-7:30pm to serve as a contact person to assist caregivers and their students with questions on homework or test preparations to ensure an open line of communication.

Strategies for Collaborative Leadership and Practices to Support High-Quality Teaching

- In partnership with educators, staff, counselors, and KCSI Director, the Clifton Strengths Student Assessment is a new strategy that aims to empower students to leverage their strengths in academic setting, extracurricular activities, and future professional endeavors, ultimately leading to greater success and fulfillment.
- In partnership educators, administration, counselors, community members, and FRYSC, COPE Training is a new strategy that will have school workers “slip on the shoes” of their students for a 2.5 hour simulation which will help our school understand the human and systemic impacts of poverty. This will be followed up with a sensitivity training that is being provided by the Prichard Committee to all staff.

**Be a part of the change by attending an upcoming Community School Team meeting.
Get connected below.**

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