All About DCPS 2017-2018
Daviess County Public Schools

The mission of Daviess County Public Schools is to prepare students to succeed for life by meeting the individual needs of students, ensuring quality instruction, and developing a learning community.

Our plan to meet the individual needs of students:
- Eliminate barriers to learning
- Provide a safe, orderly, and nurturing school environment
- Promote physical and emotional wellness
- Allocate resources based on need
- Increase the number of graduates attending post-secondary institutions
- Ensure continuous academic growth
- Increase participation in co-curricular activities

Our plan to ensure quality instruction:
- Recruit and retain outstanding employees
- Support instructional leadership
- Increase job-embedded professional development
- Increase effective use of technology
- Increase differentiated instruction
- Increase authentic engagement
- Implement a continuous assessment model
- Apply resources based on need

Our plan to develop a learning community:
- Support development of positive, appropriate, and caring relationships
- Develop leadership opportunities for all employees and students
- Develop a DCPS education foundation that supports learning
- Provide a variety of opportunities to encourage family involvement
- Partner with business and industry to enhance learning
- Promote the expectation of life-long learning
DCPS Beliefs

All people have worth and must be treated with respect.

All students must have a safe, disciplined, and drug-free environment in which to learn.

All students shall be provided equal opportunities for learning.

All students must be provided a quality education with opportunities to develop relevant skills for a changing world.

All students should be expected to achieve at increasingly higher levels and grow to their fullest potentials.

All students will benefit from character education, which is essential to the development of responsible, ethical, productive, and caring citizens.

Our school system must operate in a fiscally responsible manner.

DCPS Mission

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DCPS Goals

1) DCPS students will show continuous improvement on state and district measures of achievement in order to demonstrate that they are prepared to succeed for life.

2) All DCPS students will be involved in an extra/co-curricular activity that will provide a meaningful, relevant connection with their education experiences.

3) Parent and community involvement opportunities will be expanded and created to support the DCPS learning community.

4) Professional development activities for faculty and support staff will be designed and supported in order to provide a broad range of educational approaches and support services necessary for staff to ensure quality instruction and meet the individual needs of our students.
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About Our District

- There are 12 elementary schools, three middle schools, two traditional high schools and one non-traditional high school in the Daviess County Public Schools district.
- DCPS alternative programs include Owensboro Treatment Center and Valley School, along with programs for elementary and middle school students.
- Total enrollment: Approximately 11,500 students in grades P-12.
- We have approximately 2,400 employees (certified, support and substitutes), making DCPS the second-largest employer in Daviess County.
- The DCPS annual budget is approximately $141 million.
- DCPS school buses travel an average of 10,210 miles per day – 2.2 million miles a year. Approximately 8,160 students are transported daily on 137 buses.
- The DCPS district covers a geographical area of about 444.2 miles.
- Our cafeterias served about 1,391,820 lunches and 745,910 breakfasts last year.
- DCPS mission statement — The mission of Daviess County Public Schools is to prepare students to succeed for life by meeting individual needs of students, ensuring quality instruction, and developing a learning community.
- DCPS commitment — Kids First! Everything we do, and every decision that is made, is based on what is best for kids.
District and School “Report Cards” available for review

http://applications.education.ky.gov/SRC/

The Kentucky Department of Education website maintains a summary of “report cards” for schools and districts across the state. These reports include information about test performance, teacher qualifications, student safety, awards, parent involvement and much more.

Visit the website listed above and use the drop-down menus to select the name of any school or district to see its report card.

The website includes links to other information of interest to parents and community members.

As always, members of the Daviess County Public Schools district are happy to answer your questions or provide more information. Call us at (270) 852-7000 or write to contact@dcps.org
National, State and Local Recognition

- DCPS named Distinguished District for four consecutive years (2013-14 through 2016-17) based on outstanding State Assessment results
- All DCPS schools earned Distinguished or Proficient status on 2016 State Assessment (K-PREP)
- DCPS named to College Board’s Advanced Placement District Honor Roll (2016)
- District ACT composite score of 20.6 with all scores above state averages
- DCPS leads the state in the number of students earning college credits while still in high school – resulting in real-world savings of $2.5 million for families
- DCPS awarded the Alliance for a Healthier Generation Bronze Award
- All DCPS preschools awarded Five-Star ratings for quality early childhood education
- DCHS Academic Team wins Questions Unlimited National Academic Championship
- DCPS honored for “Best Practices” at Continuous Improvement Summit
- State championship in Student Technology Leadership Program
- State championship in Kentucky Lt. Governor’s Entrepreneurial Challenge
- State championships in speech and soccer
- National championships in archery and bowling
- DCPS selected as one of six Kentucky school districts to participate in Literacy Design Collaborative supported by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence
- Four DCPS schools earn “Leader In Me / Lighthouse School” status
- DCPS named Health Policy Hero by Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky
- DCPS Preschools earn Nat’l Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation
- DCPS Food Services Department — National School Nutrition Association President’s Leadership Award for Exceptional Accomplishments
- DCPS recognized as leader in innovative Community Campus program
- National Blue Ribbon Schools — Deer Park, Highland, Sorgho, West Louisville and Whitesville Elementary and Daviess County High School
- Kentucky Blue Ribbon Schools — Deer Park Elementary, Whitesville Elementary, Daviess County High School
- AASA National Leadership for Learning Award (only three given nationally)
- Top 10 Digital School Districts Award — National recognition by the Center for Digital Education and the National School Boards Association
- National Magna Award Winner
- Governor’s Award in the Arts in Education
- KSBA PEAK Awards for outstanding new programs to increase student achievement (first school district selected to receive this award twice: Graduation 2010, eLearning)
- KMEA Friend of Music Award
- Mayor’s Award for Excellence in Education
- Tom Vest Award for Outstanding Professional Development (multiple recognitions)
- Nationally Recognized Partnership with RiverPark Center
- U.S. Department of Education “National Stars of Teaching” Award
- DCPS named Exemplary District in Maintenance, Finance and Food Services
- Ranked among top Kentucky high schools by U.S. News and World Report
- DCPS earns “What Parents Want” Award for 11 consecutive years
- Numerous other state and national recognitions of students, staff, schools and district
- Six DCPS schools earn national Energy Star status

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**SPECIFIC PROGRAMS — DCPS Administrative Office Building, 1622 Southeastern Parkway, P.O. Box 21510, Owensboro, KY 42304-1510 (270) 852-7000 www.dcps.org**

- Matt Robbins, Superintendent
- Jana Beth Francis, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning and Director of Assessment/Research/Curriculum
- Dr. Amy Shutt, Assistant Superintendent for Human Services/Director of Personnel
- Charles Broughton, Director of Secondary Schools
- James Lyddane, Director of Elementary Schools and Professional Development
- Robin Bush, Director of Special Services
- Anthony Sparks, Director of Instructional Technology, District Arts Coordinator
- Damon Fleming, Director of Student Services
- Amanda Jerome, College and Career Readiness Coordinator
- Lelan Hancock, Senior Director of Operations
- David Shutt, Director of Operations/Maintenance
- Sara Harley, Director of Finance
- Lisa Sims, Director of Food Service
- Downey Ward, Director of Transportation
- Wendi Kozel, RN, District Health Coordinator
- Scott Taylor, Student Services Coordinator
- Chris Westerfield, Preschool Coordinator
- Lora Wimsatt, Public Information Officer

Email formula for all DCPS staff members: firstname.lastname@daviess.kyschools.us
Send general inquiries to contact@dcps.org. Telephone area code is 270.
ATTENDANCE AREAS

Students attend elementary, middle and high school according to their home address. Attendance areas are based on the elementary school district in which a student lives.

