Henderson County Schools

Extraordinary Education . . . Every Student
The **MISSION** of Henderson County Schools is to provide extraordinary educational opportunities for every student.

**Welcome to Henderson**

Henderson, Kentucky, located on the southern bank of the Ohio River in northwest Kentucky, is a classic river town where the nature that once inspired John James Audubon still inspires life today.

Henderson County Schools educates 7,602 students from preschool through the twelfth grade throughout Henderson County. 1,100 certified and classified staff support this endeavor throughout Henderson County on 13 school campuses, including a preschool early learning center, 8 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, one high school which also houses a career and technical education center, and one alternative learning center for sixth through twelfth grade students which also includes a performance-based program.

Henderson County Schools, the only public school district in the county, has four elementary schools located within the city and four located throughout the county, representing the rural areas of Henderson. Henderson County, a "Work Ready Community," partners with Henderson County Schools to advance the career and technical education program. Henderson County Schools is proud to partner with the committed citizens of this community through such organizations as a United Way partnership to host the Toyota Born Learning Academy, the partnership of the career and technical education center with Henderson's industry and businesses, and Henderson Community College for dual credit courses.
Superintendent’s Welcome

On behalf of the students, faculty, staff, administration, and Board of Education, I would like to thank you for exploring all that Henderson County Schools has to offer. We hope that you will find useful information about the programs and services we offer to our students and staff.

The Henderson County School District is focused on student learning and achievement. We recognize and support the critical need our students have to be college and career ready with a world class education as they leave our system. However, we cannot do this alone.

Parent/guardian and community involvement and commitment are essential in providing our students a solid, rigorous and relevant education with a balance of life long skills such as: critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, adaptability, communication, and development of a stable value system.

I believe the employees of the Henderson County Schools serve all of our students with dignity and respect, holding themselves to the highest level of accountability.

Ms. Marganna Stanley

Vision Statement
The vision of Henderson County Schools is to excel as a national innovative leader in education.

Core Values
• Excellence in all we do
• Authentic service to all
• Inspire human greatness
• Genuine relationships are the foundation of everything we do
• Cultivate a community where character matters
• Own the outreach
• Be the change agent
Strategic Plan

In 2015-16, Henderson County Schools worked with students, parents, staff and community to define the priorities for HCS over the next five years. These goals and objectives will provide direction as we work toward our educational mission to provide extraordinary educational opportunities for every student. Throughout the next five years, this plan will serve as the touchstone for project development, decision-making and resource allocation.

Henderson County Schools will prepare all students to be post-secondary ready.

1. Growth toward 100% proficiency for all students in all content areas by 2021 resulting in becoming a district of distinction with all distinguished schools
2. All students graduate post-secondary and life ready

Henderson County Schools will ensure a strong financial structure that guarantees excellence through creativity and innovation.

1. Reduce the amount of unmet facility needs in the district by 50 million dollars
2. Implement energy efficiency projects
3. All schools will have secured entrances, security cameras, access control, and best-practice emergency procedures
4. Expand contingency fund to 10%
5. Increase student attendance by 1% with a goal of 96% by 2020-2021

Henderson County Schools will create future-ready leaders defining Henderson County as a community with the highest level of integrity and innovation.

1. Develop Next Generation learning skills in all students
2. Implement one to one (1:1) opportunity of electronic devices in grades 3-12 and in their learning

Henderson County Schools will seamlessly partner with families and community organizations through targeted outreach and engagement.

1. Expand transparent communication that promotes district and school information to inform citizens resulting in positive community relationships
2. Create a school culture that is embraced and promoted by the citizens of Henderson County
3. Promote wellness plan and health initiatives

Henderson County Schools will sustain an exemplary staff by creating a dynamic and compassionate culture.

1. Create an Employee Code of Excellence
2. Develop HR guidelines for hiring, retaining, and engaging employees
Thelma B. Johnson Early Learning Center
631 North Green Street
Henderson, KY  42420
270-854-0140

Mission Statement

Thelma B. Johnson Early Learning Center provides a high quality education through exploration and learning in a nurturing environment.

Thelma B. Johnson Early Learning Center is a quality early childhood center. We model the best practice through on-site consultation and mentoring. Our teaching and administrative staff have presented on what we do here at state, regional, and national levels. We are the first state funded stand-alone preschool program with an onsite administrator. The staff here provide services to children with developmental, speech, visual, and hearing impairments. The majority of our services are provided within regular early childhood classrooms. We have ongoing assessment data on each child that is utilized in classroom instructional planning. The majority of our teachers have a master’s degree, the majority of our assistants have CDA accreditation, and we are committed to giving every effort, to every child, everyday! We have an extraordinary staff!

