

High School Graduating Class of 2023

Laurel County

The Kentucky High School Feedback Report is produced by the Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS) utilizing data from the Kentucky Longitudinal Data System (KLDS), which includes data from the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), and the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). This report provides the most complete and accurate data about college-going and first year success that exists for this school. It provides data on students who graduated from public high schools in 2022-23 and were enrolled at an in-state college or university during the 2023-24 academic year. **First year success looks at the subgroup of graduates who enrolled at an in-state public college or university only.**

**A. Overall, how do graduates from this school compare to others in Kentucky?**

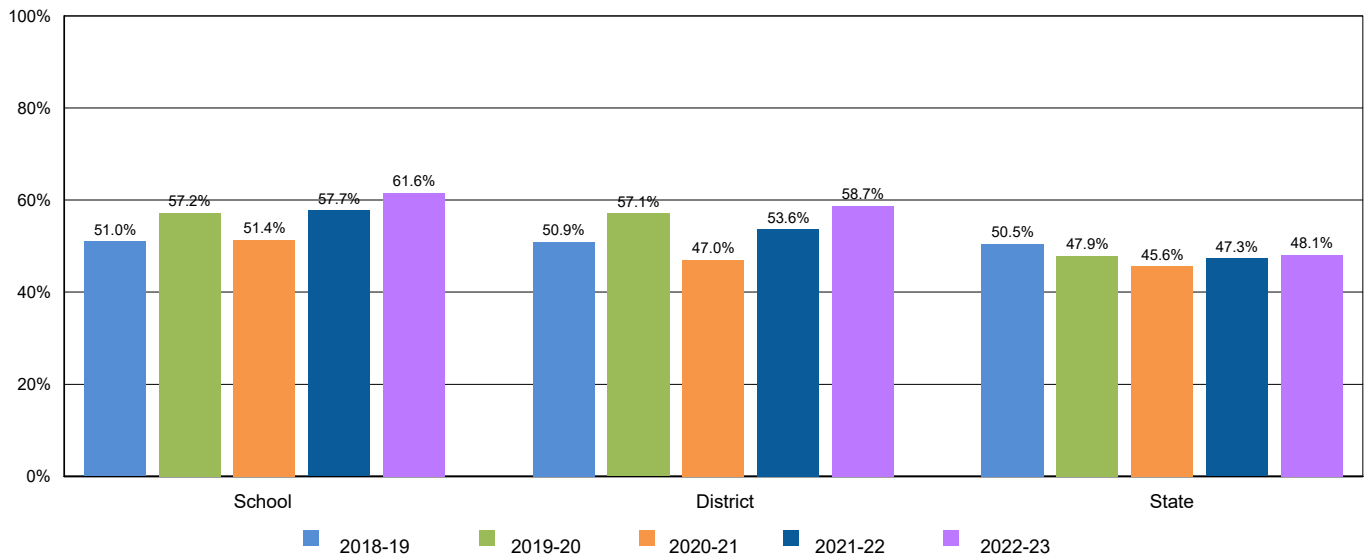
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	School	District	Kentucky
1. Number of high school graduates	224	533	46,804
2. Average high school GPA	3.17	3.19	3.02
3. Percent of students in this class who were eligible for free or reduced lunch	59.4%	56.5%	52.1%
4. Average junior year ACT scores for this class			
Composite:	19.5	19.8	18.5
a. English	19.3	19.5	17.8
b. Mathematics	18.7	19.4	18.0
c. Reading	20.0	20.3	19.1
d. Science	19.4	19.6	18.7
5. Percent of these graduates who enrolled in at least one Advanced Placement (AP) course	62.1%	47.5%	34.4%
6. Percent of these graduates earning college credit prior to graduation	45.1%	42.6%	57.3%
7. Percent of these graduates earning an industry certificate	15.6%	11.4%	25.8%
8. Percent of these graduates who were academic and/or career ready (as defined by KDE)	83.3%	81.7%	80.7%
9. In-state college-going rate for graduates from this class	61.6%	58.7%	48.1%