To find out what school zones your home is in, visit our website at www.dcps.org and click on "Schools." Select “Find Your School Zone” and follow the prompts.

Students who attend these elementary schools will attend the corresponding middle school shown below:

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| Burns Middle           | College View Middle      | Daviess County Middle    |

High school attendance is based on the elementary school district in which the student resides. As a general guideline, students who live in an elementary school district east of Frederica Street will attend Daviess County High School; students who live in an elementary school district west of Frederica Street will attend Apollo High School.

Students who live in these elementary school districts will attend the corresponding high school shown below:

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| Apollo High School       | Daviess County High School      |

Tuition and transfer applications for DCPS schools are accepted from March 1 to June 30 each year. Tuition/transfer request forms will be posted at www.dcps.org and available at the DCPS Central Office from mid-February until June 30. Applications must be submitted to the Central Office and must include the following documents/information: Copy of student’s most recent grade report; attendance record and discipline record (available at the school the student currently attends).

“Transfer” refers to a student who lives within the DCPS district but wishes to attend a DCPS school in another attendance zone. There is no cost to transfer to another school within our district but the family must provide transportation.

“Tuition” refers to a student who lives outside the DCPS district but wishes to attend a DCPS school. There is a tuition fee and the family must provide transportation. Some DCPS schools may be closed to transfer and tuition requests based on enrollment capacity. For more information, call Student Services at 270-852-7000.
Frequently Asked Questions

PLANNING TO MOVE
When the family is buying or building a home and has plans to move within the school year, the student may be allowed to begin the school year in the attendance area of the new home with special permission from the school officials. Call the Department of Student Services at (270) 852-7000. Parents are responsible for transportation in such cases. Parent is required to show a contract from builder to verify home is being built in requested school zone.

MOVING DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR
If a family moves from one DCPS school attendance area to another DCPS school attendance area during the school year, the family must submit a transfer request form, but the student may finish the school year at his/her original school, provided there are no discipline, attendance, transportation or academic effort problems. The pupil may be required to enroll the following year at the school in the attendance area of his/her legal residence. If a family moves from a DCPS school attendance area to another school attendance area during the school year, the student may finish the semester at the original DCPS school but must submit a transfer request form (tuition is waived for remainder of that semester). Parents are responsible for transportation to and from school in either case. In all cases, parents must immediately report a student’s new address to the school principal. Failure to report change of address may result in the student being required to move to their resident school.

CHANGING ADDRESSES AT ANY TIME
Whenever a family moves to a different address, the principal should be notified of the change of address, whether or not a change of attendance area is involved. The school must have accurate addresses of students so communications mailed to the students’ home will reach the parents.

TRANSPORTATION
Free bus transportation is provided for DCPS students who live approximately one-half mile by the nearest traveled road or street from the school. Preschoolers board and depart buses on a “hand-to-hand” basis. A parent/guardian or authorized adult is required to take the child to the bus door as he/she boards, and be there to receive the child at the end of the day. Kindergarten students board and depart buses on a “within sight” basis. A parent/guardian or authorized adult, who is known to the bus driver, must be within sight of the bus driver as the child boards and departs from the bus.

DCPS school buses will stop at designated bus stops or homes for all students based on the safety of the area. Students who live on a dead-end, cul-de-sac, in some apartment complexes, or on a road where a bus is unable to turn around safely or safely maneuver will be picked up at the end of the street or at another designated point.

Pupils paying tuition to attend DCPS may ride the bus to and from school provided they get on and off the bus at a regularly scheduled bus stop within the district and their riding does not interfere with the transportation of non-tuition students. Students who attend a school outside their attendance area may ride the bus to and from the school as long as they get on and off the bus at a regularly scheduled bus stop within the attendance area where they live.

Students will not be allowed to ride a bus except their regular bus without a note from the parents to the principal and a note signed by the principal. No one except students and school personnel are allowed to board or ride the school buses without permission from the school board.

ONLINE REGISTRATION
Parents/guardians of students attending Daviess County Public Schools will submit registration information through a secure online process. For more information or assistance, contact the school your child will attend or write to olrhelp@dcps.org
ENTRANCE AGE REQUIREMENTS
To be eligible for entry level (kindergarten), a child must be age 5 or 6 on or before August 1.

MANDATORY AGE REQUIREMENTS
State law requires that all children between the ages of 6 and 18 must attend school. Kindergarten is required by law. A child cannot enter Grade 1 without successfully completing kindergarten.

IS KINDERGARTEN REQUIRED?
Yes, kindergarten has been required in Kentucky since 1984. Kindergarten is part of the DCPS primary program. Students entering the primary program must be 5 or 6 years old by Aug. 1. Kindergarten is a full-day program with students attending Monday through Friday. Bus transportation is provided. Parents enrolling children in school for the first time (kindergarten or preschool) are required to provide a copy of the child’s birth certificate; copy of Social Security card; physical examination form; immunization certificate; and vision exam by an eye doctor. A dental exam is also required for children entering kindergarten. See page 12 for more information.

IS PRESCHOOL AVAILABLE?
Children who are age 3 or 4 on or before Aug. 1 who have a learning delay or disability; or whose household meets income guidelines; or who meet certain other criteria may participate in the KERA preschool or Head Start programs. Children who are age 3 or 4 by Aug. 1 may be enrolled in fee-based preschool programs. All preschool programs offer a blended classroom setting. Children learn socially and academically from one another. Classrooms nurture positive interactions as children learn important skills in developing relationships. Parents enrolling children in school for the first time (kindergarten or preschool) are expected to provide a copy of the child’s birth certificate; copy of Social Security card; physical examination form; immunization certificate; and vision exam by an eye doctor. A dental exam is also required for children entering kindergarten. See page 12.

HOW ARE STUDENTS GRADED?
Primary students are evaluated according to the level of their performance of specified skills. Students are graded with letter grades A, B, C, D and F.

WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL FEES? IS THERE A COST FOR TEXTBOOKS?
The following fees will be charged for materials.
- Middle School — grades 6-8 — $25 — Additional supply fees for art, Family/Consumer Science, technology and PE classes due to consumable nature of supplies in use.
- High School — grades 9-12 — $220 — Includes technology fee, textbook rental, course and supply fees. Does not include drivers’ education or cost of PE uniforms.
WHAT ABOUT GIFTED STUDENTS?
Our school system is a leader in gifted education. All elementary gifted students receive services through differentiated instruction in their regular classroom settings and may participate in some pull-out sessions as needed. Middle school students can take advanced classes in language arts, math, and foreign language. High school students may enroll in honors classes that provide the academic background for taking advanced placement courses for possible college credit in a variety of content areas during grades 11-12. Dual credit opportunities are also available through local post-secondary and internship agreements. For more information, visit www.dcps.org ... Click on “Parents,” then select “Programs and Services,” then “Gifted Education.”

