

High School Graduating Class of 2023

Mercer 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?

In order to ensure the confidentiality of individuals, some data items have been redacted. Redacted data are represented by an asterisk (*).

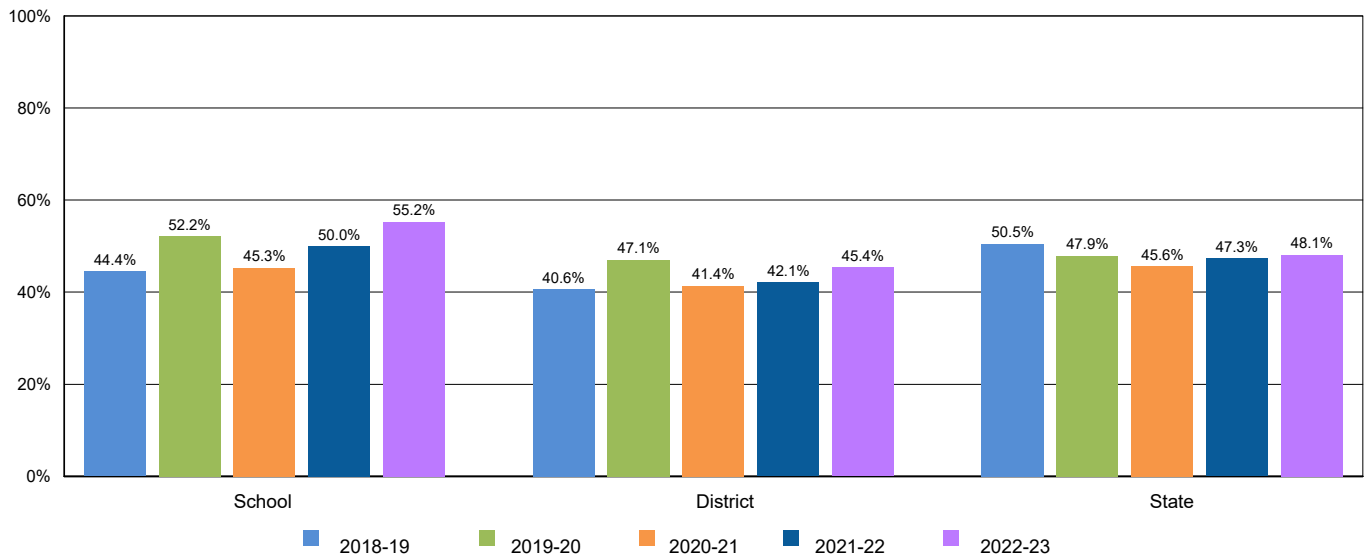
	School	District	Kentucky
1. Number of high school graduates	143	174	46,804
2. Average high school GPA	3.65	3.44	3.02
3. Percent of students in this class who were eligible for free or reduced lunch	47.6%	55.7%	52.1%
4. Average junior year ACT scores for this class			
Composite:	18.2	17.5	18.5
a. English	17.5	16.5	17.8
b. Mathematics	17.8	17.2	18.0
c. Reading	19.1	18.3	19.1
d. Science	18.2	17.6	18.7
5. Percent of these graduates who enrolled in at least one Advanced Placement (AP) course	23.8%	20.1%	34.4%
6. Percent of these graduates earning college credit prior to graduation	53.8%	45.4%	57.3%
7. Percent of these graduates earning an industry certificate	35.0%	29.3%	25.8%
8. Percent of these graduates who were academic and/or career ready (as defined by KDE)	89.9%	77.5%	80.7%
9. In-state college-going rate for graduates from this class	55.2%	45.4%	48.1%

Quick Statistics

High school graduation rate (cohort)	98.8%
Percent of graduates academic ready**	73.9%
Percent of graduates career ready**	68.1%
Percent of graduates academic and/or career ready**	89.9%
Average KEES Awards earned by these graduates	\$1,222
College-going rates:	
a. In-state college-going rate	55.2%
b. Eligible for free/reduced price lunch	50.0%
c. Earned college credit	64.9%
d. Did not earn college credit	43.9%
Percent earning 30 or more credit hours in first year of college	19.2%
Average first year of college GPA	2.57