Thelma B. Johnson Early Learning Center has grown from a student population of 208 in 2012 to our largest enrollment to date-428 students-in just 4 years.

9 of our 14 teachers have been with us since the school opened and 9 of the 14 classrooms have obtained a Classrooms of Excellence award.

4 of our 14 Teachers are pursuing their National Board Certification.
Elementary Schools
Each of the eight public elementary schools throughout Henderson County offers a unique culture and identity that enhances its own neighborhood. At the same time, the curriculum throughout the district provides every student with the opportunity to excel.

Henderson County Schools embraces our responsibility to create productive citizens with honed employability skills through teaching and participating in the elementary Leader in Me™ program, a nationally recognized Covey program. The Leader in Me™ program is implemented at seven of the eight elementary schools.
A.B. Chandler
Elementary School

11215 U.S. Hwy 60 West
Corydon, KY 42406
270-533-1760

“We are EXTRAORDINARY!” A. B. Chandler is a Leader in Me™ Lighthouse School, recognized for our exemplary commitment and achievement in leadership. We always do whatever it takes for students to be successful! Our staff is extremely close, like family. We build those relationships with parents, students and among ourselves. We implement the 7 habits and do our best to model them for our students by living them each day. Our students learn by doing, and our philosophy is that students take ownership of their education by proving what they can do through action. This translates directly to the Leader in Me™ program, which teaches our students how to be leaders at an early age and use their talents to help others. We are EXTRAORDINARY!

All staff and students belong to a house. During our house meetings, staff and students benefit from working together on team building activities, community service projects, character building activities and more.

Students have many opportunities to showcase their leadership abilities, whether in the classroom or throughout the school. Intermediate students lead tutoring sessions to help younger students with reading skills.

One of the true highlights of A.B. Chandler is the arts program. We are the only elementary school in Henderson County privileged to have a drama class during school hours as part of the curriculum for all students. Through the music program, students are also given opportunities to reach out to the Henderson community. For example, our Christmas choir sings at local nursing homes.

A.B. Chandler is located on a beautiful campus with acres of land, including walking trails for staff and students to enjoy. We are privileged to be located in a close-knit community that provides amazing support.

Mission Statement

Learning is our TOP priority...
Whatever it takes.

I am a Chandler Cheetah.
I take pride in my home, my school and my community.
Learning is my top priority.
I respect my parents, my teachers, and myself.
I am smart!
I am talented!
I will achieve!

Building leaders one child at a time.
Bend Gate Elementary School
920 Bend Gate Road
Henderson, KY 42420
270-831-5043

Mission Statement
The mission of Bend Gate Elementary School is to educate and challenge ALL students to achieve their full academic, social, emotional, and physical potential in a supportive environment thereby ensuring success by encouraging them to become lifelong learners.

Vision
Our vision is for our students to love to learn, to be empowered, to be accomplished, and to be determined to succeed.

We are the Gators and we are Gator Strong!!

We are a Leader in Me™ school.

We celebrate our diversity. We have many students from different countries who come to us with a variety of different languages.

We have a supportive, growing PTA.

Bend Gate faculty embraces collaborative, supportive instruction and culture.
Cairo Elementary School

10694 U.S. Hwy 41A
Henderson, KY  42420
270-533-4827

Cairo Elementary provides a family atmosphere for all staff and students. This small school teaches more than academics. It teaches your child to be a leader and to become prepared to be a thriving citizen in this community. Cairo also teaches students to find their voice by offering clubs, events, and sports in which the students can excel. Lastly, Cairo teaches your child to build others up and not tear them down. We teach that life is not just about “me” it’s about “we.” Together is better and that is modeled at our school.

Cairo teaches students to listen and be kind to others. Students are encouraged to follow the 7 Habits, and use them at home and school. Students are often complimented in the community for the way they shine as leaders while participating in events.

Cairo Elementary is a warm and inviting school that treats all members (students, parents, faculty, and staff) as family, as it is a close knit community school.

Cairo Elementary is unique because it is such a family atmosphere. Each faculty member treats each student as if he/she is his/her own child. Each student at our school is loved and encouraged by each faculty member.

