Boyle County Schools
Kids Come First

Boyle County Schools
Top 10 in Kentucky

A District of Distinction
experience the difference
Boyle County is a district of distinction.

Boyle County Schools has been awarded with the most prestigious label in Kentucky education—“District of Distinction”.

Dr. Terry Holliday, Kentucky Commissioner of Education, in conjunction with the Kentucky Department of Education, named Boyle County Schools as one of the top school districts in Kentucky in a ceremony earlier this year. This honor is shared by only seven other districts statewide, with Boyle County being the only county district in Kentucky among the elite group. To become District of Distinction, a school district must not only be “distinguished” on the most recent KPREP assessment results, but meet a variety of other strict criteria.

A District Must:

- Have an overall accountability score at the 95th percentile or higher (based on achievement, gap growth, college and career readiness, and graduation rate)
- Not have a focus school or a priority school in the district.
- Meet the annual participation rate of 95%
- Meet its current year Annual Measurable Objective.
- Student achievement and learning is happening at an all-time high Boyle County Schools. It is why more and more families are choosing to “Experience the Boyle County Difference”.

Only County School in the State
Low Class Sizes

Our elementary schools have a certified adult to student ratio of 17:1, while our middle and high school ratio is 20:1. This allows our teachers to spend the time needed to meet every student’s individual needs and to get to know each one as a learner—a clear reflection of our commitment to “kids come first”.

Measuring Our Student Growth on a National Scale

We don’t just push ourselves to compete locally and state-wide—our students need to be competitive nationally and globally. We want to know how our students are achieving compared to their peers across the country. As a result, we use the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessment in grade K-8. MAP gives us national norms that allow us to check our students’ progress and performance three times per year. The data gleaned from MAP allows us to set goals with our students and to measure individual student growth throughout the year. The result? Informed classrooms decisions that lead to growth for every child.
World-Class Assessment System

Our teachers embrace the responsibility to be systematic and intentional in the classroom-to be experts in their content and to make every moment, every assessment, and every second spent teaching count. In addition to our talented staff, the assessment systems we have in place take learning to extremely high levels.

• The Literacy Design Collaborative is a partnership we share with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation through which our teachers have been trained to develop reading skill, writing proficiency, and critical thinking in our students.

• Our teachers are experts in the Common Core Standards. All teachers have deconstructed their standards into key learning targets, resulting in laser-focused instruction each day.

• We use an elaborate system of daily, weekly, and periodic progress data to determine which students need intervention, enrichment, or acceleration. Students who don’t show mastery of daily classroom assessment and/or common assessments are often provided intervention during a “Wrap-Up/Review Friday”. In this model, students who
have shown mastery of the week's learning targets are given enrichment and acceleration opportunities every Friday, while those who haven't shown mastery are pulled into small groups where they are re-taught the content and re-assessed. This allows teachers to begin every Monday with students on the same page and ready to move forward.

We have designed common assessments for each grade level K-12. "Common" means that every subject/course in every grade level, regardless of the teacher and/or school, will use the exact same unit assessments as benchmarks throughout the year. These assessments go through extensive quality control measures by the district leadership team. The resulting unit assessments are, without question, some of the best measures of learning you will see in any district in Kentucky.
Expansion of the Arts

The Arts are highly valued in the Boyle County community and our school district is a reflection of this commitment. We offer a great range of opportunities for our students in the arts; as well as showcasing our students' performances and artwork on campus and throughout the community.

Some of our offerings include:

Music- Strings, Chorus, Jazz, Band, Piano
Drama- Forensics, Local Theater
Visual Arts- Clubs, 2D and 3D
Spotlight events in all 5 schools
Dance- Jazz, Ballet, Modern
Run For the Arts Day in the Fall

World Language Infusion

Students in Boyle County Schools receive Spanish instruction in all grades K-12 and have the option to pursue Advanced Placement level Spanish at Boyle County High School. In addition, this year we have offered Mandarin Chinese to our students in grades 6-12. The impact of this instruction has been fantastic. Students are powerfully engaged when learning these languages, and even our youngest students assimilate Spanish into their lives seamlessly-just like it was meant to be there all along.
Strategies for Success

Summer Camps
Learning never stops in Boyle County—even in summer. We offer three distinct summer camp experiences that help move learning forward.

Beyond the Bell
BTB is a camp designed to help students keep from regressing academically during the long summer months. Students in BTB meet with teachers from their school two times per week for the majority of the summer. They work in small groups to retain reading and math skills that are crucial to their success when they start school in the Fall.

