

THE Bear Claw



FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

Rescheduled Events

I hope everyone stayed warm and safe during this week's winter weather. As you can imagine, the snow and ice required us to reschedule several upcoming events. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

- Boys' Basketball will travel to Southern Middle School on February 12 at 5:00 PM.
- Boys' basketball will host Jessie M. Clark on February 18 at 5:00 PM
- Boys' basketball will travel to Leestown on February 19 at 5:00 PM
- The 6th grade boys' basketball district tournament will be held on February 21 at Jessie M. Clark.
- Boys' basketball will host Bryan Station on February 23 at 5:00 PM
- Boys' basketball will travel to Bates Creek on February 25 at 5:00 pm
- Boys' basketball will host Lexington Middle on February 26 at 5:00 PM
- The 7th grade boys' basketball district tournament will be held on February 28 at Mary E. Britton Middle School.
- The 8th grade boys' basketball district tournament will begin on Monday, March 2. The second round will be Tuesday, March 3. The finals will be Thursday, March 5. The location will be determined.
- The FCPS Cheer and Dance Showcase will be rescheduled for a date in March. More details will be shared soon.

The LIFT Conference is BACK—and registration is OPEN!

Join us for a powerful college and career readiness conference designed for middle and high school students (grades 6–12) and their families. Expect hands-on workshops, valuable resources, and community partners committed to helping students plan for their future. LIFT will also feature parent/caregiver workshops on advocacy and preparing for college costs.

- 👉 Featuring partners like FCPS Family & Community Engagement, Partners for Youth, YMCA Black Achievers, Lexington Urban League Young Professionals, Commonwealth Credit Union and more!
-  March 7, 2026
-  8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
-  STEAM Academy | Lexington, KY
- ✅ Register now

THE BEAR NECESSITIES FOR SUCCESS

- Be Curious
- Be Kind
- Be Bold
- Be Responsible

VISION: BRITTON AND BEYOND

- Expose Students to Career Pathways in Health and Medical Sciences
- Ensure Equitable Access to Courses So Every Student Earns at Least One High School Credit.
- Provide Opportunities for Civic Engagement.
- Foster School Pride and a Sense of Belonging.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026

- Dance practice at 7:15 AM.
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM
- Boys' basketball hosts Morton at 5:00 PM.
- Track conditioning at Liberty Elementary at 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

- Dance practice at 7:15 AM
- Boys' basketball practice at 4:15 PM
- Cheer practice at 4:15 PM
- Get Fit club at 4:15 PM
- Super Cool Variety Club meeting at 4:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

- Tutoring at 4:15 PM. [Sign up here.](#)
- Crash in the 7th grade flex room at 4:15 PM.
- BEARitones jazz band at 4:15 PM.
- Boys' basketball travels to EJ Hayes at 5:00 PM
- Track conditioning at Liberty Elementary at 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

- Dance practice at 7:00 AM
- FCA meeting at 8:00 AM
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM
- Art Club in room C128 at 4:15 PM
- Cheer practice at 4:15 PM
- Boys' basketball travels to Southern at 5:00 PM
- SBDM meeting at 5:00 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026

- BEARS meeting at 8:00 AM
- Valentine's Day Dance at 4:15 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

- Cheer practice at LEX Athletics at 9:00 AM
- Dance Team Kiddie Camp at 9:00 AM
- Boys' basketball at Lexington Catholic at 10:00 AM

LOOKING AHEAD...

- February 16: No school
- February 18: Boys' basketball hosts Jessie Clark
- February 19: Boys' basketball travels to Leestown
- February 19: Chorus concert
- February 23: Boys' basketball hosts Bryan Station
- February 24: SBDM meeting

The mission of Mary E. Britton Middle School is to foster a safe and supportive environment where every student is valued and inspired to reach their fullest potential. Through academic rigor, civic engagement, and strong relationships, we cultivate leaders prepared to thrive today and build a better tomorrow.



SBDM Update

Our SBDM Council has approved two additional policies.