Cairo continues to make great gains in student achievement. Our students and staff work hard each day to ensure that growth is made by each child.

Mission Statement

Our Cairo family will lead by:
Learning together
Encouraging others
Achieving goals
Doing our best.

Vision

I will be a respectful, responsible, and safe leader.
Mission Statement

As leaders in the East Heights family, we will treat each other with respect. We value positive relationships, individual talents, and continuous learning. Our goal is to live by the 7 Habits every day.

East Heights is a welcoming school to nearly 580 students and their families. Our students and staff work hard everyday to achieve great academic success and to become exceptional leaders for our community. We do this by setting and working toward high expectations and by living the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Henry the Hawk is our school mascot, and red and white are our school colors. Go Hawks!

We are a 3rd year Leader in Me™ school!

We offer a variety of after school activities for our students, including 100 Mile Club, Hawk Choir, National Elementary Honor Society, Academic Team, and sports such as basketball and cheerleading.

Our students participate in weekly Leadership Teams to learn new skills and to collaborate with one another. Some examples of Student Leadership Teams include Gardening, Dance, Young Gents, Girl Power, Staff Appreciation, Sewing, Art, and many others.

Our staff strives to develop positive relationships with students to enhance their learning experiences at school.

Student achievement is celebrated at monthly Honors Luncheons. Perfect attendance, Club 90 and academic success are just a few of the student achievements that are recognized at the luncheons.
Jefferson Elementary School

315 Jackson Street
Henderson, KY 42420
270-831-5090

Our staff works diligently to provide a variety of rigorous and relevant learning experiences within our school culture. State and federally funded programs such as Title 1, Family Resource Center, and an Extended School Daytime Waiver program are helping our students to make great strides toward state mandated goals. Each day Jefferson students and staff show we are part of a true learning community.

Our students and staff follow the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People on a daily basis. We teach our students to be leaders and to dig deep to find their own voice. We expect our students to become leaders at a young age no matter what challenges they face. Our staff has formed a tight bond as we have developed into a school based around leadership opportunities. Leadership is embedded into the walls of our building, and we are truly seeing the benefits!

We are a Leader In Me™ School. Leadership and following the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People are the foundation of our school.

In 2015-2016 we were named a Proficient and Progressing school by the KY Department of Education!

We make all decisions based on what is best for our students!

Jefferson Elementary is scheduled to have a brand new school building built in the next 3-4 years.

Mission Statement

The mission of Jefferson Elementary is to ensure exceptional educational opportunities for ALL.

School Pledge and Guidelines for Success:
I am a Jefferson LEADER.
I serve my home, school, and community with pride.
I work hard to become a better leader and a better me. I choose to LEAD!

Listen- I listen with my eyes, ears, and heart.
Effort- I always do my best.
Accountability- I take responsibility for myself.
Determined- I am ready to lead and learn.
Mission Statement

As a team, Niagara will challenge all students to be learners and leaders.

Vision

Niagara will be recognized across the community and state as a leader in academic success.

Commitments

1. We commit to develop relationships with students and staff.
2. We commit to providing differentiated instruction to challenge all students.
3. We commit to work as a team to reflect on instructional practices and make changes.
4. We commit to help students discover and develop leadership skills.

Niagara Elementary School is in rural Henderson County and has an average enrollment of approximately 325 students. We have a very active parent community and PTA. They sponsor many family and community events throughout the year to bring people together and raise money for our school. We are recognized for our high performance on state and local assessments. We have high quality teachers and staff who are dedicated to helping students learn and be community leaders.

Niagara is moving forward at a fast pace to be a blended learning environment where all students have access to technology.

Niagara offers students many opportunities beyond the regular school day (STLP, ESS, Two Mile Tuesday, STEM club, boys/girls basketball, cheer, academic team, etc.)

At Niagara, reading is our #1 priority. All students set goals using the Accelerated Reader program. They read and read to reach those goals to receive personal and public recognition. Typically 95% or more of our students reach their goal!

Niagara is a school with a family atmosphere. We have a staff that considers one another a work family. We love our students as our own and we take pride in their success. We work closely with parents and guardians to make students the best they can be.
South Heights Elementary School

1199 Madison Street
Henderson, KY 42420
270-831-5082

South Heights Elementary believes that every child was born to be amazing, and it is our job to make sure they become what they were born to be. We are not a traditional K-5 school. Our "reach" extends years before our students come to us and long after they are gone. We believe in strong relationships, engaging instruction, and implementing new ways of ensuring our students' success!