**Quick Statistics**

High school graduation rate (cohort)	89.1%
Percent of graduates academic ready**	78.8%
Percent of graduates career ready**	56.8%
Percent of graduates academic and/or career ready**	83.3%
Average KEES Awards earned by these graduates	\$1,448
<b>College-going rates:</b>	
a. In-state college-going rate	61.6%
b. Eligible for free/reduced price lunch	52.6%
c. Earned college credit	81.2%
d. Did not earn college credit	45.5%
Percent earning 30 or more credit hours in first year of college	24.3%
Average first year of college GPA	2.66
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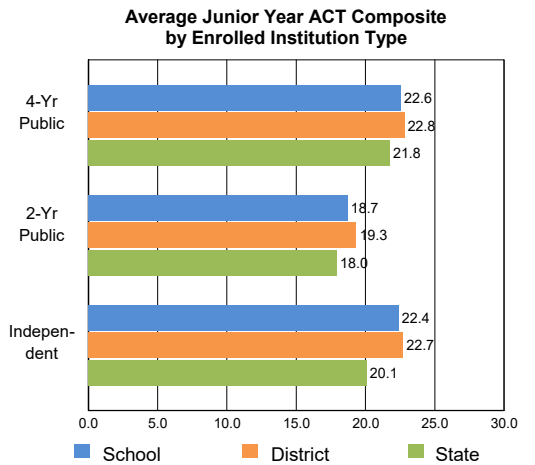
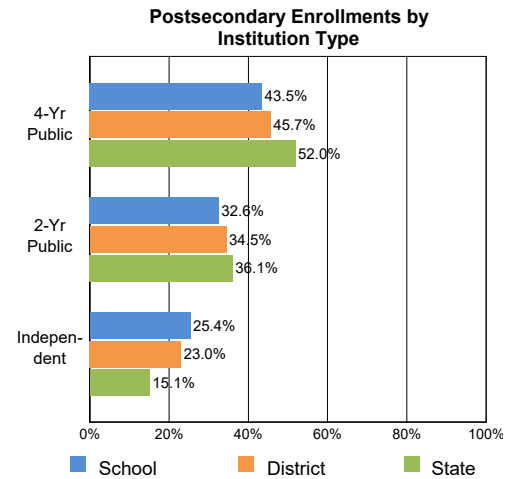
**In-State College-Going Rates Compared to Previous Graduating Classes**



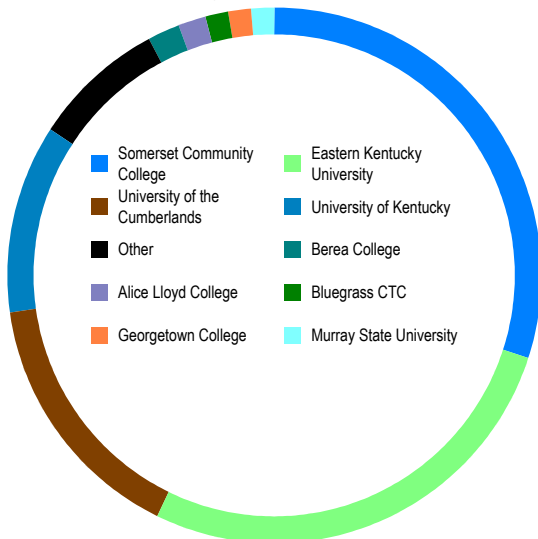
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**B. What types of in-state colleges and universities did graduates from this school attend?**