ARE THERE PROGRAMS FOR THE DISABLED?
The Daviess County Public School district provides a full continuum of service for students with disabilities. With parents, teachers, and other school personnel, an appropriate education program is designed for each student with emphasis on providing services in the least restrictive environment. Services range from regular class placement, with regular and special education teachers co-teaching, to placement in special classes for students whose disabilities require special programming. Homebound instruction is available on a short-term basis for students who are too ill to attend school.

The Daviess County School system has a preschool program for 3- and 4-year-old students with disabilities. This program is part of the preschool program for 4-year-old “at risk” students who meet eligibility criteria.

For more information, visit www.dcps.org ... Click on “Parents,” then select “Programs and Services,” then “Special Education.”

HOW DO WE KNOW IF SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER?
When schools are closed because of weather conditions, we make every effort to provide that information to the public as early as possible. DCPS utilizes an automated telephone messaging system that calls phone numbers provided by parents on student enrollment cards. “OneCall Now” is designed to keep parents notified of news and information throughout the year. The DCPS website (www.dcps.org) and Facebook page (Facebook.com/DaviessCountyPublicSchools) are updated when a decision has been made to close schools or delay opening. Owensboro/Daviess County radio stations and local television stations are also notified and make regular announcements. Rather than closing school, the school system sometimes delays opening until later in the morning when roads are clearer and have less traffic. Sometimes an “alternate bus route” system is used to avoid hills and turn-arounds, which might be hazardous for school buses. Parents of affected students will be informed of alternate pickup sites.
ARE THERE OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS TO HELP CHILDREN?
We have After School Programs at our elementary schools. These programs provide after school supervision, from school dismissal until 5:30 p.m. It is our goal to provide safe and enriching child care at a minimal cost to participants. For more information, visit www.dcps.org ... Click on “Parents,” then select “Programs and Services,” then “Extended School Services.”

The Student Assistance Program helps us meet the needs of students with a wide range of personal and behavioral problems at an early stage in problem development. It encourages students to develop new ways to cope with difficulties in order to avoid the development of more serious problems.

Drug and alcohol abuse prevention education programs are available to our elementary students. Life skills programs are available to our middle and high school students. High school students also have the opportunity to participate in SADD (Students Against Driving Drunk) Clubs.

WHAT ABOUT DISCIPLINE?
Parents, teachers, the community and students themselves support good discipline by maintaining open lines of communication. The DCPS Code of Conduct is posted on our district website and is available to all stakeholders at www.dcps.org. Click on “Students,” then “Code of Conduct.” Parents/guardians should contact their child’s principal for school-specific information.

WHAT IS CABLE 74?
DCPS operates a public access channel — Cable 74 or 113-205 — featuring school news, district news, children’s programming, sports highlights and more. Cable 74 is available to subscribers of Spectrum.

All programming can also be found for your viewing pleasure on the DCPSTV YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/user/DCPSTV. This page is subdivided into sections, so searching for a specific video is made easy. This is also a great option to allow family members who live outside Daviess County to see programming from your student’s school.

The Daviess County Public Schools district and all of our schools have a Facebook page where upcoming events and news can be found.

For more information about any of these resources, please contact Linda Salyer at (270) 852-7000 ext. 214 or linda.salyer@daviess.kyschools.us

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?
Visit our website at www.dcps.org; send an email to contact@dcps.org; or call the DCPS Central Office at (270) 852-7000.
Health Requirements

Contact DCPS district health coordinator Wendi Kozel, RN, if you have questions about information provided in this section — (270) 852-7250 or by email at wendi.kozel@daviess.kyschools.us

The Daviess County Public Schools district supports physical, emotional, mental and social health and well-being for our students, as well as their educational and academic growth. Parents/guardians who have concerns about their child in any of these areas are encouraged to contact their child’s guidance counselor, school nurse or health technician, and/or Family Resource/Youth Services Center coordinator.
SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS MOVING INTO THE DCPS DISTRICT

All pupils enrolling in the Daviess County Public Schools for the first time in primary or as a transfer student must have the following:

- Birth certificate
- Social security card
- Up-to-date Kentucky immunization certificate (diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, MMR, Varicella, H influenza type B, Hepatitis B)
- Completed Kentucky medical examination form (available at your doctor's office) proving that the child has had a recent physical examination.
- Completed Kentucky eye exam - by optometrist/opthomologist for students ages 3-6
- Completed Kentucky dental screening/exam (forms available at your dentist's or doctor's office) for students ages 5 and 6 years old.

In addition to the requirements listed above, all pupils enrolling in the sixth grade (both those currently enrolled in Daviess County Schools AND students transferring into the system) must have:

- Completed sixth-grade medical examination form
- Up-to-date Kentucky immunization certificate, which includes the booster Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and meningococcal.

Parents of students transferring from another school system should:

1) Talk to the principal of the school the child is leaving; ask for all the child’s records that the school will allow the parent to take and deliver to the new school.
2) Ask the school to send all pertinent data to the school where your child will be enrolling, if known, or to:
   Director of Student Services
   Daviess County Public Schools
   P.O. Box 21510
   Owensboro, KY 42304-1510
3) Ask that all reports of individual diagnostic work or testing (if the child has had special testing) be sent to the Director of Special Education at the address above. By federal law, this requires written consent from the parent. This information will be valuable to the new school in placing the child.

After moving:

1) Contact the principal of the school your child will attend. If you don't know which school your child will attend, call the Director of Student Services at (270) 852-7000.
2) Register the child through the DCPS Infinite Campus Parent Portal secure online registration site. Your child’s school or the DCPS Department of Student Services will be glad to provide assistance upon request. Call the school or (270) 852-7000.
3) If possible, visit the school with your child so the child will feel more at ease on the first day of school.
3) If your child has been identified as disabled or has need of special help or special education, call the Director of Special Education at (270) 852-7000 as soon as possible.
HEALTH REQUIREMENTS
2017-2018

3- and 4-YEAR-OLD PROGRAM
1. Kentucky Certificate of Immunization:
   All children are required to present a valid up-to-date immunization certificate upon enrollment in school. See immunization schedule.
2. Preventative Health Care Examination:
   All children are required to have a medical examination within one year prior to initial admission to school. This needs to be on the “Preventative Health Care Examination Form — Initial Entry” form.
3. Eye Exam for School Entry:
   A vision examination by an optometrist/ophthalmologist must be submitted to the school no later than January 1 of the first year that a 3, 4, 5 or 6 year old child is enrolled in public school, public preschool or Head Start program. This must be on the “Kentucky Eye Examination Form for School Entry.”

INITIAL ENTRY IN SCHOOL (Kindergarten – 12th grade)
1. A Kentucky Certificate of Immunization:
   All children shall be required to present a valid up-to-date immunization certificate upon enrollment in school. See immunization schedule.
2. Preventative Health Care Examination:
   All first-time enrollees into Kentucky schools shall be required to have a medical examination within one (1) year prior to initial admission to school. Exam shall be reported on a “Preventative Health Care Examination Form.”
3. Eye Exam for School Entry:
   A vision examination by an optometrist/ophthalmologist must be submitted to the school no later than January 1 of the first year that a 3, 4, 5 or 6 year old child is enrolled in public school, public preschool, or Head Start program. This is on the “Kentucky Eye Examination Form for School Entry.”
4. Dental Exam/Screening
   Students age 5 or 6 who are enrolled in a Kentucky public school shall provide evidence of a dental screening or dental exam no later than January of the first year of enrollment. This is the “Kentucky Dental Screening/Examination Form for School Entry.”