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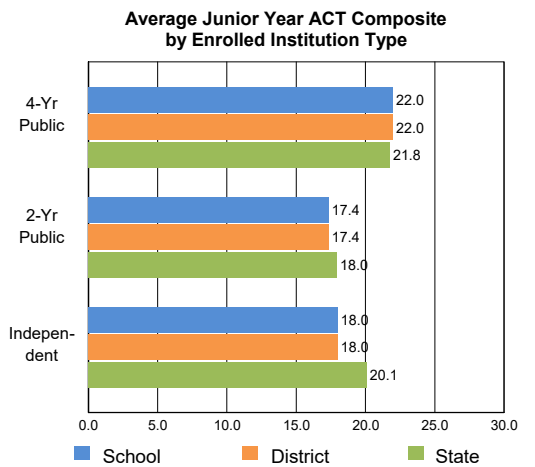
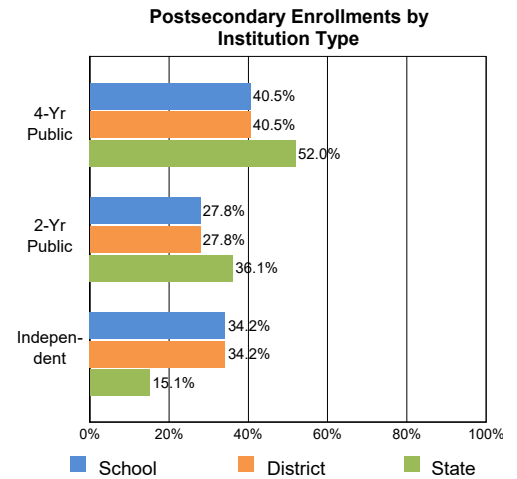
In-State College-Going Rates Compared to Previous Graduating Classes



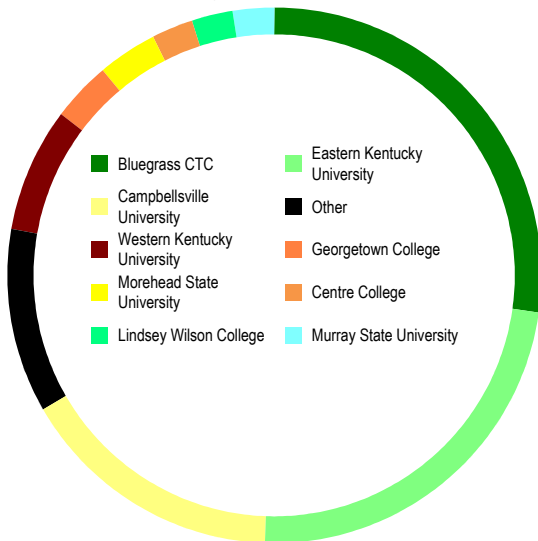
Note: This Kentucky High School Feedback Report was produced using data from the Kentucky Longitudinal Data System (KLDS) and provides information at a deeper level and in a different format than previous reports. If you intend to compare data from this report to others, please review the technical notes for each to ensure that the data are comparable. For more information, please visit <https://kystats.ky.gov>.