- [Alignment to State Standards Policy](#)
- [Emergency Management Plan Policy](#)

As a reminder, you can follow our SBDM Council's work on our [website](#).

INFO

TIMES

- Doors open daily at 8:35 AM
- First period begins at 9:05 AM
- Dismissal is at 3:55 PM
- Walkers and car riders should be picked up by 4:15 PM

LINKS

- [Absence form](#)
- [eOS](#)
- [Campus Parent](#)
- [Canvas](#)
- [Student and Family Handbook](#)
- [Voluntary Student Accident Insurance](#)
- [Consent for Outside Traceable Communication](#)
- [Tutoring sign ups](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [YouTube](#)
- [PhotoSnap \(Upload pics for the yearbook\)](#)
 - Access code: BEARS26

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

- 6th grade: 240 (--)
- 7th grade: 181 (--)
- 8th grade: 135 (--)
- **Total: 556 (--)**



BEAR HUGS

- Mary E. Britton Middle School is proud of our Academic Team at the District Governor's Cup! The team placed second in Quick Recall at advanced to the regionals. The team is comprised of Jack Caudill, Matthew Flores, Norah Hoehne, Kingston Hudspeth, Mason Martinkovic, Lawson Parsons, Hagan Perkins. Advancing to the written assessment regional competition will be Lawson Parsons (2nd in Composition, 4th in science, 5th in social studies), Abigail Piatt (1st in math), Norah Hoehne (3rd in math), Mason Martinkovic (5th in science).

BEARS OF THE WEEK

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, February 2... No school
- Tuesday, February 3... No school
- Wednesday, February 4... No school
- Thursday, February 5... No school
- Friday, February 6... No school

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, February 2... No school
- Tuesday, February 3... No school
- Wednesday, February 4... No school
- Thursday, February 5... No school
- Friday, February 6... No school

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 0
- Number in detention... 0
- RESET days... 0
- Suspension days... 0

SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 0
- Number in detention... 0
- RESET days... 0
- Suspension days... 0

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 0
- Number in detention... 0
- RESET days... 0
- Suspension days... 0



BEAR SNAPS

BEARS & BOWS

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE



You're Invited to Party!

Mary E. Britton - Gym

Friday, February 13, 2026

4:15 pm to 6:00 pm

Tickets \$5

Photos \$5

Game Pass \$5

Concessions

*Must have a ride home



BOYS ***VOLLEYBALL*** ***TRYOUTS***

THURS, 2/19
7:30-9:30PM
AUX GYM

Questions?

Email:

fdhs.boys.volleyball@gmail.com

CAREER EXPLORATION EVENT



EXPLORE A VARIETY OF CAREERS!

From STEM and healthcare to the arts, trades, and entrepreneurship. Local businesses will share their expertise and showcase their workplace while inspiring the next generation.



