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Bell Central School Center

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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?

Bell Central School Center is located on US 25E between the cities of Pineville and Middleboro in Southeast Kentucky and serves students preschool through 8th grade. We house students from all over Bell County with the majority of our students coming from the communities of Arjay, Clear Creek, Meldum, Colmar, and Middlesboro. We are the 2nd largest elementary school in the Bell County School District, with a current enrollment of 543 students and a faculty/staff of 88. We have seen a decline in our enrollment since the Coal Industry has closed (2016 we had an enrollment of 631 and in 2017 543). Bell County had at one time a booming coal industry however, today all but a few of the coal mines have closed their doors. We are seeing families move away from our area in order to find work and it is effecting the enrollment across the district. The goal of the Bell Central faculty and staff is to provide the highest quality education possible for each and every student. We strive to meet the needs of all students and remove any barriers that may hinder educational growth. We have a 80% free and reduced lunch population in our building as well as many students being raised in one parent homes or by grandparents. Many of our students face barriers that seem impossible to overcome (drugs in the home, no electricity or running water, abusive homes, no food, etc.) however with the help of our faculty/staff and our community resources (Social Services, Lion's Club, RoHo, Mission of Hope and Lighthouse Missions) we are able to remove many barriers and provide an excellent education to the students of Southeast Kentucky. In addition to academics, our students have the opportunity to participate in numerous educational and extracurricular activities. These activities include Governor's Cup, Junior BETA, Math Counts, Robotics, Compete in National History Day, Girls' and Boys' Basketball, and Cheerleading. We have shown steady and consistent growth with a few bumps in the road however we look forward to another successful year. Our staff and students are very hard workers and we all share the same common goal...to be the BEST we can be at EVERYTHING.

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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.

Bell Central School Center believes that all students are equal, and that we, as educators, should treat each student like they are our own children. Our Mission Statement is as follows: We, the Bell Central Educational Community, accept the privilege and responsibility of providing a safe and nurturing environment conducive to the development of each individual student, enabling them to become productive members of society. We offer many extra curricular activities to help develop our students as individuals who have the desire and ability to succeed in school as well as in life. We reward positive behavior, attendance and academic achievements. We offer a Renaissance Club for 6th-8th grade students who have Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll/Principal's List and Good Behavior each 6 weeks. Our students are loved, respected and challenged daily.

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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.

Bell Central has shown a steady, consistent growth in our state's accountability test as well as in the MAP assessment. Our Middle School continues to be first in our county and top in the state. Our SAI in both elementary and middle school are at the top in our county and state. Our elementary school went back on the state's accountability test last year but made improvements this year. Our big area of concentration was 3rd grade and we rose 6 points on our NAPD calculation, with 5th grade rising 12 points. Our 5th grade reading scores did decrease but we are aware of our areas of improvement - Elementary reading and have plans in place to improve and monitor progress. We are continuing to show strong improvements in the area of academics year after year. We are currently working on decreasing the number of students who score novice on the K-Prep test and increasing our number of distinguished.

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Additional Information

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

Our school currently uses Success For All (SFA) as our core Reading Program in our Primary and Middle schools and Singapore Math and SFA Math as our core Math Programs for K-8th grades. We offer many additional programs that help our students overcome many academic obstacles they face, such as; Reading Mastery, for K-3rd grade students struggling in Reading. Corrective Reading for students in 4th-8th grades that struggle in Reading. Our School is also serviced through GEAR UP, which helps prepare our students to be College and Career Ready. Bell Central School Center is home to Once Upon a Friday, a Reading Incentive for our K-3rd grade students that encourages parents, grandparents and community volunteers to come every Friday and read with one of our students. This enables us to instill a love of reading within our students and shows the community how important reading is to Bell Central. We average around 130 volunteer readers every Friday. We also started Storybook Wednesday for our preschool students. Over the last 10 years we have had students compete at the national level in various extracurricular activities as well as win state in BETA, Academic Team, National History Day and Robotics.

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