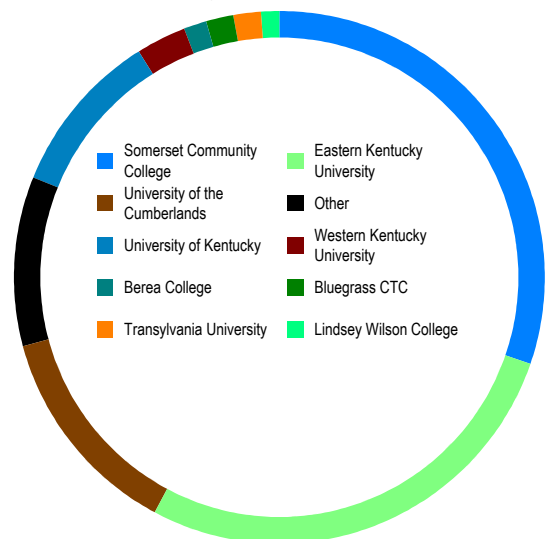
	School	District	Kentucky
1. Number of high school graduates entering college	138	313	22,532
2. Type of college or university attended			
a. Four-year public university	43.5%	45.7%	52.0%
b. Two-year public community or technical college (KCTCS)	32.6%	34.5%	36.1%
c. Independent	25.4%	23.0%	15.1%
3. College-going rates for specific student populations			
a. Male	50.9%	48.7%	40.6%
b. Female	72.3%	68.5%	55.8%
c. White	59.9%	57.6%	48.9%
d. African-American	*	*	42.6%
e. Hispanic/Latino	*	*	43.1%
f. Eligible for free/reduced lunch	52.6%	46.8%	39.6%
g. Special education	*	25.7%	20.2%
h. Academic and/or career ready**	70.8%	68.9%	56.3%
i. Not academic or career ready**	17.9%	17.1%	15.9%
j. Enrolled in at least one AP course	78.4%	79.8%	67.9%
k. Earned college credit prior to graduation	81.2%	83.7%	63.1%
4. Average ACT composite score by type of college or university attended			
a. Four-year public university	22.6	22.8	21.8
b. Two-year public community or technical college (KCTCS)	18.7	19.3	18.0
c. Independent	22.4	22.7	20.1



Top Postsecondary Institutions Attended by Graduates of this School



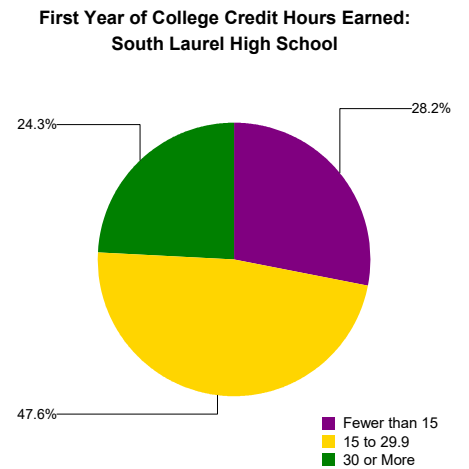
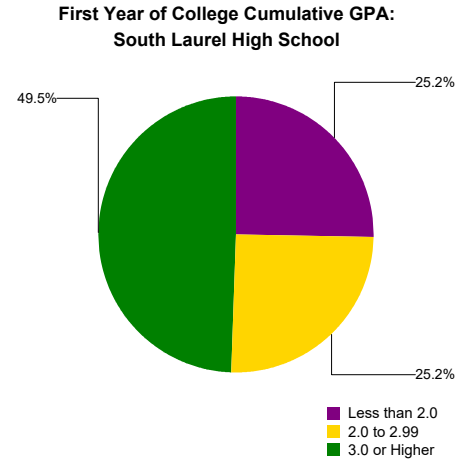
Top Postsecondary Institutions Attended by Graduates of this District



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**C. How did graduates from this school perform in their first year at in-state public colleges and universities?**