We are a 6 time National Model School (2011-2016).
We are a National School Change Award Winner.
We are featured in four books and one book devoted a whole chapter on our school.
We have had over 500 visitors from other schools across the nation in the last 5 years.
All of these awesome facts are a reflection of how much we love our students and we have no intention of stopping!

Mission Statement
We succeed no exceptions no excuses.
We will change the world beginning at “the 1199 (our address)!"

Guidelines for Success
Strive for Excellence, Accept Responsibility, Interact Respectfully, Learn to Cooperate

Vision statement
In 5 years, South Heights will be an anchor of change in the community by bridging the gap from birth through college!

Beliefs
Lead like you want to be led. Go BIG or go home!
You have to believe it to see it. There are no job descriptions and ideas rule.
Spottsville Elementary School
9190 U.S. Hwy 60 East
Spottsville, KY  42458
270-831-5136

Mission Statement
It is the mission of Spottsville Elementary School to Live Respectfully, Lead with Integrity and Achieve with Excellence.

Vision/Goals
We, the leaders of Spottsville Elementary, will instill within our students a lifelong desire to learn and lead in a diverse society. We will provide a distinguished education that enables all students to achieve their goals and be successful throughout their lives. By modeling and teaching respect, responsibility, and integrity, we will build character and achieve excellence. Our decisions will be based on the best interest of our students to prepare them for an ever-changing world.

Slogan
Spottsville Panthers are on top. Blue and Gold can’t be stopped.

Spottsville Elementary School is a large rural elementary school located in Spottsville, Kentucky. The faculty and staff work diligently every day helping students believe in themselves, achieve their goals and be successful today as well as in the future. Spottsville’s faculty and staff members want ALL students to reach their highest potential and be leaders in our world both today and tomorrow. Students are offered a variety of rigorous and relevant learning experiences within a school culture that is very student centered.

We are a Leader in Me™ school and strive to find the talents in each child. We are working diligently to help students grow in their abilities to model and apply the 7 Habits.

The New Spottsville Elementary

During the 2017-2018 school year, the new Spottsville Elementary School will be finished. Our new school will be state of the art and very inviting and welcoming for our families.

For the past several years, we have led the district with the most students on or above grade level according to Math MAP scores for the Fall, Winter, and Spring testing sessions.

We are a distinguished school and strive hard every day to continue this progress.

We offer many extra-curricular activities for our students such as Archery, Academic Team, Cross Country Running, Zumba, Book Clubs, Student Leaders, 4H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and many more.
Middle Schools
Our middle schools build on the strong foundation of our elementary schools, expanding the student’s involvement well beyond the classroom. Students participate in extracurricular academic clubs, athletic teams, programs in the fine arts, and a diverse array of special interest clubs. From robotics to football to jazz band, our students are exposed to teamwork, leadership, and personal development.

Both middle schools have a uniform dress code.

Purpose and vision for the dress code are as follows:

• Dress for success and be prepared to learn
• Create a level playing field/reduce socioeconomic disparities
• Focus on studies rather than clothes
• Promote school pride
North Middle School
1707 Second Street
Henderson, KY 42420
270-831-5060

North Middle School is home to approximately 850 Cadets that form the "NMS North Nation." Our students work to demonstrate character inside and outside of the classroom, achieve academically, excel in sports, and get involved in clubs and organizations to achieve excellence in all we do. Our staff continually works to meet student needs, works closely with our families and community partners, and finds ways to improve our skills and abilities to teach and engage students inside and outside the classroom. We see ourselves as a bridge that moves our students from children to young adults.

Mission Statement

Striving for excellence in all we do.

Our Guidelines for Success are:
Come prepared
Always be respectful
Demonstrate a positive attitude
Effort in all tasks
Take responsibility
Show cooperation

Our North Nation Creed:
I am a North Middle School Cadet. My future is controlled by the choices I make today. Education is the key to my success. I will not let anything stand in the way of my dreams. There are no excuses.

As a CADET I will
Come prepared
Always be respectful
Demonstrate a positive attitude
Show Effort in all tasks
Take responsibility and
Show cooperation

Together we are North Nation and we are Cadet Strong.

We have amazing extra-curricular activities such as Cadet Cafe, soccer, football, basketball, volleyball, track, cross country, archery, cheer, dance, You Be the Chemist, Jazz Band, Academic Team and many others.

