



KENTUCKY SCHOOLS TO WATCH SCHOOL PROFILE

Belfry Middle School



Designated 2008

Belfry Middle School

- Pike County Public Schools, Kentucky
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2005-07 School Statistics

Community: Small, rural, Appalachia area

Enrollment: 573

Grade Levels: 6-8

School Schedule: Six period day

Student Demographics

0%	Hispanic
98%	White
1.9%	African American
0%	African American
0%	Filipino
.1%	Asian
0%	Pacific Islander
61.4%	Free/Reduced Lunch
100%	English Learners

2005 AYP: N/A

2006 AYP: 10/12

2007 AYP: 11/11

School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- High expectations for all students
- Staff is focused on student learning
- Pathways to Proficiency recognition for students
- Instruction that is designed to enhance student learning
- A variety of instructional strategies are used to engage students
- Developed own lesson plan format
- Short term and long term goals for students

- Cross-curriculum collaboration meetings
- All students taught the same curriculum
- Cross-curricular coal fair
- Striving Readers program provides assistance to low performing readers

Developmental Responsiveness

- Student Leadership Team that has a real voice in the school
- Students are comfortable talking with the principal
- Gender-based science labs and reading classes
- School vision statement developed by students
- A safe, personalized learning environment that supports each and every child
- Positive school culture
- Reading for Life units
- Staff, parents and students have tremendous pride in school
- Student reward and recognitions (e.g., Pirate Points, Pirate Bucks, snack tickets CATS Olympics)
- Basement hallway decorated with student murals that are redone each year

Social Equity

- Successful Student Document
- Extended School Services during school and after school
- Welcoming school atmosphere
- Students are accepting of each other and enjoy helping each other
- Students are polite, courteous, and respectful
- Communication with parents and families is done regularly and in a variety of ways
- Families invited into school for holiday lunches with students
- Accommodations for religious/cultural beliefs/practices
- “Get to Know Me” projects
- At-risk students are identified for additional services to help them achieve success

Organizational Support

- Principal is the instructional leader
- Programs are implemented in response to the needs of students and evaluated for effectiveness
- Strong emphasis on state testing but focus is on student learning
- Teachers are supported and respected by administration
- SBDM Council reflects shared leadership
- School vision is known and shared by all stakeholders
- Administrators are visible in the halls and classrooms and continually interact with students
- The school is a community of learners
- Several local corporate sponsorships have been secured
- Striving Readers grant provides for a reading coach who works with students and teachers