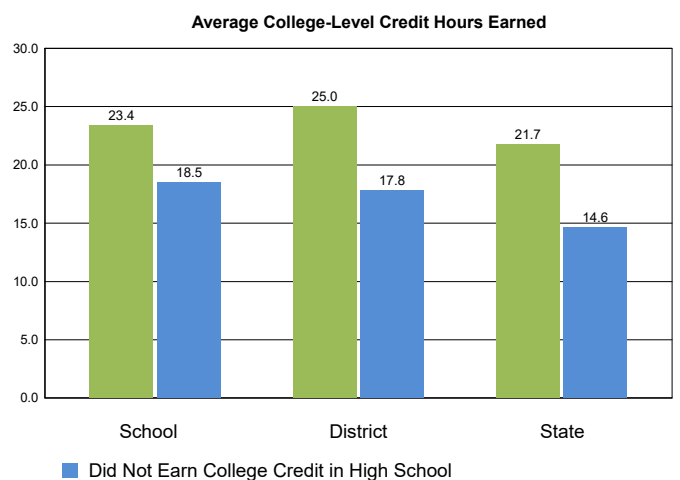
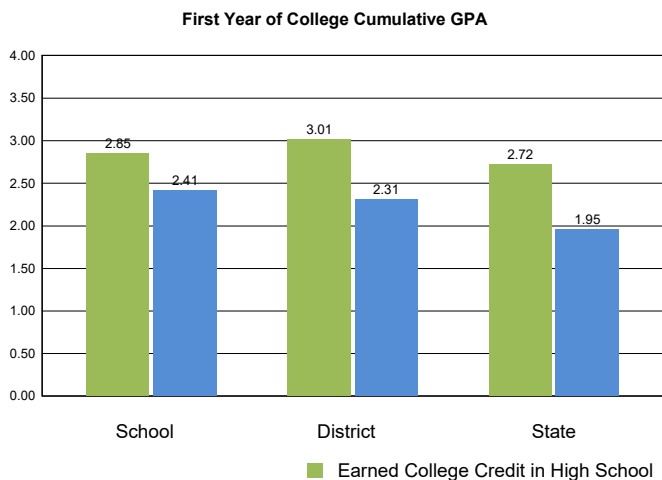
	School	District	Kentucky
1. Percent of graduates who started as full-time students	90.3%	92.9%	89.5%
2. Degree or credential sought			
a. Bachelor's degree	50.5%	52.3%	56.1%
b. Associate degree	32.0%	32.8%	38.4%
c. Certificate or diploma	16.5%	14.1%	4.7%
d. Not designated/undecided/undeclared/no degree	1.0%	0.8%	0.9%
3. Percent with first year of college cumulative GPA of			
a. Less than 2.0	25.2%	23.2%	28.2%
b. 2.0 to 2.99	25.2%	21.2%	23.3%
c. 3.0 or higher	49.5%	55.6%	48.5%
4. Average credit hours in first year of college			
a. Attempted (includes developmental)	25.5	26.1	25.2
b. Completed (includes developmental)	24.7	24.9	23.3
c. Earned (non-developmental only)	21.3	22.1	20.0
5. Number of college-level credit hours earned in first year of college			
a. Fewer than 15 hours	28.2%	24.1%	30.4%
b. 15 hours to 29.9 hours	47.6%	48.5%	47.1%
c. 30 hours or more	24.3%	27.4%	22.4%



**Comparing College Performance by Earning College Credit in High School**

6. Average first year cumulative GPA			
a. Earned college credit in high school	2.85	3.01	2.72
b. Did not earn college credit in high school	2.41	2.31	1.95
7. Average college-level credit hours earned			
a. Earned college credit in high school	23.4	25.0	21.7
b. Did not earn college credit in high school	18.5	17.8	14.6

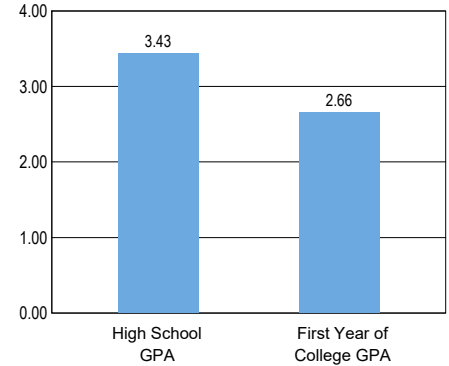
**College Performance by Earning College Credit in High School**



Comparing High School and College Grades

	School	District	Kentucky
8. Average cumulative GPA			
a. High school	3.43	3.46	3.35
b. First year of college	2.66	2.73	2.53
9. Average cumulative grade in math			
a. Senior year of high school	3.40	3.40	3.16
b. First year of college	2.37	2.44	2.28
10. Average cumulative grade in English			
a. Senior year of high school	3.61	3.48	3.27
b. First year of college	3.02	2.90	2.72
11. Average cumulative grade in science			
a. Senior year of high school	3.27	3.31	3.25
b. First year of college	2.82	2.95	2.59

