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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?

Nicholas County Elementary School is a PK-6th grade school located at 133 School Drive in Carlisle, Kentucky. We serve approximately 650 students in grades PK-6th. NCES is the only elementary school in the district and is located on a campus that also includes the Nicholas County Middle/High School and the Nicholas County Board of Education. The area served is rural and has a high poverty rate. There are few job opportunities in the community. NCES is a Title 1 school with a Free and Reduced Lunch population of over 67%, 93% of our population is white but we have a growing Hispanic population and currently serve over 33 migrant students in the elementary. Our staff is comprised of a mix of local residents and also residents of other counties. Our dedicated staff consists of a leadership team, which includes the Principal and the Assistant Principal in collaboration with the Guidance Counselor. Beyond our leadership team, we have twenty-nine homeroom teachers PK-6th grade, five special education teachers, three related arts teachers, two interventionists, two speech-language pathologists, a family resource center coordinator and a migrant education coordinator for the district, a student support specialist (social worker), a part-time gifted and talented teacher, and twelve instructional assistants with eight of those in PK/K classrooms.

### School Stakeholders

Identify and describe the school's stakeholder groups. How does the school ensure stakeholder involvement and engagement in the improvement planning process?

Our school's purpose is to provide a strong foundation of skills, knowledge, and values for our students as they learn how to function and complete in a 21st century global society. To achieve this purpose, we envision a school where every student in every classroom is healthy, safe, supported, engaged, and challenged. Our mission is to create a learning environment which is centered around students, facilitated by teachers, administrators and staff, and supported by home and community so that vision can become reality. This year, NCES is also implementing PBIS for behavior expectations and using Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe in all areas of the building. Logical consequences will be used to TEACH, and not punish. NCES is using PBIS to foster positive student behaviors and classroom cultures. All 6th grade students participate in LEAD. This is a leadership program that we developed for our 6th graders to become active leaders in the building. Based on his/her "job" application, each 6th grade student is assigned a "job" within the school for a nine weeks or semester. Every morning during announcements, a different student is selected to read the school motto: "Every Student, Every Day."

### School's Purpose

Provide the school's purpose statement and ancillary content such as mission, vision, values, and/or beliefs, including the year in which they were last reviewed or revised. Describe how the school embodies its purpose through its program offerings and expectations for students and how stakeholders are involved in its development.

All subject area K-PREP scores did decline in 2020-21 due to the lack of in-person school with closures and interruptions caused by the COVID pandemic, therefore student achievement and intervention will be a focus for improvement in the next three years. NCES will be using iReady beginning in the 2022-23 school year for student diagnostic assessments and individualized student practice in Reading and Math. NCES is striving to make gains and close gaps in Reading for all students and recently revamped the entire RTI program. All students in grades K-6 students are in an Intervention group based on their needs, and all teachers in the building are teaching an intervention group based on student level using Orton-Gillingham or Corrective Reading (depending on grade level). NCES is also continuing work towards improving the achievement and proficiency of all students, especially in the area of Reading and Math. In 2021-22, NCES purchased a new Reading series, Open Court and all grade levels began using this school-wide program. This year, Nicholas County Board of Education bought a new Math series, iReady Classroom Mathematics. Attendance has always been a concern and continues to be with the interruptions at school with COVID-19. Administrators in conjunction with committee members are focused on assessments (drive instruction and focus on standards), attendance (barriers/consistency), and attitudes (behaviors).

### 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.

N/A

### 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 staff continues to place a priority on building relationships and meeting students' basic needs before we can begin to educate. We have a FRYSC coordinator and a Migrant Education Coordinator in our building to provide assistance to families in need and to see that students basic needs are being met. Our staff knows that strong relationships with students and parents helps with effective teaching and learning. This correlates to our purpose, vision, and mission statement which is focused on the "whole child." Every student, Every day!

# Attachment Summary

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