



KENTUCKY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Building a **GROUNDWELL**

in partnership with the Prichard Committee

"Jefferson County schools and communities are safe and students learn at a high level."

Jefferson County Public Schools

McFerran Preparatory Academy Community School Action Plan Snapshot

1. Population, Desired Results, and Indicators

McFerran Preparatory Academy strives to ensure that all students are healthy, prepared for their future paths, and supported by stable environments. The school emphasizes strong partnerships between school, family, and community and prioritizes academic success, including readiness for kindergarten. Progress toward these goals will be monitored through indicators such as attendance, behavior, and academic performance.

2. What is the story behind the curve?

According to the FRYSC needs assessment, 97% of parents/guardians feel the teachers and staff care about their child. Each day, they send their children to school, knowing that the people who will be with them all day genuinely care for them. Families also reported feeling comfortable helping their students with schoolwork (FRYSC Needs Assessment). The administration at McFerran continues to work to build a positive climate and culture. The staff is also responsive to student needs and reports any concerns to the FRYSC for follow-up as needed. Several staff members stepped up this year to serve as coaches, providing students with more sports opportunities. The Park Hill Neighborhood also has several churches, a Community Center and a Neighborhood Place in the community that serves families. Family surveys reveal a strong interest in re-engaging with the students in the school community for family engagement events. School administration has a vision to increase opportunities for students and families and provide exposure to different after school activities. The number of students prepared for Kindergarten with support at McFerran has decreased. Last year, 66% of students were not prepared, according to Brigance scores. Additionally, only 12% of students in grades 3rd-5th are reading on grade level. The community indicates that the underutilization of resources may be a contributing factor. There is an ongoing need for mental health and conflict resolution skills. McFerran sits in the Park Hill neighborhood, where crime continues to increase and affects many students and families. There is an imperative need to build community among our families, especially MLL families, to strengthen their connections.

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

- #/% of community members reporting an increase in their skills to support students' education at home and/or at the school
- #/% of family members reporting an increase in their skills to support students' education at home and/or at the school

Strategies for Active Family and Community Engagement

- We will collaborate with ECHO, ClassAct Credit Union, Multi Language Learners Team and other community members to offer an ongoing series of parent cafes, family engagement events, and parent education opportunities from August 2024 through May 2025.

Strategies for Integrated Student Supports

- Peace Education, Evolve 502 and other area health practitioners will collaborate with existing school partners to offer mental health, conflict resolution and peer mediation training throughout the school year to increase student capacity in social and emotional learning. (Aug 2024 - May 2025)

Strategies for Expanded and Enriched Learning Time and Opportunities

- Metro United Way, Evolve 502, Educate & Elevate, Community Extension Service, University of Louisville and other collaborative partners will work with school programs to expand the before and after school options for students and families. (Sept 2024-Apr 2025)
- Metro United Way and other early childhood partners will collaborate to expand outreach and offer kindergarten readiness activities for McFerran's littlest learners during the summer and throughout the school year. (July 2024-June 2025)

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

- PD and travel opportunities will be offered to all stakeholders including school staff, community partners, and families to increase capacity within the Community Schools Framework. (July 2024 - June 2025)
- The community schools coordinator will work within the community and region to build partnerships and enhance collaboration to increase access and improve outcomes for students and families including the reinstatement of the McFerran PTSA with assistance of the District 15 PTA president. (July 2024-June 2025)

Be a part of the change by attending an upcoming Community School Team meeting.

Get connected below.

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- Full School Action Plan: [McFerran Action Plan](#)