We celebrate our students through 9 week assemblies, PBIS (positive behavior) rewards, and rallies with our students.

We have more than 455 devices for student use in our building and are working to integrate our instructional strategies with technology.

Our last literacy event, Literacy Madness, was attended by more than 850 people and was the largest attended literacy night in Henderson County last year.

Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NMSCadets.
#NMSNorthNation  #CadetStrong
At South Middle School, we value character, discipline, hard work, and integrity. Excellence in academics and behavior is an expectation at SMS. We are constantly “raising the bar” because we know that being average is not good enough in our world today. We are progressive and bold in starting new initiatives that will accelerate our students to greatness. We believe in the Whole Child Concept, meaning a child’s social and emotional development is of the utmost importance. Students at SMS love coming to school because of the way they are treated by both staff and fellow students. Our goal is to get every student connected to an extra-curricular activity. Getting them involved with a group of outstanding peers and adults will enhance their self-image and self-worth.

**EXCELLENCE in all we do**

**Recent Academic Achievement Numbers**
- A Kentucky “School of Distinction” (Awarded to the Top 5 Percentile Schools)
- 19th out of 327 KY Middle Schools in Academic Achievement
- 8th out of 327 KY Middle Schools in Math Achievement
- 9th out of 327 KY Middle Schools on College Prep Exam

**Award Winning Extra Curricular Programs**
- Distinguished Band and Choir Programs
- State Champions in Boys Basketball (2011) and Dance (2012, 2013)

**Advanced Elective Classes**
- Advanced Elective Classes (Students must earn their way in these courses through high academic achievement)

- Art, Band, Choir, Creativity, Drama, Leadership, Pre-Engineering (Gateway to Technology)
The Henderson County High School community strives to create a passion for learning in a reflective environment that promotes **PRIDE**: Preparation, Respect, Integrity, Dependability, and Effort. By working to reach their greatest potential, Henderson County High School students will learn to live as lifelong learners, express themselves effectively, acquire essential knowledge and skills, respect themselves and others and navigate within a variety of communities in their quest for success.

Our high school serves students in grades 9-12. The students access a strong, well-rounded high school program which includes rigorous academics, strong career pathways, excellent Fine and Performing Arts, athletics, and a variety of extra and co-curricular activities. The school continues to perform admirably on a variety of state and national assessments. Henderson County High School assessment results find us among the best in the state in high schools, ranking continuously high in college and career readiness, graduation rate, and overall ranking.

The school has performed extremely well and garnered AP distinction as 449 students took Advanced Placement Tests with 253 students being recognized as receiving qualifying scores. The students also scored very well exceeding the state averages on the ACT exam.

Henderson County High School is a vibrant learning community where students accomplish great things!

**Governor’s Scholars Program**
The Governor’s Scholar Program is a challenging five-week residential program at a Kentucky college for outstanding Kentucky students completing their junior year in high school. Students must apply and be selected by the district selection committee to be considered for admission. They attend free of charge and are responsible for personal and incidental expenses only. There are no grades or credits given through participation in the program. The program fosters an environment where ideas are shared, discovery of learning takes place, and community is built within a diverse group of students. This program helps students achieve their academic and personal potential, develop creativity and critical thinking skills, and cultivate leadership capabilities. The academic program moves at an advanced level concentrating on concepts, theory, and discovery. The PSAT and/or ACT is a prerequisite to apply for candidacy and should be taken during the freshman and/or sophomore years. To be considered for the program, students must complete and submit the Student Nomination Packet to their guidance counselor. The applications are usually available in November of each school year.
Mission Statement

The mission of Henderson County High School is to challenge all students to become lifelong learners in their quest for success.

HCHS Vision

Henderson County High School accepts its mission as a comprehensive public high school. We, the faculty, staff, administration, students, and the community agree to support and pursue the following visions:

- Value personal and civic responsibility, academic integrity and respect.
- Accept our essential roles as collaborators in a safe learning community.
- Pursue a well-rounded, world-class education necessary for all students to achieve personal and academic excellence.

The Freshmen Initiative

The first year in high school as a freshman will be exciting yet very challenging. Therefore, Henderson County High School has implemented a Freshmen Initiative that was carefully designed with intentional activities that begin during the summer before a student’s freshman year in high school. Students will be scheduled into courses sharing a common set of teachers in their unit to create a team approach in setting goals, which will help all students be successful. Students will be recognized for outstanding achievement each nine weeks and also participate in service learning activities to gain community service experiences as well as a sense of pride and belonging to Henderson County.

Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES)

Every year that students attend a certified Kentucky high school and earn at least a 2.5 GPA, a KEES award ranging from $125 (for a 2.5 GPA) to $500 (for a 4.0 GPA) is earned. If a student earned a 4.0 GPA during all four years of high school, he/she will have earned $2,000 for college in Kentucky. This amount is renewable each academic year of college if a student earns a 2.5 GPA. Students may also earn bonus money ranging from $36 (for a 15 on the ACT or 710 on the SAT) to $500 (for an ACT of 28 or higher or SAT of 1240 or higher). Students eligible for free/reduced lunch with qualifying AP exam scores will receive additional KEES awards. He/she will receive $200 for a score of 3, $250 for a 4, and $300 for a 5. When combined with GPA awards, this means students may earn up to $2,500 or more for each year of college. For more information, please visit www.kheaa.com.

Henderson Rotary Colonels 2 College

Beginning with the class of 2013, all Henderson County High School students who graduate and earn four (4) consecutive Rotary Colonels 2 College workforce certificates could receive up to $1,000 per semester for two years at Henderson Community College. This money can be used to pay for tuition that available KEES money, scholarships, and grants do not cover. Beginning with the class of 2018, all 9th grade students will automatically be enrolled in RC2C. To stay in RC2C you must have the following:

- 2.5 yearly GPA
- No more than 7.5 excused or unexcused absences each year. This does NOT include field trips or doctor’s notes.
- No safe school violations.
- Graduate high school in 4 years or less.
Dual Credit and Advanced Placement Classes

Career pathways are useful in providing guidance, counseling and assistance to students in setting goals for high school graduation and further education. Career pathways do not limit choices since students can choose any electives they wish each year of high school if their interests change. At Henderson County High School, dual enrollment and the earning of postsecondary credits while still in high school are offered in each career pathway. Articulation agreements and dual credit programs exist between our high school and several postsecondary institutions. While students obtain high school credit upon passing the course, college credit is based on college requirements. The prerequisites for obtaining college credit are set by the college awarding the credit, and tuition is based on the agreement signed upon enrollment in dual credit. This provides a great savings on college tuition and also allows students to complete their college education in a shorter time frame. Students may also qualify for college credit at most colleges and universities if they score a 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement (AP) exam. For more information on earning college credits while still in high school, consult a high school guidance counselor.

AP Classes Offered at HCHS

- AP Art History
- AP Art Studio
- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP Environmental Science
- AP European History
- AP Human Geography
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Music Theory
- AP Physics 1,2, and/or C
- AP Psychology
- AP Research
- AP Seminar (AP Capstone Program)
- AP Spanish
- AP Statistics
- AP US Government
- AP US History

Governor’s School for the Arts

The Governor’s School for the Arts (GSA) is an unparalleled program created to provide intense development in the arts area of the participant’s choice. GSA is a summer residential program held for three weeks on the University of Transylvania campus in Lexington, Kentucky.

During the three weeks over 200 of Kentucky’s finest are guided by a faculty of professional artists/educators in nine different arts disciplines: Architecture, Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Musical Theatre, Instrumental Music, New Media, Visual Art, and Vocal Music. Grade point average is not a factor in the selection/audition process, and the program is open to all Kentucky sophomores and juniors. GSA is free to all selected students.

Graduates of the program are eligible for a host of scholarships and educational opportunities in all fields of study. In addition, twenty colleges and universities welcome GSA alums with scholarships just for completing the program.
CTE Career Pathways

Students at Henderson County High School have the opportunity to participate in Career and Technical Education. Career and Technical Education is a blend of highly technical and rigorous academic instruction that aligns with a student’s Career Pathway. CTE courses provide relevant instruction that place an emphasis on 21st century skills, and a blend of technical and academic knowledge that prepare students to become college and career ready.

The Henderson County High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) Unit is one of the largest single CTE programs in the state of Kentucky. Students at HCHS have the opportunity to pursue a career major in one or more of the 16 nationally recognized Career Clusters.

Career Pathways increase student achievement, as well as help students transition seamlessly into postsecondary education. Students can earn one or more Career Major Certificates in addition to their high school diploma. These Career Major Certificates will help build a strong portfolio a student can use when pursuing additional education or employment. All students should have some idea of their likes, dislikes, and aptitudes to help them determine where they are going after high school. Students also need an education and a career plan that transcends high school into at least the first two years of postsecondary education or training to make sure they have their next steps planned after high school. One of the biggest benefits of the career majors is helping students make a seamless transition to postsecondary education with dual credit opportunities.