SIXTH (6TH) GRADE REQUIREMENTS:
1. Preventative Examination:
   A second examination is required within one (1) year prior to entry into sixth (6th) grade. This shall be reported on the “Preventative Health Care Examination Form – 6th Grade.”
2. Kentucky Immunization Certificate:
   A valid up-to-date immunization certificate with the mandated Tdap booster, 1 dose of Meningococcal and second dose of Varicella vaccine needs to be on file at the school for enrollment. See immunization schedule.
TRANSFER STUDENTS

1. Preventative Health Care Examination:
   All first-time enrollees into Kentucky schools shall be required to have a completed
   “Preventative Health Care Examination Form” upon entry into school.

2. Kentucky Immunization Certificate:
   A valid up-to-date Kentucky immunization certificate is required. Shot records
   may be taken to the Health Department (270-686-7744) for transfer to a Kentucky
   form.

VALID IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATES

The following are considered VALID immunization certificates:

Certificate of Religious Exemption
   These certificates must be completed and signed by a physician,
   APRN, PA, LHD administrator or nurse designee.

Certificate of Medical Exemption
   These certificate must be completed and signed by a physician or
   Health Department official.

Provisional Certificate
   A physician or Health Department official completes these certificates.
   The child is in the process of completing a series of immunizations.
   The form will have “provisional” typed across the center and is not valid for
   more than one year.

SPORTS PHYSICAL

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA)
has a separate “Athletic Participation/Physical
Examination Form/Consent and Release” that is valid for one
year from date administered.
FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICES CENTERS — 2017-2018

Apollo HS YSC
Coordinator: Sue Krampe
270-852-7111
2280 Tamarack Road, Owensboro 42301

Daviess County HS YSC
Coordinator: Carrie Kimbrell
270-852-7311
4255 New Hartford Road, Owensboro 42303

Heritage Park HS YSC
Coordinator: Richard Duke
270-852-7211
3361 Buckland Square, Owensboro 42301

Burns MS YSC
Coordinator: Victoria Self
270-852-7411
4610 Goetz Drive, Owensboro 42301

College View MS YSC
Coordinator: Kristi Lanham
270-852-7511
5061 New Hartford Road, Owensboro 42301

Daviess County MS YSC
Coordinator: Amy Claycomb
270-852-7611
1415 E. Fourth St., Owensboro 42303

BridgeWay FRC
Serves West Louisville Elementary School
Coordinator: Heather McCarty
270-852-7651
8400 Kentucky 56, Owensboro 42301

Central Daviess County FRC
Serves Country Heights and Highland elementary
Coordinator: Patrick Tierney
270-852-7261 or 270-315-5799
2909 Kentucky 54, Owensboro 42303

Crossroads FRC
Serves Southern Oaks Elementary School
Coordinator: Lisa Yeiser
270-852-7571
7525 U.S. 431 South, Utica 42376

Deer Park FRC
Coordinator: Megan Brannon
270-852-7281
4959 New Hartford Road, Owensboro 42303

East Daviess County FRC
Serves East View and Whitesville elementary
Coordinator: Kelly Bland
270-852-7361
6104 Kentucky 405, Owensboro 42303
Outreach Worker: Anne Woolwine
270-852-7681
9656 Kentucky 54, Owensboro 42303

Meadow Lands FRC
Coordinator: Stephanie Keelin
270-852-7461
3500 Hayden Road, Owensboro 42303

Sorgho Elementary FRC
Coordinator: Lucas Vilorio-Correa
270-852-7187
5390 Kentucky 56, Owensboro KY 42301

Southern Daviess County FRC
Serves Burns and Tamarack elementary
Coordinator: Christina Dalton
270-852-7561 or 270-314-1831
4514 Goetz Drive, Owensboro 42301
Outreach Worker: Tim Crabtree
1733 Tamarack Road, Owensboro 42301
270-852-7550

West Daviess County FRC
Serves Audubon
Coordinator: Kelly May
270-852-7161
300 Worthington Road, Owensboro 42301

DCPS Student Services Coordinator
Scott Taylor
270-852-7000 ext. 228
DCPS Central Office
1622 Southeastern Parkway, Owensboro 42303

Division of Family Resource Centers
Director: Melissa Goins
Frankfort KY – 502-564-4986
DCPS Digital Learning

Since the turn of the century, the education field has been the true beneficiary of powerful technological advancements, leading to a significant impact in the teaching and learning process.

Daviess County Public School students, teachers and staff take advantage of numerous technology tools each day. Collectively, these tools help students gain quick access to vital information for learning and provide additional support to actively engage learners.

The DCPS district operates and maintains more than 15,000 electronic devices, including approximately 14,000 computers and network components. Teachers and students have access to high-quality server-based programs, as well as an ever-growing treasure of professional web-based applications. All classrooms in DCPS are fully equipped with sound amplification devices, projectors, document cameras and advanced computers. Many classrooms have access to the latest Smart Board/Active Board technology, student computers and popular mobile devices. Assistive technology devices are available in a variety of categories to address functional capabilities of students with disabilities.

Students at Apollo and Daviess County high schools will participate this year in our 13th year of the "1:1" eLearning Laptop Program, allowing a powerful connection to 21st century learning. Each class of students at the high school level receives different computer models yearly. The graduating class of 2021 and many middle school students are recipients of the new ASUS C202SA Chromebook computer.

DCPS also offers a “BYOD” option; high school students may bring their own device to school if it meets recommended specifications. High quality devices will continue to be provided for students who choose not to participate in that program. In addition, we have installed wireless access on approximately 30 school buses to allow students to extend learning opportunities while on the road for field trips and extended periods of transportation.

As more and more applications and services become available for the web, demand for access also becomes a challenge. Wireless access has been dramatically improved in several buildings throughout the district, allowing instant and improved access to valuable educational resources.

Our society and the world are experiencing rapid change in many areas. In DCPS, our primary goal is to use every advantage possible to foster creativity, innovation, problem-solving skills, efficiency and collaboration in each and every student. Although technology can never replace a teacher, we believe successful technology integration is an essential component of our overall success as a public learning institution. Our continued commitment is to support the work necessary to obtain the highest levels of student achievement and to prepare students for success after high school.

