



The Missing Piece

Leslie County High School

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Introduction

This Missing Piece diagnostic is a comprehensive performance assessment tool that proposes specific school-level descriptors for the six objectives of the Commissioner's Parent's Advisory Council. They include provisions that every student in Kentucky will have a parent, or another adult, who knows how to support that student's academic achievement. These objectives support Kentucky education laws as it recognizes the importance of parent involvement (KRS 158.645) (KRS.160.345) (KRS 156.497) (KRS 158-031) (KRS 157.3175)

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Stakeholders

School staff engaged a variety of stakeholders when completing the Missing Piece Diagnostic

What stakeholders (name and title) did you engage for the purpose of completing the Missing Piece diagnostic?

The Missing Piece Diagnostic was completed by the LCHS Transformational Stakeholder team. This team is comprised of members from the community, parents, students, teachers, and administrators.

Rhonda Davidson, Parent, Conservation Office Representative

Susanna Lucas, Parent

Cheryl Lewis, Parent, Lawyer

Merlene Lewis, Director of Academic Programs

Cynthia Collett, Student Intervention Manager

Kim Cornett, ERS-Kentucky Department of Education

Susan Brock, ERL-Kentucky Department of Education

Todd Horton, Assistant Principal

Kevin Gay, Principal

Robert Roark, Guidance Counselor

Mary Feltner, Guidance Counselor

Larry Sparks, Superintendent of Leslie County Schools

Brett Wilson, Assistant Superintendent of Leslie County Schools

Student input was also gathered from student representatives from each grade level.

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Relationship Building

School staff builds productive, personal relationships with parents of all their students.

Overall Rating: 2.57

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
1.	Parents report that school staff understands and demonstrates how strong relationships with parents contribute to effective teaching and learning.	Parents report their relationship with school staff is about discussing student academic performance and/or behavior.	Apprentice

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
2.	School staff implements systematic steps to welcome the parents of new and English as-a-Second-Language (ESL) students (for example, using home visits, personal calls or letters, open houses and/or other methods).	School staff implements systematic steps to welcome the parents of new and ESL students (for example, using home visits, personal calls or letters, open houses, and/or other methods).	Proficient

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
3.	Parents and other stakeholders report that they are actively welcomed when they visit the school.	Parents and other stakeholders report that they are actively welcomed when they visit the school.	Proficient

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
4.	School staff implements systematic steps to encourage parents to attend school activities and participate in decisions about their children's learning.	Parents are invited to attend school activities related to their own child and are encouraged to attend parent teacher conferences.	Apprentice

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
5.	School staff involves parents in personal communication about their students' progress at least once a month.	School staff involves parents in personal communication about their students' progress at least once a month.	Proficient

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
6.	School staff completes needs assessment with all parents to determine resources necessary for their child's academic success.	Teachers informally collect some student needs data and some parents are contacted to discuss those needs.	Apprentice

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
7.	All parents are asked for feedback on the school's efforts to welcome and engage parents and the feedback is used to improve the school's efforts.	All parents are asked for feedback on school's efforts to welcome and engage parents, and the feedback is used to improve school's efforts.	Proficient

Communications

Two-way information in many forms flows regularly between school staff and parents about students' academic achievement and individual needs.

Overall Rating: 2.57

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
1.	School staff implements systematic efforts to inform parents about academic goals, class work, grades and homework for their children in their home language. (For example, classroom contracts, student assignment books, homework websites, and online grade books).	School staff implements systematic efforts to inform parents about academic goals, class work, grades and homework for their children in their home language. (For example, using classroom contracts, student assignment books, homework websites, and online grade books.)	Proficient

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
2.	School staff offers varied ways that parents can share information with teachers about their children's learning needs. (For example, phone and e-mail contacts, offering parent conferences, making home visits, or other methods).	School staff offers varied ways that parents can share information with teachers about their children's learning needs. (For example, phone and e-mail contacts, offering parent conferences, and making home visits.)	Proficient

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
3.	School staff partners with community leaders and organizations to build parent understanding of academic expectations, school strategies, and student achievement results.	School staff sometimes provides community organizations with information about academic expectations for parents who use their services.	Apprentice

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
4.	School staff offers parents opportunities to discuss school-wide achievement issues, including assessment data, at least once a semester.	School staff offers parents opportunities to discuss school-wide achievement issues, including assessment data, at least once a semester.	Proficient

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
5.	School staff implements systematic efforts to maximize parent-teacher conference participation. (For example, offering multiple locations, convenient times, follow-up with parents who do not reply to first notices, and opportunities for student-led conferences).	Parent -teacher conferences are held twice a year on school grounds and some teachers send invitations to parents.	Apprentice

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
6.	At least 50 percent of parents respond to annual school and/or district stakeholder surveys.	District-wide stakeholder surveys are given to parents and teachers encourage parents to respond.	Apprentice

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	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
7.	Stakeholder survey data is consistently used to plan school improvement efforts and to evaluate their effectiveness.	Stakeholder survey data is consistently used to plan school improvement efforts and to evaluate their effectiveness.	Proficient

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Decision Making

School staff encourages, supports and expects parents to be involved in school improvement decisions and to monitor and assist school improvement.

