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Description of the District

Describe the district 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?

Barbourville is a single school district. Located in beautiful Southeastern Kentucky in Knox County, Barbourville is an independent school district located within the city of Barbourville. Knox County is home to Union College, Stiver's Aquatic Center, and KCEOC community action group. Knox County is also a part of the Promise Zone. Our enrollment consists of 660 students in grades K-12. Barbourville currently has over 60 staff members who believe all students must be involved in a rigorous curriculum and engaged within a positive learning environment. Knox County has lost many jobs over the past few years. With the decrease in educational funding, we are challenged to be creative and seek partners to both continue and improve our opportunities for students. Barbourville has built excellent relationships with our area technology center, Gear Up, Berea College, Union College, ECU, University of the Cumberland, KCEOC, Promise Neighborhood, and many community partners. We have been fortunate to receive a KY Arts Council grant, Gear Up grant, and Promise Neighborhood grant to enhance our existing programs as well as provide additional services. We are privileged to have a small school with a big heart. Our staff knows, encourages, and challenges each child to reach the highest potential.

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District's Purpose

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.

Barbourville had all staff members participate in the development of the vision and mission for the district. We post the mission and always refer back to it when planning and discussing student progress. We believe all students can achieve at high levels and deserve the same opportunity to learn and experience success. Regardless of ability, family background, socioeconomic status, cultural difference, race, religious beliefs, or color, all students are held in high esteem and respected equally. Barbourville provides numerous intervention services, as well as advanced placement and dual credit course work. Our accelerated coursework is available in order for our students to achieve at levels equal to that of their peers. A behavioral intervention system is in place district wide to create a positive school climate where all students can learn. Finally our Family Resource and Youth Service Center as well as our Title I Program strive to meet the needs of our students and families who face obstacles that could hinder a student's educational growth. Through Promise Neighborhood, we have the FAST program that will assist in increasing parent participation in the educational process.

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Notable Achievements and Areas of Improvement

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.

Barbourville Independent is continuing its progress on being the driving force in education. With the change in accountability, we do not have a performance label; however, we are pleased with some notable achievements. 73.5% of middle school students performed P/D in reading. 84.4% of middle school students performed P/D in math. The social studies scores were also on the rise with 83.8% of elementary and 91.3% of middle school students performing at P/D. The writing scores also showed a significant increase with 90.3% of elementary and 88.9% of high school students performing at or above proficiency. Finally, Barbourville had a graduation rate of 99.1%. Areas for improvement continue to be reading and math. Barbourville will continue the focus of decreasing novice while increasing proficiency in reading and math at all levels.

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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.

Barbourville is currently in the fifth year of the seven year Gear Up grant through Berea College. Barbourville is proud to be in the second year of the Promise Neighborhood grant through Berea College. Both of these grants have provided additional academic interventions and programs to assist with meeting our mission for high student achievement. We have also been chosen to participate in the Jobs After Graduation grant, which has provided an instructor to work with students who will enter the work force following graduation.

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