– Anthony Sparks
DCPS Director of Instructional Technology
**Daviess County Public Schools**

**2017-2018 Calendar**

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- Aug. 4 – PD Day
- Aug. 7 – PD Day
- Aug. 8 – Opening Day
- Aug. 9 – First Day for Students
- Sept. 4 – Labor Day
- Sept. 29 – PD Day
- Oct. 9 – Parent-Teacher Conference
- Oct. 10-13 – Fall Break
- Nov. 22-24 – Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 18-Jan. 1 – Christmas Break
- Jan. 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Feb. 19 – Parent-Teacher Conference
- April 2-6 – Spring Break
- May 16 – Last Day for Students
- May 17 – Closing Day
- May 18 – PD Day
- May 21 – PD Day
- May 22 – Election Day
- May 28 – Memorial Day

**Make-Up Days Will Be Taken In This Order:**
HERE'S WHAT INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS OFFER

Our schools at every level are basically the same. Some programs differ in response to community needs and facilities. Each school in our district offers special education for individuals with disabilities. With parents, teachers, and administrators working together, every effort is made to provide an appropriate education program for each student, including those with special needs in the home school environment. However, we offer a continuum of services which also provides for special classes at sites other than the home school should such services be more appropriate.
AUDUBON ELEMENTARY

300 Worthington Road
Owensboro, KY 42301
Phone: (270) 852-7150
School Day: 7:40 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.

Principal: Caleb York
Assistant Principal: Sarah Velotta
Enrollment: 535
Grades: Head Start Preschool - 5

Audubon is a place where we focus not only on academics, but on self-worth and positive relationships. As a Leader in Me School, all students USE THE 7 HABITS TO GROW AS leaders. We focus on teaching the individual student and educating the whole child. Students gifted in areas of math, reading, arts, creativity, and leadership excel through the district-wide GEM program to enhance their educational experience. Music and physical education are provided, as well as intervention rooms where children receive extra opportunities to succeed. We focus on learning for the 21st century with the latest classroom technologies, including iPads, SMART boards, slates, and response systems in each classroom. Teachers work together to learn and grow in the art of teaching. Each week they work as a team to analyze student progress on common assessments and use this data to develop a learning plan for all students. We use this team approach to ensure no students are left behind. Parent involvement opportunities include SBDM, PTO, Family Resource Center programs, and a volunteer program. Extra-curricular activities are available to keep students involved after school; these include Academic Team, Future Problem Solvers, Robotics, Cross Country, Techie Club, Choir, Dulcimer Club, and student performances. Dedication to student success has allowed Audubon to exceed the state expectations for Adequate Yearly Progress. Through the AES mission statement (Always Expect Success), we believe education at Audubon builds a strong foundation for our students’ futures.

BURNS ELEMENTARY

4514 Goetz Drive
Owensboro, KY 42301
Phone: (270) 852-7170
School Day: 7:40 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.

Principal: Heather Newman
Assistant Principal: Jennifer Howe
Enrollment: 550
Grades: Preschool-5

At Burns Elementary, we are a Professional Learning Community and our motto is "Believe in Every Student." Primary students (K-2) are in multi-age classes with a team of teachers. Students in grades 3, 4 and 5 are instructed in content specific classrooms. Instruction in all classrooms is focused on Common Core Standards and developed around a motivating school-wide theme. A strong emphasis is placed on the development of reading and math skills at all grade levels. Our Early Learning Center is a supportive, community environment for our preschool and kindergarten students. Physical education, art and media education are provided to all students, as well as resource classes and self-contained special services classes for students with special needs. BES offers 21st century technology with three computer labs, computers in every classroom, iPads and Internet connections throughout the building. Students are engaged in web-based learning and a diverse spectrum of technology each day. BES is focused on preparing students for the future by exposing them to a rigorous and relevant curriculum while building strong relationships with every student. Programs include vocal and instrumental music; a program for academically gifted and talented students; speech and language therapy; resource room and collaborative classroom settings, providing support for children with specific learning disabilities; Title I program; computer lab; academic team; language lab; music lab; library media center; guidance counselor; Family Resource Center; After School Program; and extended school services. Burns Elementary also offers after school Enrichment Clubs three times per year. The Enrichment Clubs are focused on building Relationships and enriching content with our students. Club offerings include art, cheer, cooking, character drawing, wellness and technology. Communication includes the OneCall Now phone system, parent newsletters, school website and Facebook pages, emailings, workshops, family nights, and the BES Parent Teacher Organization.
COUNTRY HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY
4961 Kentucky 54
Owensboro, KY 42303
Phone: (270) 852-7250
Principal: Stacy Harper
Enrollment: 370
Grades: Preschool-5
School Day: 7:40 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.

Country Heights is proud to be a Leader in Me Lighthouse school with the mission to Build Lifelong Leaders and Learners. The Lighthouse Milestone recognizes CHES as a model Leader in Me school where building student leadership skills is an essential component of the core work. CHES is a school of high academic achievement with a safe, nurturing, supportive learning environment where ALL leaders and learners thrive. The Leader in Me helps develop essential life skills and characteristics. Our core instructional curriculums foster high levels of thinking and problem solving. Programs include vocal and instrumental music; physical education; library/media, visual art and use of computers in instruction and guidance counselor services. Special services include speech and language therapy; services for special needs and gifted students; a program for the deaf and hard of hearing; preschool for eligible 3- and 4-year-olds. Our staff and parents work together to foster student learning and develop the whole child. Our school has wonderful parent support through the PTO, Parent Lighthouse Team, and an active Parent Volunteer Program with monthly workshops. Afterschool opportunities include Husky Servant Club, Student Lighthouse Team, Student Technology Leadership Program, Husky Running Club, LEGO STEM club, choir, Husky Reader Club, After-School Enrichment Program, Academic Team and Extended School Program. We encourage community involvement by welcoming families for special events such as a Back to School picnic, Fall Festival, Lunch with a Loved One, Family Reading Night, Grandparents Breakfast and many other family events. CHES hosts Leadership Days in which our students showcase their leadership, talents, and achievements. Country Heights is a great place for students to learn, grow and lead!

DEER PARK ELEMENTARY
4959 New Hartford Road
Owensboro, KY 42303
Phone: (270) 852-7270
Principal: Robin Nalley
Assistant Principal: Kristin Atwell
Enrollment: 550
Grades: Preschool-5
School Day: 7:40 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.
School office hours: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Deer Park Elementary is honored to be an Unbridled Learning Distinguished School and has been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School since 2001. Our school is fortunate to have students from diverse cultural backgrounds with multiple languages represented. Students at DPES are provided opportunities to reach their potential through grade level instruction based on various assessment measures. All students benefit from a school-wide Title I program, a comprehensive arts and humanities program, enrichment opportunities and community based learning experiences. Each grade level supports a need in our community with service projects including Habitat for Humanity, local veterans, and Christmas toy drives. As an accumulation of their time at Deer Park, fifth-grade students choose their own service projects and present the results to guests on our Exhibition Day. In addition to core subjects, students K-5 receive weekly instruction in music, technology, physical education, art and the media center. Fifth-grade students select a semester elective with choices ranging from dance to young authors who publish a book. Further personalization is offered through differentiation for gifted students, speech/language services, English Language Learner services, co-teaching and resource instruction. Our guidance counselor and Family Resource Center serve children and families through programs and monthly family nights. In partnership with the United Way, Deer Park implements the Born Learning program as a proactive approach in assisting families in preparation for entering school. Extended School Services are offered throughout the year in a variety of sessions scheduled both before and after regular school hours. Our volunteer programs log thousands of service hours each year and we have tremendous support from the PTO. Deer Park is a great place to learn and grow. Students, staff and families are valued with each part of the school family demonstrating high levels of support and compassion.
EAST VIEW ELEMENTARY
6104 KY 405
Owensboro, KY 42303
Phone: (270) 852-7350
School Day: 7:40 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.

