

## Jackson County Phase III: Executive Summary for Districts\_12042017\_09:46

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### Executive Summary

#### Description of the District

Describe the district size, community/communities, location, and changes it has experienced in the last three years. Include demographic information about the students, staff, and community at large. What unique features and challenges are associated with the community/communities the district serves?

Jackson County is a rural community with 2,298 students enrolled in K-12. There are three elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. Seventy-one percent 71% of our students qualify for free and reduced lunch and ninety-nine percent (99%) of our population is Caucasian. Elementary class sizes are small and all of our teachers K-12 are evidenced to be effective. Jackson County is located in Eastern Kentucky with an approximate population of 14,000. Jackson County has a high poverty rate with limited resources, especially in the arts and cultural aspects. Industry in limited in our community is limited. This contributes to our high unemployment rate and high percentage of residents traveling outside of the community to work. Jackson County has a partnership through Berea College with Promise Neighborhood and Gear-Up, which provides employment opportunities and activities designed enrich our students' academic achievement. Jackson County provides students K-8 with access to iReady – a curriculum enhancement program designed to individualize student instruction in grades K-8. The district has purchased the EnVision and Digits math curricula for grades 3-8, district-wide. All three elementary schools were awarded and implement the Read to Achieve (RTA) reading grant. Tyner Elementary School was awarded the Mathematics Achievement Fund (MAF) grant. Through a partnership with Gear-Up, JCPS has also implemented the Texas Instruments initiative where both middle and high school students are provided TI Nspire handled computers to facilitate their learning in science and mathematics. Our district also provides all high school and middle school students with access to APEX learning – a curriculum enhancement program.

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#### District's Purpose

Provide the district's purpose statement and ancillary content such as mission, vision, values, and/or beliefs.

Describe how the district embodies its purpose through its program offerings and expectations for students.

The Jackson County School District holds the philosophy that we are united in service for excellence. We accept our responsibility to create life-long learners and successful citizens by providing an exemplary instructional environment characterized by high academic expectations that accommodate the individual learning needs of all students for the 21st century.

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#### Notable Achievements and Areas of Improvement

Describe the district's notable achievements and areas of improvement in the last three years. Additionally, describe areas for improvement that the district is striving to achieve in the next three years.

Our school system is currently in the second year of implementation of the Next Generation Leadership Network – a KDE consortium focused on the enhancement of current district practices in order to promote higher student achievement. The Save the Children foundation sponsors a program in each elementary school to increase literacy and promote reading. The district continues to sponsor and the JROTC program at JCHS. We were awarded the Mathematics Achievement Fund and Tyner Elementary and RTA at all three elementaries. Areas for improvement include closing the achievement gaps in the areas of free and reduced lunch and students with disabilities.

The district will work with the schools to ensure more students are college and career ready at the time of graduation. The district will also work with schools to increase the amount of rigor in the curriculum. The district will continue to provide support to teachers as they work on increasing Program Review scores through planned, purposeful lessons which integrate the Program Review areas into all content areas. Teachers will also implement their newly learned data analysis skills to more effectively identify academic deficiencies and modify the instructional program accordingly.

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#### Additional Information

Provide any additional information you would like to share with the public and community that were not prompted in the previous sections.

JCPS students are offered numerous extra-curricular opportunities such as: basketball, football, baseball, cheerleading, pom-squad, dance team, track and field, archery, golf, 4-H competitions, talent shows, girl scouts, Student Technology Leadership Programs (STLP), Promise Neighborhood After-School Programs, and so forth. Parent involvement is encouraged through an array of venues. Parents are kept current of pertinent information through an automated communication system. We also communicate with parents through Progress Reports, Open House Events, Parent/Teacher Conferences, and Parent Orientation Meetings. Our middle and high school participates in programs such as Operation Preparation, FAST, College Mentoring, Adolescent Literacy Project, and College and Career Readiness. Jackson County High School was designated as a "High Progress School", while both Tyner and McKee Elementary schools were designated as a Distinguished/Progressing and High Performing Schools based on the schools' most recent performance on KPREP. Jackson County High School Students also have direct access to our Jackson County Area Tech Center and School-To-Work Opportunities.

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