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

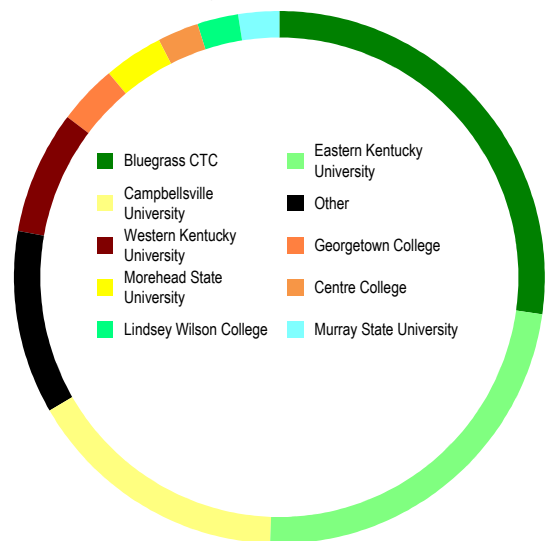
	School	District	Kentucky
1. Number of high school graduates entering college	79	79	22,532
2. Type of college or university attended			
a. Four-year public university	40.5%	40.5%	52.0%
b. Two-year public community or technical college (KCTCS)	27.8%	27.8%	36.1%
c. Independent	34.2%	34.2%	15.1%
3. College-going rates for specific student populations			
a. Male	39.7%	33.0%	40.6%
b. Female	73.8%	60.0%	55.8%
c. White	53.7%	43.3%	48.9%
d. African-American	*	*	42.6%
e. Hispanic/Latino	64.7%	52.4%	43.1%
f. Eligible for free/reduced lunch	50.0%	35.1%	39.6%
g. Special education	*	*	20.2%
h. Academic and/or career ready**	62.1%	58.8%	56.3%
i. Not academic or career ready**	10.5%	4.7%	15.9%
j. Enrolled in at least one AP course	88.2%	85.7%	67.9%
k. Earned college credit prior to graduation	64.9%	63.3%	63.1%
4. Average ACT composite score by type of college or university attended			
a. Four-year public university	22.0	22.0	21.8
b. Two-year public community or technical college (KCTCS)	17.4	17.4	18.0
c. Independent	18.0	18.0	20.1



Top Postsecondary Institutions Attended by Graduates of this School



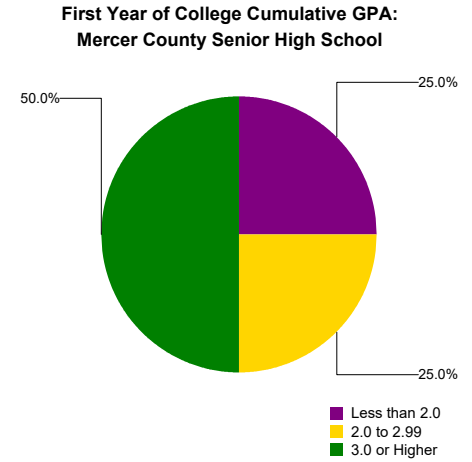
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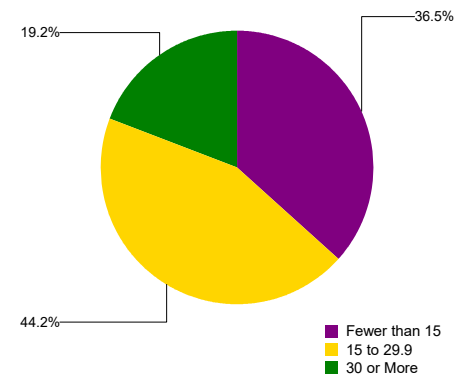
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C. How did graduates from this school perform in their first year at in-state public colleges and universities?

	School	District	Kentucky
1. Percent of graduates who started as full-time students	75.0%	75.0%	89.5%
2. Degree or credential sought			
a. Bachelor's degree	57.7%	57.7%	56.1%
b. Associate degree	36.5%	36.5%	38.4%
c. Certificate or diploma	5.8%	5.8%	4.7%
d. Not designated/undecided/undeclared/no degree	0.0%	0.0%	0.9%
3. Percent with first year of college cumulative GPA of			
a. Less than 2.0	25.0%	25.0%	28.2%
b. 2.0 to 2.99	25.0%	25.0%	23.3%
c. 3.0 or higher	50.0%	50.0%	48.5%
4. Average credit hours in first year of college			
a. Attempted (includes developmental)	23.5	23.5	25.2
b. Completed (includes developmental)	21.5	21.5	23.3
c. Earned (non-developmental only)	18.7	18.7	20.0
5. Number of college-level credit hours earned in first year of college			
a. Fewer than 15 hours	36.5%	36.5%	30.4%
b. 15 hours to 29.9 hours	44.2%	44.2%	47.1%
c. 30 hours or more	19.2%	19.2%	22.4%