East View Elementary School was established in 1997 east of Owensboro. Our enrollment of 546 students with a staff of approximately 65 employees is dedicated to 21st century learning. The state-of-the-art facility provides a strong learning environment for all students. The curriculum is based upon the new common core standards enhanced by the DCPS Graduation 2010 program. We believe every child is a leader. Our vision is to help each child discover leadership skills through our Leader In Me program. Leader in Me incorporates the 7 Habits of Leadership into the curriculum and develops young leaders for tomorrow. Through the use of technology, EVES teachers extend students' learning far beyond the classroom with the help of iPads, Smart boards, iPods and other advanced software programs. We provide various extracurricular activities such as archery, Lego robotics, running club, choir, Green Club etc. to strengthen the whole child. Our mission is SUNSATIONAL SUCCESS — NOTHING LESS! We truly believe every child can experience success and we are prepared to do whatever it takes! East View is a Professional Learning Community (PLC) devoted to each and every student making a year’s growth each year. Our school community — students, staff and parents — has worked diligently to prove our school motto, "East View — Where Kids Shine," is true for all students, regardless of socio-economic background, gender or race.

HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY
2909 Highway 54
Owensboro, KY 42303
Phone: (270) 852-7370
School Day: 7:40 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.

Highland is a place to learn, grow and lead! As a National Blue Ribbon school, we provide an outstanding education for all children. Through a challenging curriculum and high expectations for everyone, Highland lives by the motto “Success for All, Whatever It Takes!” As a Leader in Me Lighthouse school, we strive to develop leaders who are ready for their next steps in life by setting goals for achievement and recognizing their true potential. Highland consistently ranks among the top schools in Kentucky on accountability testing and is a Distinguished School. Strong instruction and a focus on Arts and Humanities, thinking skills and technology immersion combine to prepare students to be college and career ready. Students enjoy a wide array of extracurricular opportunities to fully develop their talents and interests. Our activities include: Choir and Percussion, Cross Country, Robotics, 4-H, Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), Academic Team, Scouts, FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), Lighthouse team, Leadership Council and Morning News team. Highland also has a strong focus on providing a healthy environment, spearheading many initiatives to help students be active and fit while making healthy food choices. The school received the 2015 Bronze National Healthy Schools Award and is striving towards the silver level. Highland’s Parent Teacher Organization is a great way to get involved, boasting more than 6,000 volunteer hours. Our PTO organizes numerous events during the year, such as teacher workshops, family fun nights, and classroom volunteers, making it a great place for parents as well.
MEADOW LANDS ELEMENTARY
3500 Hayden Road
Owensboro KY 42303
Phone: (270) 852-7450
School Day: 7:40 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.

Meadow Lands Elementary School is equipped with the latest classroom technology, integrated arts lab and an early childhood center. Our campus features a walking trail including fitness stations for family use. Curriculum for all students includes Kentucky core content, common core standards, instrumental and vocal music, physical education, visual arts and guidance. Programs include GEM (gifted education model), speech and language and special education. Classrooms are equipped with ActivBoards, two wireless mobile iPad labs, wireless Internet service, Light Speed sound systems and computers. All teachers have laptop computers and/or iPads. Students have access to two computer labs as well as computers in their classrooms. Extra-curricular activities include academic team, Little Hoopers basketball, Girl Scouts, Brownie troops, Boy Scouts, running club and cheerleading. Meadow Lands is the only school in Kentucky designated as an Active Lifestyle Model School. MLES parents participate in the volunteer program, SBDM Council and our PTO. Our mission is to provide a safe environment where ALL children LEAP into Learning! MLES promotes the academic, personal and social growth of our students using the following guidelines: Liking ourselves and others; Excelling at everything we do; Accepting responsibility; and Promoting pride in ourselves, our school, and our community.

SORGHO ELEMENTARY
5390 KY Highway 56
Owensboro, KY 42301
Phone: (270) 852-7470
School Day: 7:40 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.

Sorgho Elementary is a National Blue Ribbon School offering preschool and K-5 education. Sorgho was ranked a proficient school by the Unbridled Learning Accountability System in the fall of 2015. Technology education, physical education, music, enrichment and remediation programs are offered school-wide. Other programs include: the Gifted Education Model (GEM); speech and language therapy; LD, EBD; and Title I services. Student opportunities and resources include academic team, Extended School Services, after-school child care, JA programs, Walking Club, choir, Scouting and Girl Scouts. Sorgho is a “Leader in Me School,” in which students and staff work to learn and live by the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. Sorgho is a “Leader in Me Lighthouse School,” recognizing Sorgho as a model school in teaching leadership along with academics to our students. Students participate in “Sharpen the Saw” enrichment activities to promote healthy body, mind and spirit. Parent and family resources include SBDM, PTO, All Pro Dad Day Group, Homework Diner, The Learning Zone, our Family Resource Center, volunteering, and informative newsletters. Our PTO meets five times a year and hosts events throughout the year. Sorgho prides itself on its high expectation for student achievement and strong relationships with students and families, inspiring our students and staff to make every day a great day of leading and learning. Our motto: I am … ready to learn! I will … do my best! We will … finish strong!
SOUTHERN OAKS ELEMENTARY
7525 U.S. 431
Utica, KY 42376
Phone: (270) 852-7570

Principal: Jennifer Humphrey
Enrollment: 390
Grades: Preschool-5
School Day: 7:40 a.m.- 2:20 p.m.

Southern Oaks Elementary school is a proud “Leader in Me” school. A preschool program and K-5 Teams constitute the base education at SOES. Vocal music, physical education, and enrichment programs for Gifted and Talented students are offered school-wide. Speech and language therapy, educational resources for LD students and remedial reading work through Title I, along with assistance from our guidance counselor and Family Resource Center, ensure that individual students’ needs are met. After-School opportunities include: After-School Child Care, Brownies, Cub Scouts, Academic Team, 4-H activities and Extended School Services. Parents participate in PTO and volunteer programs, and receive a monthly newsletter.

TAMARACK ELEMENTARY
1733 Tamarack Road
Owensboro, KY 42301
Phone: (270) 852-7550

Principal: Carrie Munsey
Assistant Principal: Jessica Morris
Enrollment: 529
Grades: Preschool-5
School Day: 7:40 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.

Tamarack focuses on helping our students reach for the stars! Our TES motto of “Striving To Achieve Real-World Success” highlights the dedication of our school staff in doing whatever it takes to help our students succeed. Tamarack is rich in tradition, having served our community of learners for more than 50 years! Our school serves the needs of every child. Our Early Learning Center provides a nourishing atmosphere for our youngest learners. K-P2 teachers work in small teams with a strong focus on reading and math. Grades 3-5 are grouped so all children are challenged and have the opportunity to master skills at each level. Other programs and resources include special education classrooms; LD resource classrooms; vocal and instrumental music; enrichment program for all students; speech/language therapy; and Title I, guidance counselor, Instructional Coach, Certified Gifted and Talented Instructor, Family Resource Center, and three computer labs used to deliver cutting-edge enrichment and remedial activities. Teachers provide daily differentiated instruction for students to address specific learning needs and styles. After-school opportunities include Brownies, Girl Scouts, Academic Team, Cross-Country Team, Homework Club, Technology Club and 4-H. An after-school child care program is available until 5:30 p.m. to serve the needs of our working parents and ensure the safety of our students. Parent communication and involvement opportunities include participation in our PTO, which meets four times a year; School-Based Decision Making Council; monthly newsletter; and active parent volunteers. At Tamarack, we believe “Alone we are Stars ... working together, we are a Galaxy.”

