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# Spotlight School

**W.B. Muncy Elementary**  
*Leslie County*

**GRADES SERVED: K-8**

W.B. Muncy Elementary is a small K-8 school nestled in the hills of Southeastern Kentucky and is part of a close-knit, supportive community. The school operates like one big family, with staff, students and community members working together to strengthen both the school and the broader community. Focused on continuous improvement, the school is committed to enhancing the overall student experience. This year, W.B. Muncy proudly achieved blue ratings in both its middle school and elementary scores, reflecting the hard work and dedication of all involved.

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## DEMOGRAPHICS

**70.4% Economically Disadvantaged**

**25% Students with Disabilities**

**3.3% Homeless**

## WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS SCHOOL:

- 1.** Incorporating strategic intervention time into a school's schedule
- 2.** Empowering students to take ownership of their learning by reflecting on their own data and setting goals
- 3.** Integrating a writing protocol, beginning in kindergarten, to build early literacy skills
- 4.** Continuously improving through a well-structured professional learning community (PLC) protocol

## SERVICES AND STRATEGIES USED TO MEET STUDENT NEEDS

- The master schedule is intentionally designed for success.
- The administrative team, teachers, academic interventionists and district support staff collaborate to plan, direct and monitor student interventions, focusing on specific student needs.
- The principal meets with each student before Measure of Academic Progress (MAP)/ Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) testing to review scores, set goals and develop a plan to help the student achieve those goals.
- Teachers and support staff also engage in goal setting and planning before all MAP/KSA testing.
- High standards and expectations are maintained for all students.
- A professional learning community (PLC) process is in place that emphasizes continuous improvement driven by data.
- The staff operates as a family, prioritizing student well-being, ensuring every student feels valued, cared for and respected. The school believes a child cannot reach their full potential without feeling loved and safe first.
- All stakeholders share a mission and vision for the school, which is developed and embraced by everyone.
- The staff consistently goes the extra mile for students, working to create an environment that students want to be part of. The goal is for students to walk into the school each day with smiles and a sense of pride in being a W.B. Muncy Pirate.
- The school culture focuses on people over programs, process over results and relationships over outcomes.
- Students are recognized and celebrated for their successes, whether academic or extracurricular.
- Success is rewarded through recognition and incentives.

## WHAT DATA SUPPORTS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SERVICES AND STRATEGIES OFFERED?

- KSA Blue school (both elementary and middle) 2023-2024
- KSA Blue school for middle school and green for elementary 2022-2023

## WHAT CHALLENGES HAS THE SCHOOL FACED? HOW WERE THEY OVERCOME?

Increasing parental involvement has been a challenge for W.B. Muncy Elementary and the district as a whole. However, the school has made significant progress by hosting and planning both during and after school events aimed at improving parental engagement. These efforts have greatly enhanced parental perspectives and participation, helping to strengthen the school community.

## WHAT ADVICE DOES THIS SCHOOL SUGGEST TO SCHOOLS ON THEIR JOURNEY TO SUSTAINED ACHIEVEMENT AND TRANSFORMATION?

High expectations lead to high results, and a positive school culture is essential for success. The belief that all students can learn at high levels, with the right support from educators, is key to fostering an environment where every student can thrive.



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