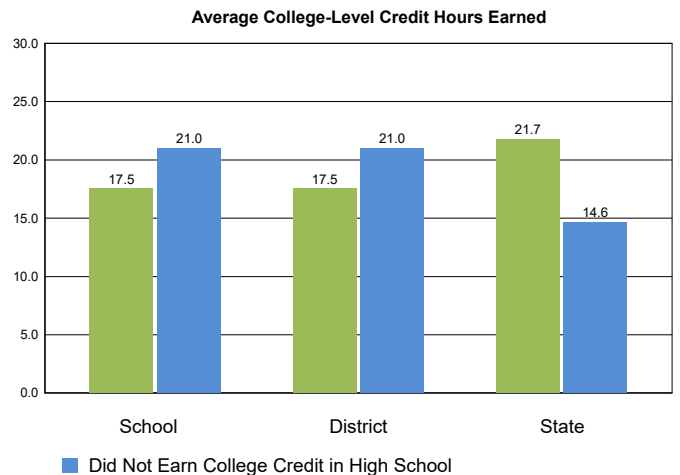
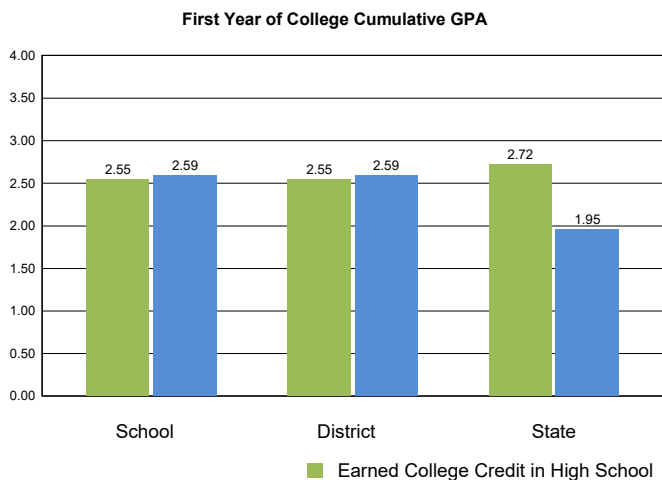
First Year of College Credit Hours Earned: Mercer County Senior High School



Comparing College Performance by Earning College Credit in High School

6. Average first year cumulative GPA			
a. Earned college credit in high school	2.55	2.55	2.72
b. Did not earn college credit in high school	2.59	2.59	1.95
7. Average college-level credit hours earned			
a. Earned college credit in high school	17.5	17.5	21.7
b. Did not earn college credit in high school	21.0	21.0	14.6

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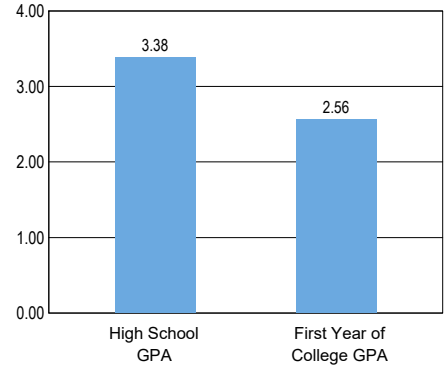
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Comparing High School and College Grades

	School	District	Kentucky
8. Average cumulative GPA			
a. High school	3.38	3.38	3.35
b. First year of college	2.57	2.57	2.53
9. Average cumulative grade in math			
a. Senior year of high school	*	*	3.16
b. First year of college	2.67	2.67	2.28
10. Average cumulative grade in English			
a. Senior year of high school	2.76	2.76	3.27
b. First year of college	2.91	2.91	2.72
11. Average cumulative grade in science			
a. Senior year of high school	*	*	3.25
b. First year of college	2.29	2.29	2.59

