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Description of the School

Describe the school's 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 school serves?

Bourbon County Middle School is made up of grades 6-8. BCMS houses around 610 students. There are two teams at each grade level with 4 core content classes on each team, plus, special education teachers. 7 different related arts courses are offered to students throughout the year. BCMS sits in Paris, KY, and Bourbon County, which is well known for beautiful horse farms. Around 62% of students at BCMS qualify for free/reduced lunch. Student Demographics: 75.1% of students are white/non-Hispanic, 18.3% are Hispanic or Latino, 4.2% are two or more races, and 2.4% of students are classified as other. BCMS retains a large percentage of teachers each year, and this has helped to create stability in all areas. BCMS is well known for our positive culture. Everyone in this building cares about making sure every child at BCMS is treated with respect and that each child gets the best education possible. We take great pride in seeing students grow in their education. Our goal has been to take them from where they are and move them to a higher level. By concentrating on growth, we have been able to help our students move forward over the last few years. Although Covid has posed some challenges in student attendance, our faculty has risen to the occasion and provided a wealth of virtual options for students to continue to learn in a virtual environment. Along with 1.5 virtual teachers being added to our secondary schools, our teams of classroom teachers have grown in their use of Google Classrooms and other virtual learning platforms to supplement and enhance their instruction. Our teachers have also grown in learning virtual facilitation strategies to meet students' ever-changing needs. Our counseling/student support team has also grown to meet our students' social and emotional learning needs.

School's Purpose

Provide the school's purpose statement and ancillary content such as mission, vision, values, and/or beliefs. Describe how the school embodies its purpose through its program offerings and expectations for students.

Vision: Bourbon County Middle School's vision is to prepare students academically, artistically, vocationally, and technologically to succeed in the 21st Century. Mission: Bourbon County Middle School is committed to all students reading on grade level, writing proficiently, developing methods for problem solving, and contributing to society as responsible and successful 21st Century citizens.

Notable Achievements and Areas of Improvement

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

In 2021, BCMS celebrated 60% of students scoring proficient/distinguished on the KPREP Writing Assessment. This score was beyond the 40.9% proficient/distinguished of the state, so we were proud of our students and teachers in earning this accomplishment. BCMS has been a proficient school several times over the last few years. With the new star rating system, BCMS was a 3 star. BCMS was only a few points from a 4 star rating. Student growth has been a big part of the reason our performance has increased. BCMS students have received many accolades over the past several years in academics, athletics, band, drama, choir, writing, and so much more. One area that BCMS has struggled with some is the performance of students with special needs and students with English as a second language. Although, those areas are improving, we hope to see more growth there this year.

Additional Information

CSI/TSI Schools (including ATSI) Only: Describe the procedures used to create the school's improvement plan and briefly state the specific efforts to address the causes of low student performance and resource inequities.

N/A

Additional Information

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

Bourbon County Middle School is proud of our staff and students and appreciate their dedication to teaching and learning throughout the Covid pandemic. In March, 2019, Bourbon County Schools changed the instructional delivery method to NTI (non-traditional instruction) as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. In January of 2021, students had the ability to return to in-person instruction, and the majority of BCMS students did return to school. Throughout the pandemic, our teachers have expanded their learning of resources to deliver online instruction. From Google Meets, to Google Classroom, to a wide variety of virtual texts and virtual learning platforms, our teachers have continued to flexibly provide instruction through virtual and in-person instruction to meet students' needs. ESSER funds have allowed us to strengthen our technology infrastructure, our access to devices, our ventilation systems, our intervention supports, and our counseling supports.

Bourbon County Schools also offers a Virtual Learning Academy for students who are unable to return to in-person instruction due to health or instructional needs. BCMS's virtual students have individualized learning pacing guides set for them and their learning is supported by our virtual teachers.

Attachment Summary

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