Today’s students need to:
• Be critical thinkers and problem solvers.
• Have excellent communication and digital literacy skills.
• Master challenging core content.

Career Pathways:
• Increase student achievement and the number of students who complete postsecondary education.
• Increase high school motivation and achievement by helping students make the connection between what they are learning in school and success in future educational and employment opportunities.
• Help students better realize the relevance of education to their lives and set to work building futures that match their aspirations.

School of Fine Arts
New to Henderson County High School, the School of Fine Arts (SOFA) is an acceptance-by-audition program that creates a fine arts pathway for students throughout their high school career. Students who are highly talented in the arts and are looking for specialized experiences throughout the arts can audition in the eighth grade to enter the School of Fine Arts their freshman year.
Central Academy (CAS) serves middle and high school students in Henderson County. Students are referred to Central by their home schools. Classes are direct instruction, teacher-taught classes or self-paced courses. The Performance-Based Program is a non-traditional, voluntary high school program using flexible scheduling to create a differently scheduled, independent mode for credit achievement. The program will address the educational needs of students age 16 and older. It allows progress toward completion of a diploma for students not on track to graduate with their peers or who have significant barriers to their success in a traditional high school setting.

Students use a program called Odysseyware to complete self-paced courses.

Students attending CAS complete community hours such as tutoring and service work.

We have many community volunteers involved in our school.

We have an awesome staff who truly cares about our students.

CAS is a place where students can make a change.
**Chrome-book Pilot and Technology 1:1 Plan**

As part of our official 5 year 1:1 plan by 2020, we introduced a class set of Chrome-books into each school in the district, which is about 300 chrome-books. The teachers involved in this pilot program were given additional 1:1 training and have been meeting regularly to share ideas. The goals of this pilot program were to gather information on the usability, durability, and functionality of each model of device. Through classroom observations, and student/teacher interviews, data was gathered and used to determine the appropriate device that will be used as we explore the possibility of a full 1:1 initiative.

In addition to the district initiative, several schools have begun using their school based funds to broaden the scope of this project with support from the district office and many more teachers are ready and asking for additional training and devices.

Next steps in the plan include adding chrome-books for teachers as well as adding several classroom sets of Chrome-books to the pilot implementation across the district. Ongoing training for teachers, students, and administrators is also key to the implementation and is applied in everyday productivity. All students/staff have been given Google Apps for Education (GAFE) accounts and will have access to these resources on school devices.

We look forward to this initiative as it helps us provide extraordinary educational opportunities for our students that help them excel as innovative leaders in our society.

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**Kentucky Next Generation Leadership Networks**

**Henderson County Schools** has been selected as one of twenty districts throughout Kentucky who will work alongside each other to enhance and enrich their knowledge, skills, and practices in Next Generation Leadership Networks. The mission will be to immerse these district leadership teams in a model of inquiry- and problem-based learning around a specific locally identified problem of practice related to scaling highly effective teaching, learning, and assessment practices.

The system of Leadership Networks (2010-2016) in Kentucky was designed to support the quality implementation of the requirements set forth in Senate Bill 1 (2009). Specifically, the networks were intended to build the capacity of each district in the Commonwealth as they implement Kentucky’s Academic Standards, develop assessment literacy among all educators, and work toward ensuring that every student is college and career ready.

Next Generation Leadership Network targets include:

- Study/understand current research base on professional learning that links educator learning to student success;
- Acquire strategies and tactics to design, implement, and evaluate system change;
- Acquire a deep understanding of each district’s role in implementing KY’s Standards for Professional Learning to apply these standards to the development of policy and practices;
- Identify a problem of practice relevant to current work responsibilities and design, implement, and evaluate a plan of action to address the problem over the next two years.
- Support district, school, and teacher leaders (DLT) to design, implement, and evaluate effective professional learning needed to address the district’s problem of practice and support continuous improvement;
- Build a statewide network of colleagues that provides resources and support, serves as critical friends and learning partners to support implementation of learning; and offers guidance and examples of other districts' application of effective professional learning practices;

In an effort to achieve statewide P12 coherency, each network will be facilitated by a team consisting of instructional specialists with diverse areas of expertise from the KDE, while bringing in other partners/experts as needed to support team learning.