



KENTUCKY SCHOOLS TO WATCH SCHOOL PROFILE

Olmstead Elementary School



Redesignated 2008
Designated 2005

Olmstead Elementary School

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2005-07 School Statistics

Community: Extremely small, rural community in western Kentucky close to the Tennessee border

Enrollment: 127 in middle grades

Grade Levels: P-8

School Schedule: 8 Periods with blocks in tested accountable academic areas.

Student Demographics

1.15%	Hispanic
92.61%	White
5.31%	African American
.69%	American Indian
0%	Filipino
.23%	Asian
0%	Pacific Islander
51%	Free/Reduced Lunch
1.15%	English Learners

2005 AYP: 10/10

2006 AYP: 10/10

2007 AYP: 10/10

School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- Creative and flexible schedule
- "I Can" statements are posted throughout the school and in classrooms
- All students are expected to meet high academic standards
- Teachers use a wide variety of instructional and assessment strategies
- Teachers are encouraged and provided time to visit other schools in the district
- Teachers design lessons which build on previous knowledge
- Many hands-on activities are used as part of the instructional practice

- Curriculum maps, curriculum audit documents and yearly curriculum pacing guides for each content area
- READ 180 used to target struggling readers
- Lunch Bunch book club
- *Physics Fun*: hands-on science program and demonstration

Developmental Responsiveness

- School culture is inviting and exemplifies a learning community
- A feeling of belonging permeates the building
- Teachers praise students with honest, sincere words
- Many extra/co-curricular activities for students
- Ram-bassadors provide students an opportunity to participate in a real-life experience of preparing an application and interviewing for a job
- The middle grades teachers are a team
- Meet the Rams night provides an opportunity for the participants in any extra/co-curricular group to be recognized
- Students are recognized for doing well on the state test
- Rams of the Month are displayed in the school lobby
- Tee-shirt designed annually and given to students at the beginning of the year
- *Character Counts* program

Social Equity

- Collaboration is strong and accepted by all
- Zero retention rate
- Family and community involvement is extraordinary
- A strong sense of heritage has been developed and is showcased by the display case contents
- Students' schedules are changed as needed
- Teachers flex the schedule as needed to accommodate classroom activities
- Discipline is fair and consistent
- An interpreter for Spanish speaking students is available daily for ESL students
- Muffins with Moms and Donuts with Dad encourage parents to come to the school
- Cultural diversity training is provided by the guidance counselor for all students
- Teachers send letters to all students each summer to welcome them
- The school hosts a Family Reading Night and Family Math Night

Organizational Support

- Support is offered to new teachers
- A safe, secure environment has been created and maintained for all students
- Students are dismissed early on Fridays to provide time for teachers to meet and plan
- Students are looped for sixth through eighth grade
- A true partnership has been developed between the school and parents
- The district offers a Professional Growth Academy for new teachers
- Weekly leadership team meetings with the principal
- Teachers participate in learning clubs, math cadres, book studies, and ongoing coaching during their daily and weekly common planning times
- No excuse philosophy