



# 20-21 SY Bourbon County District Phase Three Executive Summary

2020-21 Phase Three: Executive Summary for Districts

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. Describe the district'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 district serves?

Bourbon County is located 18 miles northeast of Lexington and is largely described as "horse country" with a population in 2018 of 20,184. Much of the community revolves around agriculture, equine, hemp, beef cattle with increasing industry and construction. The community is supportive of the school system with many of the stakeholders engaging in district initiatives including revising the mission and vision, Open and Close the Deal, Operation Preparation, Project Graduation, Community Education Program, Back to School Readifest. For such a small community, Bourbon County is fourth in per capita in migrant and ESL in the state. Our school district has approximately 2750 students with six schools: one preschool, three elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. The demographic population is 76% white (non- Hispanic), 16% Hispanic or Latino, 4% Two or More Races, 3% Black or African American and 1% Other Races. Our student gap groups include ELL, special education, economically disadvantaged, African American and Hispanic. Approximately, 60% of our students are economically disadvantaged and qualify for the free and reduce lunch program, however, due to our participation in a federal grant program all students in the district receive free lunch. The district is currently collaborating with the Economic Development Authority to align career pathways with local industries to expose students to develop workforce skills, work ethic, and to encourage careers within the community. To provide opportunities to the students, they are offered co-operative education, internships, mentoring, and experience-based work. For the college bound students, dual credit courses are provided. Soft skills are a focus for all students for transition readiness into the real world. In July 2020, the district received a four year Kentucky Comprehensive Literacy Grant for 1.1 million over the duration of the grant. This grant serves children from birth to grade 12 to promote literacy and professional learning not only within the district but throughout our community. District and School Literacy Teams will guide the work over the next four years.

. 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.

In 2016-17, the district revised the mission, vision and core belief statements. The new mission statement is EDUCATE our students with knowledge, EMPOWER our

students with character, and EQUIP our students for life. Our vision is “Bourbon County is united to empower students to achieve success at the next level”. It is important that our vision reflects Bourbon County rather than Bourbon County Schools because the mission and vision are both school and community responsibilities.

. 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.

All district schools are participating in Academic Teams and Governor’s Cup with increases in student interest. Gifted and Talented Program students participate in KYA and KUNA and annually develop bills for legislation to support changes in our community and world. Our students participate in KMEA and continually receive high marks. In addition, we are very proud of the Arts program in Bourbon County School District. All our schools participate in theatrical productions throughout each school year. The District Band Program has won the 3A Marching Band Title for 2016, 2017, and 2018 school years. For the 2018 and 2019 band season, our band achieved first place and National Recognition in 1A category at Bands of America. Our athletic programs are growing with the implementation of archery, trap shooting, cross county track. The band was unable to compete during the 19-20 spring due to COVID-19. Areas of improvement continue to be ensuring all students at all levels are provided a high quality education to achieve Transition Ready status and graduate with skills to support their personal goals. During the Covid-19 pandemic, all district staff have met the challenges of transitioning between in person and virtual instruction and the technology team have ensured students have access to technology to the fullest extent possible.

. **Districts Supporting CSI/TSI (including ATSI) Schools Only:** Describe the procedures for monitoring and providing support for (a) CSI/TSI school(s) so as to ensure the successful implementation of the school improvement plan.

N/A

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

The Bourbon County School District is proud of our staff and students and appreciate the Bourbon County Board of Education and the community support to ensure all students succeed.

# Attachment Summary

Attachment Name	Description	Associated Item(s)
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