5p-7p
26th of March 2026



Location
Mary E. Britton Middle School

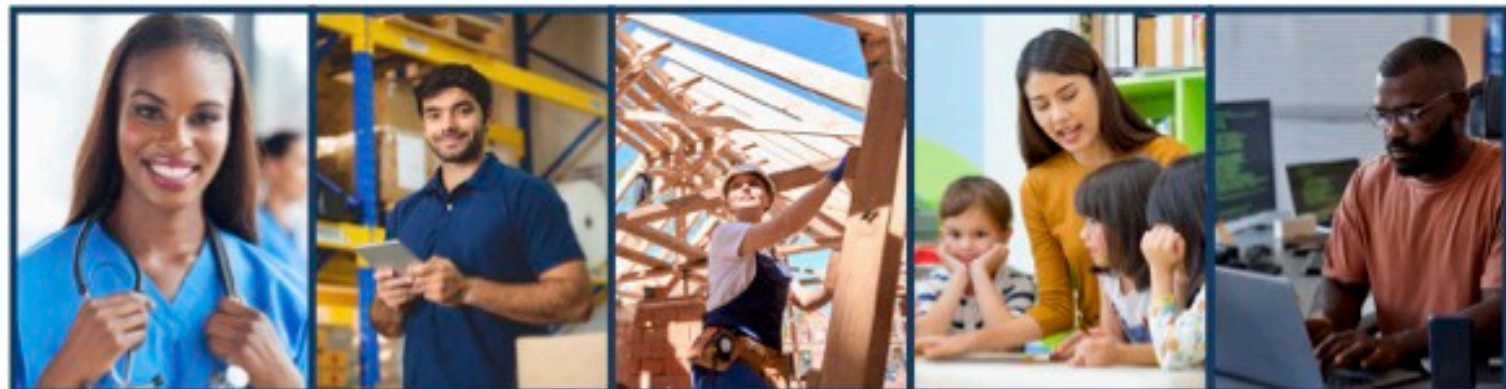


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**MARY E. BRITTON
STUDENTS & FAMILIES**



Kentucky's Top Five In-Demand Sectors

Recently, the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board (KWIB) voted to adopt Kentucky's top five in-demand sectors. The two-phase, data-informed identification and verification process is described below with sample occupations provided. Additionally, the KWIB voted to incorporate a five-year review process utilizing the two-phase approach of quantitative and qualitative analysis.

Kentucky's Top Five In-Demand Sectors:

1. Healthcare
2. Manufacturing and Logistics
3. Construction
4. Education
5. Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (PS&TS)

Background

The process of identifying the top five in-demand sectors in Kentucky took place through a two-phase approach, through a quantitative and qualitative review process. The data gathering and analysis was provided by the Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS).

The quantitative review process initiated in the Sector Strategies Workgroup with membership

consisting of KWIB members, business and industry representatives, education partners, government representatives and workforce development practitioners. The workgroup settled on the key quantitative data approach of reviewing occupations that are in-demand, experiencing growth, and have living wages. Specifically, the formula set by the quantitative group:

1. Entry Annual Wages OR Median Wages (25%)
2. Occupational Demand (50%)
3. Growth Rate (25%)

Importantly, the business members of the workgroup emphasized the importance of occupational demand and giving it more percentage weight above the other elements. The list of key occupations was then connected to their respective industry sectors. The quantitative workgroup reviewed various ranking methods in the review process (i.e. incorporating location quotient) and ultimately settled on the fact that all methods lead to similar sector output.

Once the quantitative workgroup agreed on the formula and the data derived, the work of the qualitative workgroup began. The qualitative workgroup consisted of statewide



education and training organizations that not only administer various training dollars, but also understand industries that may be experiencing growth in the future not yet reflected in data.

Example Occupations

1. Healthcare

- a. Registered Nurse
- b. Medical and Health Services Managers
- c. Nurse Practitioner
- d. Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder and Mental Health Counselors
- e. Clinical Laboratory Techs

2. Manufacturing and Logistics

- a. Assemblers and Fabricators
- b. Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers and Weighers
- c. Machinist
- d. Industrial Production Managers
- e. Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers

3. Construction

- a. Construction Laborers
- b. Carpenters
- c. Electricians
- d. Plumbers, Pipefitters and Steamfitters
- e. Project Management Specialists

4. Education

- a. Elementary School Teachers
- b. Secondary School Teachers
- c. Middle School Teachers
- d. Educational, Guidance and Career Counselors and Advisors
- e. Postsecondary Teachers

5. Professional, Scientific and Technical Services

- a. Software Developers
- b. Management Analysts
- c. Paralegals and Legal Assistants
- d. Computer User Support Specialists
- e. Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists

Impact and Future Review

Identifying these sectors allows Kentucky to focus time and investment into growing the opportunities in industries and occupations that are in high demand, are experiencing growth and pay living wages. Investment in these sectors and occupations go beyond the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) as the Kentucky workforce development ecosystem operates in a collaborative and strategic direction.

The five in-demand sectors provide a statewide lens, while local workforce development boards can incorporate an additional two sectors that are reflective of their local economies.

In addition to adopting the top five in-demand sectors, the KWIB voted to incorporate a review process every five years utilizing the two-phase approach of quantitative and qualitative review.

Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board
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