



**TCIS 2024-2025 Phase One: Executive Summary for Schools

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Taylor County Elementary School
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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?

Taylor County Elementary School is set in a rural community located in central Kentucky. The county of Taylor has a population of approximately 26,000. Taylor County Elementary School serves approximately 625 students in grades 3-5. The median income for Taylor County is around \$58,000. The largest industries are manufacturing, healthcare and retail. The Taylor County School District is the third largest employer in the county, employing nearly 400 full time staff members. There is a private Christian school as well as an independent city school district in the county. Campbellsville University, a private Christian institution with over 8,000 students, is also located in our area. Agriculture is a vital aspect of our community.

While our schools student demographics continue to be primarily Caucasian, our number of minority students has steadily grown. We have approximately 10% minority students, and roughly 65-70% of our students qualify for free & reduced lunch. Of our 610 student population, we have around 115 students that receive special education services. We are a Title I school and our school participates in the free breakfast and lunch program for all of our students. Our staff includes approximately 100 classified and certified employees who work collaboratively to ensure that students have a positive and productive school experience. Teachers deliver instruction in various classroom settings including grade-level teams of three to four. We are one to one with technology and include blended learning in our classrooms.

Some challenges our students face include transportation for after school activities/ events being in a rural area, and lack of resources for our families who are below the poverty level. Some opportunities for growth include strengthening our community partnerships to bring real world experiences and opportunities to our students and parents. We are all striving to improve our school's communication with our parents/families.

School Stakeholders

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

Taylor County Elementary has a number of stakeholders- students, staff, parents/ guardians, Campbellsville University, local businesses, city/county agencies, churches, local & school sponsored athletic teams, local government officials, school board members, and many more. It is imperative that we communicate with all stakeholders on the progress and improvement plans for our school. We utilize

social media, Remind, one-calls, newspaper, radion station, etc to share all of these aspects of Taylor County Elementary School.

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.

~Mission~ "At Taylor County Schools, we set high expectations and work together to help all students succeed."

~Vision~ TCIS will prepare our students to become independent learners with the desires, skills, and abilities necessary for lifelong success.

~Motto~ "Expect Greatness!"

At Taylor County Schools, we set high expectations and work together to help all students succeed. We want students to be work ready, college ready, career ready, and life ready. We offer interventions for students who are struggling academically or emotionally, as well as Cardinal Academy to our accelerated/gifted students as a STEM enrichment opportunity. Our extracurricular activities include the Academic Team, Problem Solving Team, Archery, Cardinal Choir, Student Workforce Team, and Junior Beta Club. We also offer Extended School Services and a 21st Century Learning Grant (Cardinal Branch) to help those who need extra academic & enrichment support. The combination of high expectations for our students, a standards-based curriculum focus, targeted interventions, and acceleration options allows us the ability to continue to move students towards proficiency.

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.

Some of our notable achievements include:

- Jr. Beta:
 - 2023-2024 District of Distinction & School of Merit
 - 2023-2024 National Songfest 6th place
 - 2023-2024 Kentucky Songfest 3rd place
 - 2023-2024 4th place in Creative Writing & Top 8 for Musicology
 - 2022-2023 National Songfest Winner & Kentucky 2nd place
 - 2021-2022 Kentucky 2nd place and National Songfest 3rd place
 - 2021-2022 Kentucky Club Trading Pin winner

- 2021-2022 Kentucky National Quiz Bowl winner
- Cardinal Academy continues to operate a program of STEM enrichment.
- TCIS has Work Force Development leaders who are developing real world skills through our Family Resource Center.
- Guidance programs are offered throughout the year. These include Strong Girls, Healing Hearts, Worry Warriors, Banana Splits, and Breakfast with the Boys. Guidance lessons also focus on cyber bullying and conflict resolution.
- Teachers have applied for, and received grants to supplement instruction in their classrooms.
- Extracurricular activities offered to students include the Academic Team, Future Problem Solving Team, Archery, Cardinal Choir, drama productions, wrestling, cross country, track, and Junior Beta Club. TCIS is affiliated with the Taylor County High School boys and girls basketball teams and serves as a feeder program to middle school and high school sports.
- Focus Areas of Improvements:
 - Improvement for the next three years will focus on identifying and closing gaps in all content areas.
 - Revising grading practices with a focus to more accurately communicate proficiency of standards to students and parents.
 - Additionally, there is a need for more focus on our ESL population. We now have a part-time English Language teacher to work with ESL students and families. We also have monthly Parents in Action meetings to meet with our ESL families. This is a vital piece of our school culture as our population continues to change.

Additional Information

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

N/A

Attachment Summary

Attachment Name	Description	Associated Item(s)
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