Overall Rating: 2.14

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
1.	The school staff offers professional learning community opportunities, workshops, and easily accessible written information to equip parents for service on the SBDM council and committees.	Parents elected to serve on school council and some other parents who serve on SBDM committees are invited to attend training offered by school or district.	Apprentice

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
2.	School council and committees facilitate broad parent participation by actively recruiting diverse membership, providing interpreters and translated materials when needed, setting convenient meeting times, and seeking wide parent input. At least 40 percent of parents vote in SBDM parent election.	School council and committees have some parent members, may provide translators, meet at time and place convenient to staff. Elections are held at convenient times and are publicized, but less than 20% of the parents vote in SBDM parent election.	Apprentice

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
3.	Parents on the SBDM council and committees engage and mentor many other parents by reporting to multiple groups and seeking input through surveys, meetings, and varied other methods.	School council chair sends council minutes to largest parent organization with no follow-up.	Novice

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
4.	The school council adopts measurable objectives and plans coherent strategies to build authentic parent participation, and the school council monitors the implementation and impact of that work.	School council has some parent involvement components and action items that deal with specific academic areas. Little or no funding is provided. Little or no implementation and impact checking is done.	Apprentice

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
5.	School council policies ensure active roles for parents on SBDM council and committees, and other groups making decisions about school improvement.	School council policies ensure active roles for parents on SBDM committees, in school improvement planning, and also in decisions about the education of their individual children.	Proficient

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
6.	Parents report that they are treated as valued partners on school leadership teams, SBDM council and committees, the school council, and other groups making decisions about school improvement.	Parents report that they are treated as valued partners on school leadership teams, SBDM council and committees, and other groups making decisions about school improvement.	Proficient

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	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
7.	School staff has a plan to identify new and experienced parent leaders who support and build capacity for parents to serve effectively on the school council and committee work.	School staff provides opportunities for outgoing parent council members to meet with new parent council members to share knowledge of serving on the council.	Apprentice

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Advocacy

For each student, school staff identifies and supports a parent or another adult who can take personal responsibility for understanding and speaking for that child's learning needs.

Overall Rating: 2.0

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
1.	School staff ensures every student has a parent and/or another adult who knows how to advocate, or speak up for them, regarding the student's academic goals and individual needs.	There is evidence that school staff know which students have a parent or another adult who can speak up for them regarding their academic goals and learning needs.	Apprentice

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
2.	Most parents participate actively in student led conferences or other two-way communication about meeting their child's individual learning needs.	Some parents are involved in informal conversation with school staff to address their child's individual learning needs.	Apprentice

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
3.	Parents report participating actively and effectively in required planning for individual learning, for example, Individual Education Plans, Individual Learning Plans, Gifted Student Plans, 504 Plans, and intervention strategies to ensure college readiness (Senate Bill 130).	Parents report that they are invited to attend meetings to discuss Individual Education Plans, Individual Learning Plans, 504 plans and/or intervention strategies.	Apprentice

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
4.	School staff gives parents clear, complete information on the procedures for resolving concerns and filing complaints, and the council reviews summary data on those complaints to identify needed improvements.	Teachers handle parent complaints but outcomes are not tracked or reported.	Novice

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
5.	School staff ensures that parents and community members are well informed about how to become educational advocates, or how to access a trained educational advocate when needed.	School staff makes minimal effort to encourage parents to advocate for their child's academic success.	Apprentice

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
6.	As students are identified by school staff as having disabilities or performing at the novice level, additional intentional steps are taken to ensure that parents have the option to use a trained advocate to assist them in speaking for their child's needs.	As students are identified by school staff as having disabilities or performing at the novice level, additional intentional steps are taken to ensure that the parent has the option to use a trained advocate to assist them in speaking for their child's needs.	Proficient

Learning Opportunities

School staff ensures that families have multiple learning opportunities to understand how to support their children's learning.

