

Martin County Schools

Lisa Kirk

Chief Academic Officer

Martin County Schools

606.298.3572 ext. 308

lisa.kirk@martin.kyschools.us

www.martin.kyschools.us

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Martin County Schools Raise the Bar *Press Release*

Inez, KY September 29, 2016 — The KY Department of Education (KDE) has released results for the KY Performance Rating for Educational Progress (KPREP) tests as well as other assessments that make up the Unbridled Learning Accountability Model. It is with great pride we announce two “Distinguished” Schools: Sheldon Clark High School and Inez Elementary School.

With an overall accountability score of 75.4, Sheldon Clark High School is classified **Distinguished/Progressing-High Performing**. This means SCHS is now at or above the 90th percentile of all high schools, has met their AMO goal, participation rate, and graduation rate has been above 80% for two consecutive years.. Sheldon Clark High School, who was once, classified a persistently low achieving school and ranked in the bottom 5 percent, has been determined to be distinguished and reached that goal this year.

Inez Elementary has also achieved **Distinguished/Progressing-High Performing** status. With an overall accountability score of 74.9 IES is also at or above the 90th percentile of all elementary schools in Kentucky. Scoring 20 points higher than the state average in Social Studies and 10 points higher than the state average in writing, Inez Elementary receives the district’s top scorer of all elementary schools this year.

Warfield Elementary School increased its overall score from 58.9 in 14-15 to 61.3 in 15-16. They also met their AMO and are classified Needs Improvement/Progressing. Eden and MCMS both show needs improvement over the prior year scores, and are quickly putting improvement plans in place.

Results show 88.9 percent of our graduating class at SCHS was college and career ready with bonus. This is 7 points above the state average. In addition, the school is 11 percentage points higher than the state average in math. These are great accomplishments for our high school students. The overall score at all schools is made of several components including: Achievement, Gap, Growth, Program Reviews, College and Career Readiness, Graduation Rate (*if applicable).

“We are very pleased with the gains made by the district, schools, and individual students,” said Mr. Larry James, Superintendent of Martin County Schools. “I want to commend Sheldon Clark High School and Inez Elementary School for their Distinguished status and the hard work and dedication it has taken to accomplish this goal. It’s hard to come up with just one word to describe the resolve of the school district. “Determination” would certainly be at the top of the list”. We couldn’t be in a better position to launch our new vision: “Determined to be Distinguished”.

lck