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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?

Montgomery County High School has a student body that consists of approximately 1,300 students in grades 9-12. It is situated in the community of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky with a population of 7,166 and a county population of 288,157. There are four elementary schools and a single middle school that are providing students to our one high school. Montgomery County population includes 84.9% of high school graduate or higher education and 15.7% of a college bachelor degree or higher. The median income is \$45,516, persons below the poverty level is 15.8% as provided by the US Census Bureau. Mt. Sterling, KY, 30 miles east of Lexington, is the economic center of Montgomery County. Mt. Sterling's top industries include manufacturing, transportation and business services. Major employers range from Nestle, which makes its Hot Pocket and Lean Pocket products in Mt. Sterling, to automotive part suppliers. Mt. Sterling's quality of life attractions include golf, a regional arts center, a new hospital and a satellite campus for Morehead State University. Mt. Sterling/Montgomery County, a four-time 100 Best Community winner, was honored for its programs that offer young people service opportunities, access to extracurricular activities and a supportive educational environment. Giving back and serving the community is another priority for Mt. Sterling/Montgomery County. Our high school has multiple extra-curricular activities that serve our community. Those include athletic teams, Future Business Leaders of America, Future Farmers of America, KYA, KUNA, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Play Pals, SERVE, Beta Club, Key Club and various other student activities.

### School Stakeholders

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

Stakeholder groups include teachers, students, parents, community members. We have an SBDM council that consists of teacher representatives elected by their peers and parent representatives represented by their peers. Our youth service center has established an advisory council of students to get student input on various school topics. We provide multiple opportunities for community members to become involved at the school level through out JAG program and our Work Ethics Seal program. We also have multiple open house nights to encourage parent involvement.

### School's Purpose

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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.

#### MCHS Belief Statement:

The faculty of MCHS believes our role as teachers is to act as positive models for our students through collaborating, inspiring, and effectively communicating; such an environment will challenge all students to learn at high levels in order to achieve college and/or career readiness.

This was last revised prior to 2018.

In order to carry out our school's mission and to accomplish Kentucky's learning goals, we will:

- *Develop School Based Decision Making (SBDM) policies which contribute either directly or indirectly to enhancing student achievement.*
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- *Complete an annual needs assessment including but not limited to analyzing student performance.*
- *Annually revise our Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) to address identified needs.*
- *Budget and hire to support our CSIP.*

#### 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.

#### **Notable Achievements**

- Student committed to play college baseball
- FFA State Fair Accomplishments:
  - Land judging First Place in state-Dairy Judging Senior Division 4th place in state
  - Senior Livestock Judging 4th overall in state
  - Seed ID 2nd in state
  - Livestock Showing - Grand Champion KY Proud Chi Steer - Reserve Overall KY Proud Steer
- Students received the National Rural and Small Town Award from College Board
- Student named a Commended Student in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program

- Individual Boys Golfer qualified for the second round of the State Tournament
- Montgomery County Culinary JR Chef Team competed in the National Food Challenge Contest
- Boys soccer won the district tournament for the 12th time in a row
- Boys soccer won the regional tournament for the 3rd time in a row
- Bass Fishing Coach named the NFHS Coaches Association State Award for the Commonwealth
- marching band, who placed 12th at the KMEA AAA East regionals!
- Cross country runners qualified for the state cross country meet
- Students finished 9th at the National FFA Agriscience Fair Division
- FFA Vet Science team placed 7th in the state
- Wrestling advanced to the state tournament
- Montgomery County DYW finished in the Top 10 at the state DYW event.
- Mock Trial red team won the regional tournament and the state tournament, advancing on to the state tournament
- MCHS Boy's bowling won region 8 tournament
- MCHS partners won the Region 8 Unified Bowling Championship
- Academic team won the 40th district tournament
- MCHS Chess team won the regional tournament.
- Cross country and Track and Field had multiple school records and personal records broke the state record
- 7 individual wrestlers qualified for the state tournament.
- MCHS was in Murray State University's top 10 schools in enrollment for dual credit ag course
- MCHS Small Engine class helped repair damaged farm equipment from the Eastern Kentucky University
- MCHS Bass Fishing brought home another state title and won the 2023 KY High School SAFETY award
- MCHS Choirs are distinguished!
- MCHS Bass Fishing won the 2023 Girls State Bass Fishing tournament.

### **Areas of Improvement**

- Increase proficiency in all areas
- Reduce novice for students with disabilities
- Increase postsecondary readiness

### Additional Information

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

# Attachment Summary

Attachment Name	Description	Associated Item(s)
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