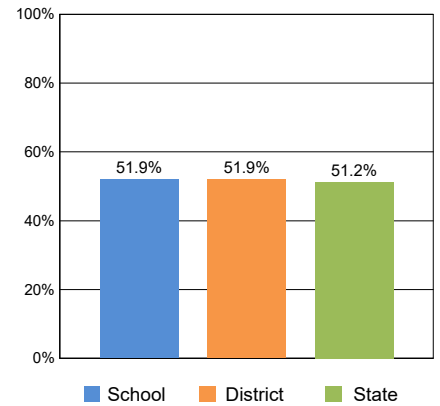
Average Cumulative GPA for Graduates of Mercer County Senior High School



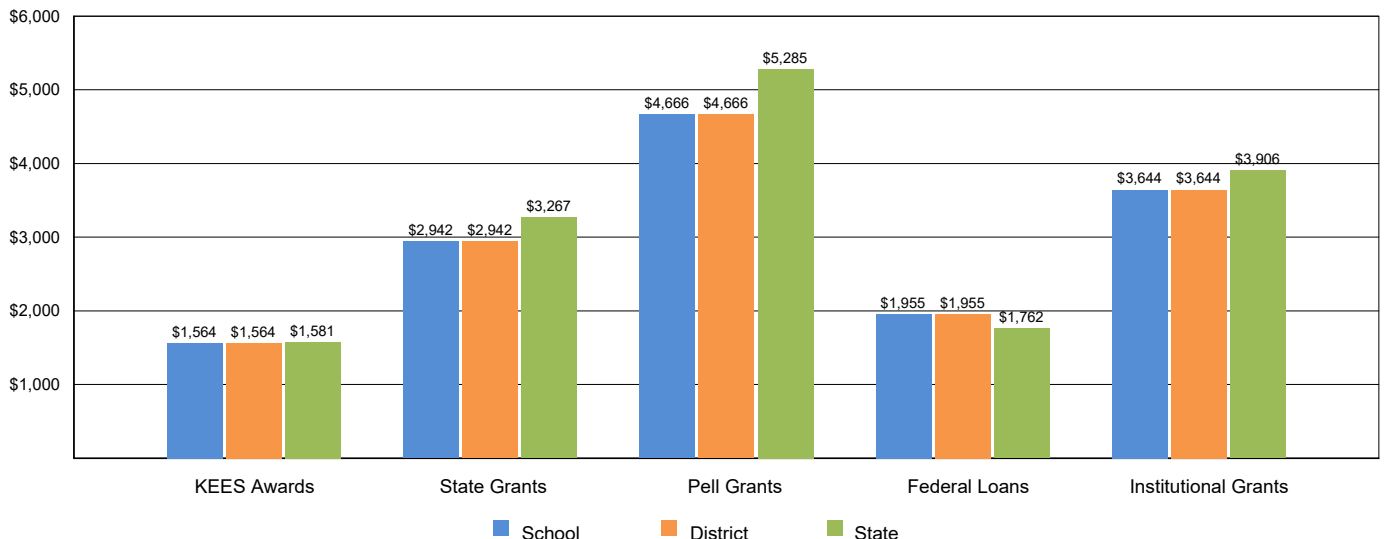
D. What types of financial aid did in-state public college and university attendees from this school receive?

	School	District	Kentucky
State Aid			
12. Average Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) award	\$1,564	\$1,564	\$1,581
13. State grants			
a. Average need-based grant	\$1,616	\$1,616	\$1,760
b. Average non-need grant	\$1,325	\$1,325	\$1,507
Federal Aid			
14. Average Pell grant	\$4,666	\$4,666	\$5,285
15. Federal loans			
a. Average need-based loan	\$1,395	\$1,395	\$1,156
b. Average non-need loan	\$560	\$560	\$606
Institutional Aid			
16. Average institutional grant	\$3,644	\$3,644	\$3,906

Percent of These College Attendees Receiving a Pell Grant



Average Per Student Financial Aid Award by Type



Technical notes for this report can be found at https://kystats.ky.gov/Content/Reports/HSFR_2023_TechnicalNotes.pdf