

THE Bear Claw



FROM THE BEAR'S DEN

Britton Bear State Bound

Mary E. Britton Middle School competed last weekend at the Region 12 Governor's Cup, and we are excited to share some big news!

🏆 Lawson Parsons earned 6th place in Composition and has qualified for the State Finals! Advancing to state is a tremendous accomplishment. Lawson will compete in Composition at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky on Saturday, March 21st.

As we make our way to seasons end, we are incredibly proud of our Britton Bears Academic Team and all they've accomplished this season:

- 🌟 6th Grade Team – 2nd place overall finish in 6th grade Showcase
- 🌟 Varsity team – 2nd place in District Quick Recall
- 🌟 Regional qualifiers for quick recall and written assessment
- 🌟 State Qualifier

We are just getting started at MEB. Join us in congratulating the academic team for their accomplishments this season and wish good luck to Lawson at State!

Bears Bring Home Gold at Pre-Season Meet

MEB Track kicked off the pre-season at the President's Day Invite on Sunday, February 15th at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Centre in Louisville, KY. A small group of experienced members of the track team competed indoor meet. It was an exciting day of running, jumping, vaulting and throwing!

Our meet medalists & top 10 finishers:

- Maggie Henderson: Long Jump Champion 🥇
- Asa Park: Pole Vault Champion 🥇
- Aiyonna Ashley: 55m , 200m 2nd 🥈
- Boys 4x800m Relay: 2nd 🥈 (Asa Park, Donovan Kwan, Oliver Tappel, Carter Howard)
- Boys 4x400m Relay: 3rd 🥈 (Carter Howard, Donovan Kwan, Asa Park, Noah Rohan)
- Maggie Henderson: 1600m & 800m 3rd 🥉
- Liliana Perez: Shot Put – 4th 🥈
- Boys 4x200m Relay: 4th 🥈 (Colton Roberts, Oliver Tappel, Samuel Alvarez, Noah Rohan)
- Colton Roberts: 55m & Long Jump – 9th
- Carter Howard: Long Jump 10th
- Larkin McConnell: 1600m – 10th, 800m – 8th

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 23, 2026

- Dance practice at 7:15 AM
- Get Fit Club at 4:15 PM
- Boys' basketball hosts Bryan Station at 5:00 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 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
- SBDM council meeting at 5:00 PM
- PTSA meeting at 5:30 PM | [Online link](#)
- Girls' lacrosse parent meeting at 5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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.
- Glee Club tryouts at 4:15 PM
- Girls' lacrosse tryouts at 4:15 PM
- Boys' basketball travels to Bates Creek at 5:00 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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 hosts LEX at 5:00 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

- BEARS meeting at 8:00 AM
- Boys' basketball practice at 4:15 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

- Cheer practice at LEX Athletics at 9:00 AM
- Boys' basketball 7th grade district tournament at Mary E. Britton Middle School at 8:00 AM

LOOKING AHEAD...

- March 3: Boys' basketball 8th grade district tournament
- March 5: Boys' basketball district championships
- March 12: Band and orchestra concert
- March 12: SBDM council meeting
- March 24: SBDM council meeting
- March 26: Career exploration fair

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.



Calling all Henry Clay Students and Parents of the Class of 2030!

Are you motivated to be successful in college or in a career, but looking for a little extra support to get there? Our AVID Elective Program provides the organization, study skills, and community support students need to bridge the gap between "potential" and "success" for students wanting to take upper-level courses. Please visit the AVID website at www.AVID.org for additional information.

What AVID students will receive during their elective:

- A committed teacher that will motivate and foster essential academic skills.
- Dedicated in-class tutoring.
- Assistance with organization, study skills, improved note-taking, critical thinking, and more!
- A family-feel environment.

Use the link to apply: bit.ly/4qEIHJ6

OR Scan the QR Code:



Application deadline has been extended to Friday, Feb. 20th. For further information, contact: Beth.March@fayette.kyschools.us

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: 242 (+2)
- 7th grade: 181 (--)
- 8th grade: 135 (--)
- **Total: 558 (+2)**



BEAR HUGS

- Shout out to Mrs. Dana Shalash and Mrs. Alena Glass, members of our PTSA board, for working with our students and teachers in planning for our first talent show (in April) and The World at Britton event (in September)!
- Shout out to the sixth and seventh grade boys' basketball team for defeating Jessie Clark this week
- Shout out to Mrs. Lauren Brett for helping students set up our first Glee Club!

BEARS OF THE WEEK

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, February 16... No school
- Tuesday, February 17... 89.87%
- Wednesday, February 18... 91.20%
- Thursday, February 19... 90.41%
- Friday, February 20... 91.58%

STAFF ATTENDANCE

GOAL IS 95%

- Monday, February 16... No school
- Tuesday, February 17... 88.89%
- Wednesday, February 18... 93.33%
- Thursday, February 19... 88.89%
- Friday, February 20... 85.86%

WEEKLY DISCIPLINE

SIXTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 5
- Number in detention... 3
- RESET days... 1.5
- Suspension days... 1

SEVENTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 1
- Number in detention... 1
- RESET days... 1
- Suspension days... 0

EIGHTH GRADE

- Number of referrals... 4
- Number in detention... 3
- RESET days... 1
- Suspension days... 0



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BEAR SNAPS

ACADEMIC TEAM AT REGIONAL COMPETITION



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you!