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WEST LOUISVILLE ELEMENTARY
8400 Kentucky 56
Owensboro, KY 42301
Phone: (270) 852-7650
Principal: Nathan Satterly
Enrollment: 380
Grades: Preschool-5
School Day: 7:40 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.

West Louisville offers learning experiences for our students in preschool, kindergarten, vocal music, physical education, library, guidance, art and technology in addition to standard classrooms in grades P-5. The GEM Program, LD Program, MD Program, Speech and Language Program, Reading Recovery and the Title I program are all taught by certified teachers, who work to serve individual student needs. WLES also uses intervention assistants and teachers to assist students to reach their potential. WLES is a Blue Ribbon School and is a Leader in Me School. The Bridgeway Resource Center provides services to our families. WLES has both academic and attendance incentive programs and we enjoy celebrating student success. Parent volunteers and the instructional coach work diligently with the teaching staff to provide the best academic experiences for all students. Extracurricular opportunities include: Academic Team, Cross Country Club, vocal music and theater, Walking Club, Extended School and an After-School Program. Students at WLES are also exposed to a variety of clubs during the school day, including art, crafts, science, sports and many others. Parent involvement opportunities include a School-Based Decision Making Council, which meets monthly; our volunteer program; monthly PTO meetings; and student performances.

WHITESVILLE ELEMENTARY
9656 Kentucky 54
Whitesville, KY 42378
Phone: (270) 852-7670
Principal: Tricia Murphy
Enrollment: 350
Grades: Preschool-5
School Day: 7:45 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.

Whitesville Elementary School is a Leader in Me Lighthouse School, one of Kentucky’s Schools of Distinction, and a staple of the community where solid foundations are built for our students. We lead in only “The Whitesville Way” with a core belief in the importance of family, leadership and excellence. Our vision is to do whatever it takes to build strong relationships with students and their families to create the greatest achievements for all kids. Instructionally, we believe in building knowledge through conversation around high level concepts and texts to meet the needs of all learners. Instruction is driven by the Wit & Wisdom English Language Arts curriculum and Eureka Math curriculum. We believe in challenging all students with rigorous lessons that are differentiated to meet individual needs. Our students’ mission is to lead, explore, achieve, dream and succeed. In everything we do, we encourage students to live this mission and develop leadership traits that will last a lifetime. Our school has 22 classrooms that are equipped to give students a well-rounded education, full of high levels of engagement and rigor. We utilize the latest technologies, such as Promethean ACTIV Boards, Chrome books, iPads, laptops and document cameras. Additionally, we provide physical education, instrumental and vocal music, visual arts, media and an intervention program for reading and math needs. Extra-curricular activities include opportunities to participate in Extended School Services, After School Child Care, 4-H, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Walking Club, Running Club, Robotics Club, Girls’ and Boy’s Clubs, Academic Team, Girls’ Volleyball and Technology Club. Parents are encouraged to get involved through our Family Resource Center Volunteer Program, Parent Teacher Organization, Curriculum Showcases, and weekly communication between the home and school. “The Whitesville Way” of family, leadership and excellence is apparent in all that we do to best prepare Whitesville kids.
Burns Middle School serves students from western and central Daviess County, who are a unique combination of both rural and urban students. Burns has been recognized internationally as an International Inviting School and as a National & State School to Watch. We maintain a strong academic focus and earned recognition as a school of distinction based on the K-PREP data. We are guided by a philosophy that all students can achieve at high levels when provided with a challenging curriculum, a wide variety of instructional practices, and a caring and nurturing environment, as evidenced by our school motto: Building Unique Relationships Nurtures Success.

Our focus this year is on developing the whole child and focusing on the positive choices students are making on a daily basis — emphasizing our belief that all children can learn and experience academic success in the right learning environment. We utilize interdisciplinary teaching teams at all grade levels and encourage our teachers to work together to plan their lessons.

A variety of elective and enrichment courses are offered to all students in each grade, which includes art, band, orchestra, choral music, computer applications, technology education, Spanish, family and consumer science and physical education/personal fitness. This year, we are offering a class in Chinese Culture and Language. We place a strong emphasis on the fine arts as we continue to grow and learn. We strive to integrate the arts into our total curriculum in addition to the individual course offerings to ensure that all students are given adequate exposure to the arts.

BMS Students can earn high school credit in Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and Spanish I. Special services are available in the areas of Gifted and Talented education, speech and language therapy, MMD, MD, EBD and LD. We offer a range of extracurricular activities and social experiences for all students. A wide variety of athletic opportunities are also offered, including cross country, football, basketball, track and field, cheerleading and dance team. Under established guidelines, students may also participate in high school sports that are not offered at the middle school level, such as volleyball, baseball, soccer, golf, tennis, and swimming. In addition to Student Council, the Yearbook staff, and the more traditional school activities, we also offer a wide variety of clubs, such as Champions Against Drugs, Council for Exceptional Children, FCA/FCS, lunch bunch book club, and many others. Our goal in offering a wide variety of clubs and activities is to provide all students with opportunities to explore their individual interests.

We promote and encourage parent involvement and provide extensive opportunities for parents to be directly involved in their children's education through School-Based Decision Making, school committees, PTO and a variety of volunteer opportunities.
The mission of College View Middle School is to provide a place where everyone can work together toward goals that will produce successful young adults in all aspect of their lives. We want to prepare students for the 21st century by providing opportunities for active engagement in hands-on authentic activities that promote experiential learning. The cultivation of individual student strength and talent is provided in an environment that supports individual differences and respects the rights of others. The school features interdisciplinary teaching teams whose members work interdependently to achieve common goals linked to the purpose of learning for all.

Fine arts instruction is available in chorus, keyboarding, vocal music, band, art, humanities and orchestra. Practical arts classes are required in health and physical education, family and consumer science, technology education and computers. There are eight technology-based learning labs in the building. In addition, each classroom has a digital projector, document camera and lightspeed sound equipment. While in 8th grade, students have the option to receive high school credit for Spanish and algebra I/geometry/algebra II.

Our STAR (Students Taking Active Responsibility) and Renaissance programs offer special academic, attendance, citizenship and school involvement recognitions and celebrations for all students. Extended school services are available before and after school for students to receive tutoring in all subjects. The CVMS Youth Service Center provides the opportunity to remove barriers to learning for all students through a variety of programs.