Boyle County Accelerated Math Academy
BCAMA is for students who want to accelerate their skills at a rapid rate during the summer. Using some of our best math teachers and the ALEKS math program, students meet ten times during the summer for challenging curriculum and problem-solving tasks. Plus, they have anytime, anywhere access to ALEKS program, which allows them to progress at their own rate.

Black and Gold Academy
Black and Gold Academy has been a tidal wave of fun, learning, and enrichment for students in our district. More than 600 students attend this free summer camp. In Black and Gold, students get a healthy breakfast and lunch, a daily physical activity, and two enrichment courses that are rigorous and fun. Course curriculum focuses on the Arts and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) classes.
Cooperative Learning

All Boyle County teachers have been extensively trained by Dr. Spencer Kagan’s team in the research behind and usage of cooperative learning strategies in the classroom. Utilizations of these researched -based strategies have proven in our district (and other districts across the nation) to increase students’ knowledge of the content.

Project-Based Learning

Project-Based Learning (PBL) is alive and well in Boyle County classrooms. For the past two years, 25+ teachers district wide have built project-based units and have used them in their classrooms. These units often require the use of 1 to 1 technology and end with a Presentation of Learning (POL) in which the students build public speaking skills by presenting their learning to an authentic audience. Unlike other districts that try to deploy PBL in many different areas at once, we have chosen to both strategically place PBL experiences in the courses in which students benefit from it the most and anchor our PBL in the Common Core Standards. Also unlike other districts, our teachers design viable assessments within their PBL experiences to show whether or not the student mastered the intended content. In addition, their projects must require the student to complete tasks that mirror the work that adults might do in the workplace. This year, project-based learning across the district showcased at our “Spotlight” nights held at each school in November and February.

Technology Expansion

1 to 1 handheld technology is a normal part of everyday learning for our students. Every Boyle County classroom has access to iPads and /or Mac Air laptops. Many classrooms have 5-7 iPads that are available to the teacher all day, and a few classrooms are fully 1 to 1 meaning all students have a handheld device all day long. Most importantly, though, this technology infusion has allowed teachers and students to do things instructionally they never could have done before. It has truly taken learning to a different level.
Advanced Placement - Classes at Boyle County High School create a rigorous pathway for any college bound student. Recently Boyle County High School has expanded to 18 Advanced Placement offerings. (The most in Central Kentucky)

Meaningful partnerships - Developed with Western Kentucky University, Eastern Kentucky University, and Campbellsville College. Together, we offer 60 hours of Dual Credit on our campus. (The most in Central Kentucky)

Innovative Course Offerings - Our engineering program at Boyle County High School is nationally recognized, and we have recently developed a suite of curriculum around 21st Century jobs with companies whose emphasis is web-based (i.e.: web-based journalism, web-based management, packaging science, etc...)

Our graduates have taken advantage of our progressive post-secondary program. As a result:

- 90% of our graduates enroll in college
- $3,000,000.00 in scholarships are awarded annually.
- 1,000 college hours are earned annually. (Saving our families nearly $200,000.00 in tuition cost)
Extending the Day through Club Opportunities Our district offers 30 academically rigorous extra-curricular learning clubs for students. Each club is an extension of our core curriculum and is a way for us to enhance learning for our students. We developed after school opportunities in Robotics (K-12), Math Acceleration (Math Counts), Engineering (TSA), Public Speaking (FFA, FCCLA), Technology (STLP), Music (Band, Choir, Strings), Visual Art, Government (KYA, KUNA), and many others.

Extracurricular Athletics
In addition to the academic extended learning experiences we offer one of Kentucky’s very best extra-curricular athletic programs. At the high school we offer 20 different athletic experiences and have won over 100 championships (district, regional, state) since 2000.

Gifted and Talented Innovative Approach
Services are offered through use of specialized consultants. Students of the arts are presented with a variety of avenues to hone their skills. High School students have access to enrichment opportunities in both the arts and academics. A variety of consultants are available to aide the students with scholarship opportunities, college applications, and tips on enhancing their overall high school portfolio. At all levels, Artists-in-Residence provide a variety of experiences for the art students and teachers. Academic enrichment class offerings stimulate high level thinking skills and afford students the opportunity to tackle new challenges through technology and project-based learning.
Our achievement results have never been more impressive. A student in a Boyle County school simply has opportunities for academic success that are unlike those he or she could receive in most other places.