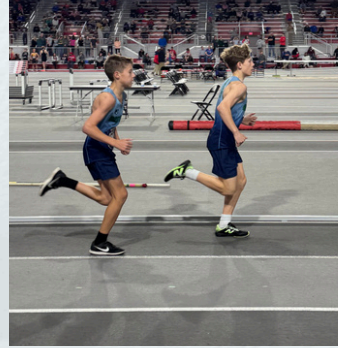
Mary E. Britton Middle School Dance Team hosted our first dance camp over the weekend. Thank you to all parents, participants, middle school dancers & volunteers that made this such a special day.





BEAR SLAPS

INDOOR PRE-SEASON TRACK COMPETITION



**GIRLS LACROSSE
PARENT/PLAYER
MEETING**

**Tuesday Feb. 24th
5:30 in the
Cafeteria**

TRYOUTS

**Wednesday Feb.
25th 4:15-6 in the
gym**





STAY TUNED

ON FEB 25, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

**INFORMATIONAL
MEETING**

FDHS CAFE



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BOYS' LACROSSE

Player and Parent Meeting

Monday, March 2, 2026

@

5:30 pm

MEB Media Center



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

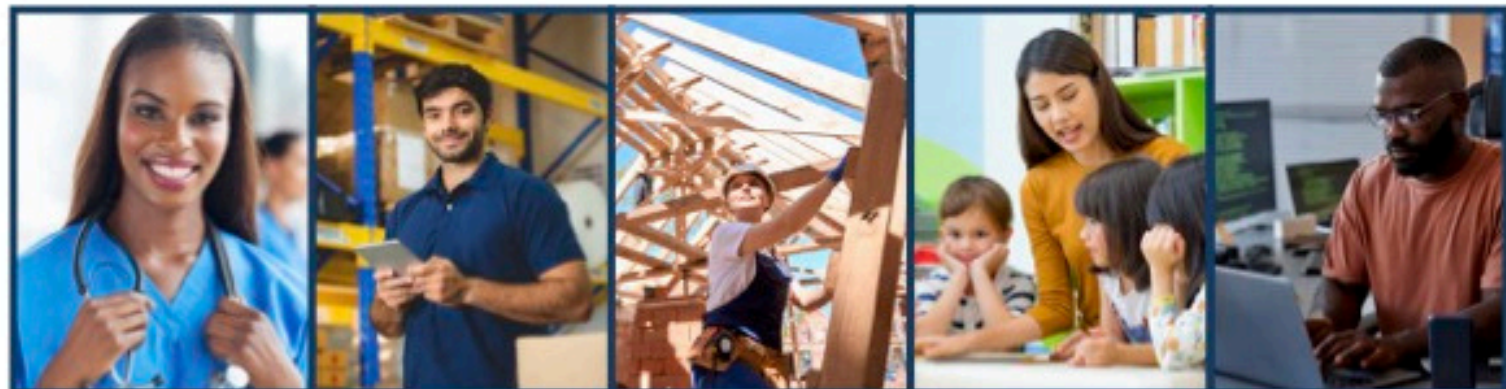


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Kentucky's Top Five In-Demand Sectors

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.

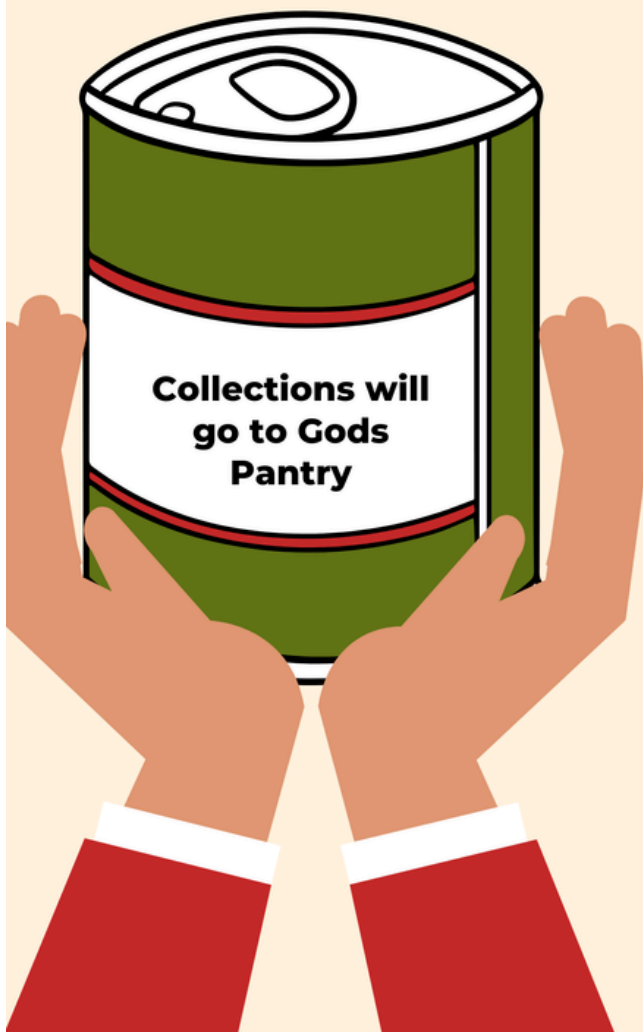
In addition to adopting the top five in-demand sectors, the KWIB voted to incorporate a review process every five years utilizing the two-phase approach of quantitative and qualitative review.

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