Overall Rating: 2.17

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
1.	<p>Parents have multiple opportunities to learn about and discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kentucky standards and expectations for all students - The school's curriculum, instructional methods, and student services - The school's decision-making process, including opportunities for parents to participate on SBDM councils and committees - Their children's learning and development, along with legal and practical options for helping their children succeed, such the IEP and/or ILP process - Community resources to support learning - Opportunities to participate in state and district school improvement efforts, such as forums, committees, and surveys 	<p>School provides open house and family nights for some parents to learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kentucky standards and expectations for all students. • School's curriculum, instructional methods, and student services. • School's decision-making process, including opportunities for parents to participate on councils and SBDM committees. • Their children's learning and development, along with legal and practical options for helping their children succeed such as participation in IEP and/or ILP process. • Community resources to support learning. 	Apprentice

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
2.	<p>School staff makes systematic use of written communications (for example, newsletters, websites, and bulletin boards) to help parents understand their own children's progress and the progress of the school.</p>	<p>School staff makes systematic use of written communications (for example, newsletters, Web sites, bulletin boards) to help parents understand their own children's academic progress and the progress of school.</p>	Proficient

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
3.	<p>School staff displays proficient student work with scoring guides to demonstrate academic expectations to parents and students, and updates the displays regularly.</p>	<p>School staff displays proficient student work with scoring guides to demonstrate academic expectations to parents and students, and updates the displays regularly.</p>	Proficient

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
4.	<p>School staff offers parent workshops and meetings in convenient locations to help parents develop skills in supporting their children's learning and the school's improvement efforts.</p>	<p>School staff offers targeted parent workshops and meetings to help parents develop skills to support their child's learning.</p>	Apprentice

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
5.	<p>School council has a classroom observation policy that welcomes families to visit all classrooms.</p>	<p>School staff allows parents to visit regular education classrooms upon request. There is no school policy.</p>	Novice

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	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
6.	School staff develops parent leaders who contribute regularly to other parents' understanding and who help meet other parent learning needs.	School staff relies on the parent organizations to provide learning opportunities for parent leadership.	Apprentice

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Community Partnerships

School staff engages and partners with community members to plan and implement substantive work to improve student achievement.

Overall Rating: 3.0

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
1.	School leadership regularly shares information on student achievement and involves business and community leaders in school improvement efforts.	School leadership regularly shares information on student achievement and involves business and community leaders in school improvement efforts.	Proficient

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
2.	School leadership develops partnerships with several businesses, organizations, and agencies to support student learning and create mentors for students and parents.	School leadership develops partnerships with several businesses, organizations, and agencies to support student learning and create mentors for students and parents.	Proficient

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
3.	School leadership collaborates with employers to support parent and volunteer participation in students' education.	School leadership collaborates with employers to support parent and volunteer participation in students' education.	Proficient

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
4.	School staff collaborates with businesses, organizations, and agencies to address individual student needs and shares that information with parents.	School staff occasionally collaborates with community agencies to address individual student needs. Information is provided to parents upon request.	Apprentice

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
5.	Parents make active use of the school's resources and community resources and report that they provide meaningful help to resolve family challenges that could interfere with student learning. (For example, FRYSC or Title I coordinators connect family with community resources and follow up.)	Parents make active use of school and community resources and report that they provide meaningful help to resolve family challenges that could interfere with student learning. (For example, FRYSC or Title 1 coordinators connect family with community resources and follow up.)	Proficient

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
6.	School staff offers and publicizes community-based learning activities aligned with the curriculum, such as tutoring linked to the curriculum and internships, for all students and parents.	District staff and school leadership ensures all stakeholders are aware of community based learning opportunities that are linked to student-specific needs.	Distinguished

Reflection

Reflect upon your responses to each of the Missing Piece objectives.

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Strengths:

Throughout the course of the school and district audit process, systematic efforts have been initiated to improve our communication and collaboration with external partnerships and stakeholders. Our strengths include a network of community partnerships and a detailed communication plan that is district-based. LCHS has regular communications that are sent through a variety of media outlets and mediums to parents and community members. Data is collected from these efforts and it is utilized to improve our communication with the stakeholders.

Areas for Improvements:

Communication efforts are in place, but are not always two-way or accessed by all parents. Often our communication that is most utilized is email; however, this does not reach all parents or provide a basis for collecting communication for a two-way exchange. These areas, along with increasing our parent leadership through SBDM and other parent groups, is the focus of our areas for improvement.

Action Steps:

Communication Team Members are planning a meeting with the SBDM to discuss methods for increasing parent participation and leadership.

SBDM Council developing a policy to enable parents and stakeholders to conduct observations and visits to solicit feedback.

Communication Team members are distributing a phone survey and the stakeholder survey to gather information for improving communication and allowing for parents and other stakeholders to make suggestions and take a larger role in the decision-making process.

Parent involvement in the ILP process has been added to the ILP protocol; however, this will not take place until the end of this school year and data will be collected from this to improve student learning.

Parent Involvement through the Data Notebook Initiative to be expanded to include student-led discussions at Open House.

Report Summary

Scores By Section

