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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?

Elizabethtown is the county seat of Hardin County, Kentucky, the fourth-largest county with a population estimated at around 110,000 people. Elizabethtown sits at the intersection of three major highways, I-65, the Bluegrass Parkway, and the Western Kentucky Parkway, and is centrally located 44 miles south of Louisville and 131 miles north of Nashville. Elizabethtown itself has a population of approximately 30,157 people, 11,704 within the boundaries of the school district. EHS currently has an enrollment of 790 students with a faculty and staff of 70 people. We are not the largest school in the area; however, we offer and will continue to offer a top-level education. Our stakeholders seem to agree because many faculty and staff are EHS graduates and their children attend school here. Our families have strong ties to the community and our school. Our small size and commitment to excellence, which include academics and athletics have allowed us to maintain a certain level of competition with our neighboring school districts. The free/reduced lunch population averages above 45%, an increase of 22% over the last ten years. Our students come from some of the lowest socio-economic areas of Elizabethtown. Our school enrollment has remained steady over time with the Ft. Knox Base Realignment and Closure. There is some transition with our students many begin and finish in the EIS district. Reviewed 11-15-21

### School's Purpose

Provide the school's purpose statement and ancillary content such as mission, vision, values, and/or beliefs. Describe how the school embodies its purpose through its program offerings and expectations for students.

The Elizabethtown Independent School district recognizes the sacredness of the human personality and the importance of the dignity of each individual. At Elizabethtown High School, we believe that our purpose is to promote the development of each individual for personal, social, and economic living as a responsible contributing member of society. This purpose statement was instrumental in guiding the discussion to establish a mission and vision statement for our high school. Working together, faculty and staff dedicated time to brainstorming sessions and prioritizing ideas. At the end of our sessions, we voted on our philosophy that captured the essence of what it means to be an Elizabethtown High School Panther. These statements were shared with the School-

Based Decision Making Council for further discussion and inclusion of parents and students. This guided discussion led us to the following mission and vision statements. Mission Statement: Making a Difference, Each Student, Every Day. Vision Statement: Through a culture of excellence, Elizabethtown High School provides the knowledge and resources for ALL students to achieve their highest level and become productive citizens in a global society. In the following tradition, our teachers and staff hold high standards for student behavior and academic performance. However, due to the continually changing needs of our students, we have worked diligently to create strategies and initiatives to support the needs of our diverse population and support our student body as a whole. We continue to assess student course offerings to meet a broader range of interests and needs. Each student is supported in finding their place and building a connection at Elizabethtown High School. Updated 11-16-21

### 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.

Elizabethtown High School has a strong tradition of academic performance and a reputation in the state of Kentucky as one of its top high schools. We continue to embody this tradition of excellence. We have been ranked in the top 100 schools in the country by k12niche.com and US News and World Report has named EHS one of America's top high schools in multiple years. We have students who are accepted yearly to competitive colleges and universities across the nation and most students receive a healthy scholarship and financial aid packages. We regularly have students score a 30 or higher on the state-mandated ACT, and we consistently outscore the state average for all content areas and composite scores on the ACT. We were labeled a "High" performing school for the 2018-19 school year according to the Kentucky Department of Education's School Report Card. While our GAP students typically outperform students in the same categories across the state, we are not satisfied having groups of students performing below "All" or "white" students. Our students with disabilities and economically disadvantaged students are of great concern to our faculty and staff. Our district has also made growth for African American students a priority. We are examining our teaching and learning practices for all students but placing priority on evidence-based structures such as Kagan Cooperative Learning and Marilyn Friend's parallel and station teaching. Someone once said, "A rising tide lifts all ships." This is definitely true in education and we are focused on ensuring a quality education for each Panther that walks through our doors.

### Additional Information

**CSI/TSI Schools (including ATSI) Only:** Describe the procedures used to create the school's improvement plan and briefly state the specific efforts to address the causes of low student performance and resource inequities.

N/A

### Additional Information

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

N/A

# Attachment Summary

Attachment Name	Description	Associated Item(s)
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