Consider these facts about Boyle County Schools:

- Labeled a District of Distinction- the only county district to receive this honor, making Boyle County Schools in essence the #1 county school district in Kentucky.
- Ranked as the #9 overall school district in Kentucky on KPREP
- High school graduation rate of 92.1% - Top 10 in Kentucky
- High school college and career readiness rate is 74.1= ranked #13 in Kentucky

- High school ACT average-20.6
- 15% of juniors score 28 or higher on ACT; A benchmark number for scholarships

- Middle school EXPLORE score (a preparatory test for ACT) of 16.7-ranked in Top 20 in Kentucky

Boyle County Elementary Schools (combined) ranked 6th in the state in achievement

It is clear to see that students are learning at extremely high levels inside Boyle County classrooms—just one more reason that more and more families want to “Experience the Boyle County Difference.”
opportunities in an anywhere, anytime learning environment.

**Anytime, Anywhere Opportunities**

With the development of a sophisticated digital platform, our district will be poised to provide students the opportunity to learn outside of the school day and school building. This will allow us to expand our already successful I-Academy Online School. Furthermore, our traditional students will benefit from a "flipped classroom" approach that allows teachers to facilitate learning at levels never before possible.

**Individualized Learning**

To help students prepare to meet the challenges of the information age, we are creating new pathways in our secondary schools. These pathways will engage our students in the kind of work they need to be successful in a 21st Century, ever-changing economic landscape. The pathways will be geared toward the goals students have post-graduation. This individualized and custom approach to learning will be our key to success in this 21st Century economy.

"Innovators need excellent coaching at every age and stage"

-Tony Wagner, Author Creating Innovators
Healthy Students Learn Better

The health of young people is strongly linked to their academic success and the academic success of youth is strongly linked with their health. Boyle County addresses wellness in a comprehensive fashion through implementation of a Coordinated School Health program.

This 8 component model developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention includes: school health services, health education, physical education, counseling and psychological services, nutrition, safe school environment, family and community involvement and staff wellness. Our district fosters a culture of wellness, and systematically works to address barriers to learning and teaching to help students achieve to their highest potential.

Preschool

Boyle County provides a preschool program in all three elementary school buildings with research-based, developmentally appropriate curriculum and certified teachers. Our half day program operates Monday through Thursday, and is free to eligible students. We also have tuition-based, dual sessions, Monday through Friday options. Kristi Waters, Preschool Coordinator, can be reached at 859-236-6634 to answer any questions you may have.

Kindergarten Readiness

Every spring all three elementary schools conduct Kindergarten screenings for our incoming students. This a time for parents and their child to get acquainted with the school and staff. It also gives teachers the opportunity to interview children and begin catering lessons to the students individual needs and abilities. DVD's are also passed out to parents that highlight 10 key skills to help their child prepare for the new journey into Kindergarten. You can also find it on YouTube:

http://youtu.be/ vszGvmgKexg
Boyle County High School
1637 Perryville Road
Danville, KY 40422
859.236.5047 Grades 9-12
Approx. Enrollment: 850

Boyle County Middle School
1651 Perryville Road
Danville, KY 40422
859.236.4212 Grades 6-8
Approx. Enrollment: 650

Our Schools

Perryville Elementary School
418 West Fourth St.
Perryville, KY 40468
859.936.7500 Grades Pre-5
Approx. Enrollment: 275

Woodlawn Elementary School
1661 Perryville Road
Danville, KY 40422
859.236.7688 Grades Pre-5
Approx. Enrollment: 610

Junction City Elementary
250 School Street Junction City, KY 40440
859.936.7524 Grades Pre-5
Approx. Enrollment: 390

How to Enroll

New to the area?- Welcome! One of the best ways to get to know our schools is by visiting. Contact Chris Holderman, Director of Operations at 859-236-6634 if you need help in determining enrollment boundaries. This can be especially important if you are considering purchasing a new home.

If you live outside the district, but still wish to attend the Boyle County School District, you can pay a yearly tuition of $2,400 (billable monthly).

For additional information you can also visit our website at www.boyle.kyschools.us
Commissioner Terry Holliday visits with High School Spanish teacher, Heather Wheeler, to discuss how students are using technology to research different cultures.

“You’ve proven to everybody that you can succeed.”
-Governor Steve Beshear

“With Kentucky’s intensified focus on ensuring all students graduate, Boyle County High School’s efforts are outstanding.”
-Education Commissioner Terry Holliday

“I take pride in knowing my children attend a school where academics are top in the state, the demand for excellence is high and the overall well being of my child is always at the forefront of those guiding and teaching.”
-Angela Frisby, Parent/PTO President

“Coming to school is fun. I don’t have just one teacher, but many. Each day I get to have fun with someone else and learn in a different way. When I do well my teachers are so excited. We’re just happy here.”
-Emma Taylor, Kindergarten student
BOYLE COUNTY SCHOOLS
experience the difference

352 North Danville Bypass
Danville, KY 40422
Phone: 859.236.6634 Fax: 859.236.8624
www.boyle.kyschools.us