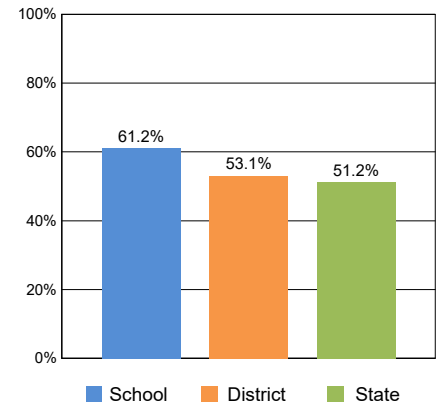
Average Cumulative GPA for Graduates of South Laurel High School



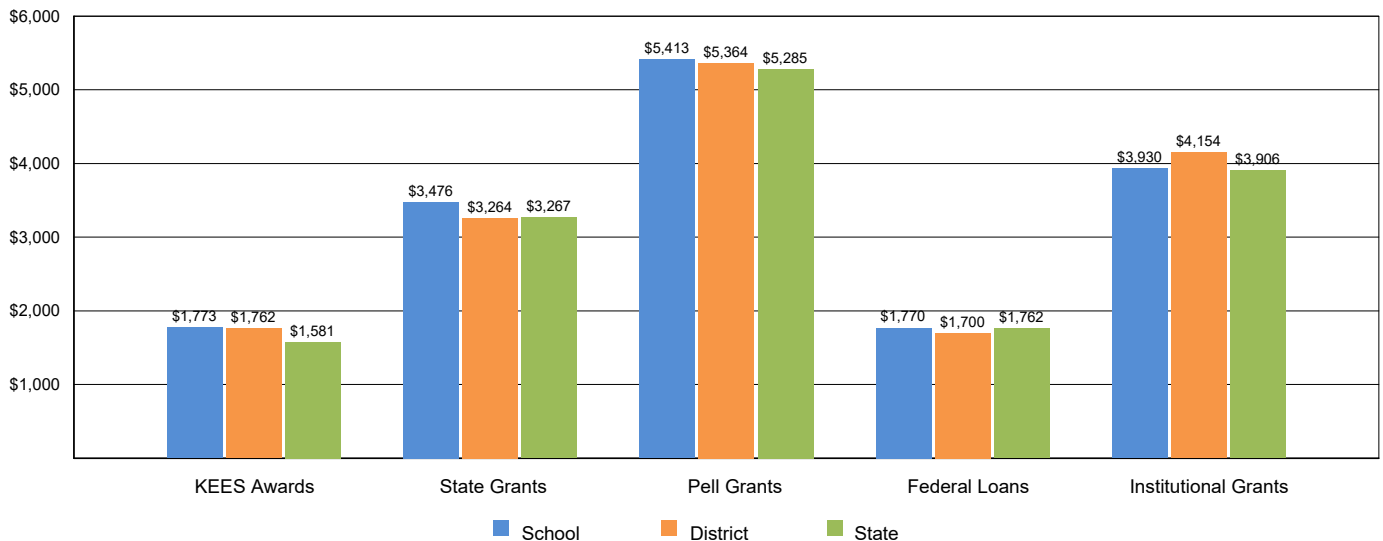
**D. What types of financial aid did in-state public college and university attendees from this school receive?**

	School	District	Kentucky
<b>State Aid</b>			
12. Average Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) award	\$1,773	\$1,762	\$1,581
13. State grants			
a. Average need-based grant	\$1,922	\$1,632	\$1,760
b. Average non-need grant	\$1,554	\$1,632	\$1,507
<b>Federal Aid</b>			
14. Average Pell grant	\$5,413	\$5,364	\$5,285
15. Federal loans			
a. Average need-based loan	\$1,171	\$1,092	\$1,156
b. Average non-need loan	\$599	\$608	\$606
<b>Institutional Aid</b>			
16. Average institutional grant	\$3,930	\$4,154	\$3,906

Percent of These College Attendees Receiving a Pell Grant



Average Per Student Financial Aid Award by Type



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