Yearbook and advanced media technology are special offerings for eighth-graders. Students in all three grades are eligible to participate in cross-country, track and volleyball. Seventh- and eighth graders can try out for cheerleading, Vikettes, football and basketball. Students are permitted to participate in high school sports that are not offered at the middle school level, including swimming, soccer, baseball, softball, tennis and golf.
DAVIESS COUNTY MIDDLE
1415 E. Fourth Street
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Phone: (270) 852-7600
Grades: 6-8
Enrollment: 837

Principal: Kelly Skeens
Asst. Principal: Valerie Jones
Dean of Students: Ben Murphy
Counselors: Christie Rideout, Melissa Phelps
School Day: 8:10 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

DCMS adopts a student centered approach to learning. The school focuses on promoting academic rigor, building student relationships, and embedding effective teaching practices. DCMS has been recognized as a Distinguished school for three consecutive years, based on the Kentucky accountability system (K-PREP) assessments. As a Franklin Covey Leader in Me School, DCMS embraces timeless leadership principles that incorporate core values that promote student responsibility. Challenging students at higher levels, teaching them to be problem-solvers, and helping develop critical thinking skills are essential to preparing students for college and career readiness. Research-based instructional practices and technology integration into the classroom setting also facilitate student development required for college and career readiness. Students participate in interdisciplinary teaching teams, which enhance learning opportunities and create more interest by connecting material across the curriculum. DCMS has also been selected as a Literacy Model School for the Green River region, implementing the Literacy Design Collaborative framework in conjunction with a grant from the Gates Foundation.

DCMS has an excellent record of achievement on state testing. Although test scores are not the full measure of student success, it is the most important component to assess student achievement. Realizing the varying needs of the individual student, DCMS differentiates instruction through a variety of class placements, including co-teaching, advanced academic classes, enrichment activities, and exploratory programs in the arts. DCMS also incorporates time within the school day for students to review learning targets, which allows for immediate reinforcement of instruction. Student academic competitions encompass general knowledge, math, chorus and band. Career education begins in sixth grade and culminates with completion of the Individual Learning Plan component in eighth grade. Three multi-media computer labs and laptop sets for classroom use have increased student involvement in computer and technology education, along with the addition of the e-Classroom, which includes a digital projector, document camera and light-speed system for classroom use. Study Island is an Internet-based program that focuses students on content mastery in the areas of math and reading.

A well-rounded education includes a competitive sports program in football, basketball, volleyball, track and cross-country in grades 7-8. Middle school students may participate in sports at the high school level that are not offered at middle school, such as soccer, swimming, softball, tennis and golf. School involvement also includes cheerleading, Pantherettes, yearbook and student newspaper. Community service projects are available through participation in school clubs. "Panther Pride" prowls the halls of DCMS through the joint efforts of the PTO, Leader in Me, and the Renaissance program. Students participate in school-wide events that reward student achievement, citizenship, attendance and school involvement.
HIGH SCHOOLS

APOLLO HIGH SCHOOL
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Asst. Prin.:  Bob Dych
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Counselors:  Cristy Dame, Ashley Dillbeck,
            Keith Johnson, Natalie Payne
Registrar:  Carla Wilson
Instructional Coach:  Kendra Bronsink
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Apollo High School is a progressive high school currently offering a wide variety of courses and programs of study to suit the individual needs of all students. Courses are offered in the following departments: Business, English, Foreign Language, Health/PE, Mathematics, Science, Air Force ROTC, Social Studies, Special Programs, Engineering and Technology (STEM) Education, Agriculture Education, Technical Programs, and Music/Fine Arts. Students have the opportunity to take many electives, while receiving a quality education in the core academic areas.

College and Career Readiness is an important concept at Apollo High School. The administration and staff works hard to ensure our college-bound students are well prepared to finish college with a degree and all students have opportunities to explore careers. Ultimately, the students at Apollo High School will have learned the soft skills that are expected to become productive members of society upon graduation. Homeroom classes meet twice per week to discuss topics that are relevant according to grade level, post-secondary opportunities and ultimately their career pursuit.

In order to produce a well-rounded young adult, Apollo High School offers a strong co-curricular program. There are more than 20 interscholastic sports offered to Apollo students, along with more than 20 clubs. Apollo’s Renaissance Program gives students awards and recognition throughout the school year for academic and attendance achievements.

Parent and community involvement is very important at Apollo High School. A Site-Based Decision Making (SBDM) Council consists of the principal, four teachers, three parents, one support staff and a student representative. There are a number of parents involved in the school booster organization and the SBDM Committees. Parents are kept informed by weekly e-mail newsletter communications from the principal. The OneCall Now automated telephone messaging system is also used and Apollo’s website has information as well as good news updates to keep parents and community informed. Apollo welcomes involvement from parents on a daily basis through volunteering opportunities in the school’s front office.

Apollo High School has received numerous district, regional and state awards for academics and athletics.
DAVIESS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
Principal: Matt Mason
Assistant Principals: Lance Blue, Chad Alward, Jason Powers
Instructional Coach: Amber J. Hall
9th Grade Dean of Students: Nancy Smith
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Daviess County High School is a progressive high school that strives to prepare all students for the 21st century. While focusing on Rigor, Relevance and Relationships through the lens of critical thinking, DCHS has enjoyed a reputation of high expectations, which has led to some of the highest academic test scores in the region.

The daily schedule consists of a 4x4 semester block schedule with a built-in 30-minute time for College/Career Readiness each day.

Daviess County High School offers two diploma options: a Career/College Preparatory Diploma and a DCPS Honors Diploma. Daviess County High School offers numerous opportunities for college credit hours through partnering colleges in the area such as Owensboro Community and Technical College, Western Kentucky University, Kentucky Wesleyan College and Brescia. An Associate's degree may be obtained in conjunction with our new Early College program.

We offer academies in Business, Agriculture/Industrial Technology, Liberal Arts, Math/Science, Human Services/Wellness, and Mass Communication/Fine and Performing Arts. The academy structure is designed to guide students to classes of interest as they prepare for the next level. Each academy is led by an Academy Dean who organizes the academy with an emphasis on instructional methods. Integration of disciplines is strongly encouraged and the instructional staff work together as student advocates. Each student is assigned an advocate for four years to nurture the student and help find success at every level of the high school life.

Freshmen are organized into our Ninth-Grade Academy, which is designed to ease the transition from middle to high school. Ninth-Grade Academy teachers meet regularly to discuss student issues, plan curriculum, etc.

Daviess County High School maintains a rich tradition of excellence in all phases of student life. Opportunities for athletic participation are available through the 20 sports offered to our students. More than 30 clubs are offered to students as well as championship caliber music, drama, archery and academic organizations. DCHS consistently exceeds state-mandated academic goals. The DCHS Renaissance Reward Program acknowledges educational achievements of students and outstanding contributions of staff members and community partners.

Community support is strong. DCHS is governed by a Site Based Decision Making Council made up of three teachers and two parents who make policy and decisions concerning the school. Parents also are active in support groups in academic, athletic, and band booster organizations. The community is offered a newsletter and weekly news reports are sent to the local newspaper.

Our volunteer program is exemplary; parents consistently log thousands of volunteer hours each year. An informative e-mail is periodically sent to parents and other subscribers. A school newspaper and yearbook are offered to students and parents.
HERITAGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL
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Owensboro KY 42301
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School Day: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Director: Michelle Ruckdeschel
Guidance Counselor: Faith Butler
Enrollment: 150
Grades: 9-12

Heritage Park High School offers a student-centered environment with small class sizes and a focus on individualized learning pathways, high-quality direct instruction, mentoring, a focus on healthy living, leadership development and community service.

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