



Annual Report to the Public

November 17, 2022

Marion School Board Meeting

Marion Central Office

6:00 p.m.



Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Marion School District to provide our students with a program of instruction so that they will acquire the academic, social, and decision-making skills needed to become productive citizens in our rapidly changing technological world. We recognize individual differences in students and believe that all children can learn. We strive to meet their needs and interests by offering a balanced curriculum and creating an atmosphere conducive to learning.



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Board of Education

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Rev. Jeffrey Richardson

Vice-President

Mr. Daryel Jackson

Secretary

Mr. Gary Wehrum

Mr. Rob Rash
Mrs. Jerri Crase

Mr. Eddie Minton
Mr. Bart Vaughn



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Administration

Superintendent

Dr. Glen Fenter

Deputy Superintendent

Mr. Hugh Inman

Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services

Mr. Dusty Duncan

Comptroller

Mrs. Susan Marshall



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Academic Programs Staff

**Director of Curriculum, Instruction,
and Professional Development**

Mrs. Sandra Halley

Director of Federal Programs

Mrs. Julie Coveny

Director for Special Services

Mr. Gregory Hodges

Director of Student Information

Mr. Blake Owen

Director of Student Services

Ms. Carissa Lacy



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Support Staff

Athletic Director

Mr. Derek Harrell

Director of Child Nutrition

Mrs. Susan Marshall

**Coordinated School Health
Coordinator**

Mrs. Kelly Fogleman

Director of Communications

Mr. Andy Weld

Director of Campus Safety

Mr. John Evans

Director of Human Resources

Mrs. Kristen Crockett



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Support Staff

Director of Technology
Mr. Sam Uddin

Director of Transportation
Mr. Kenny Phillips



Campuses

- ★ Visual & Performing Arts Magnet (K-6)
- ★ Herbert Carter Global Community Magnet (K-6)
- ★ Math, Science, & Technology Magnet (K-6)
- ★ Marion Junior High School (7-9)
- ★ Marion High School (10-12)
- ★ Crittenden Prep Academy (ALE)



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Campus Numbers (10/1/22)

★ Visual & Performing Arts Magnet (K-6)	702 Students
★ Herbert Carter Global Community Magnet (K-6)	636 Students
★ Math, Science, & Technology Magnet (K-6)	684 Students
★ Marion Junior High School (7-9)	970 Students
★ Marion High School (10-12)	850 Students



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Schools

2022-23

- ★ Visual & Performing Arts Magnet
- ★ Herbert Carter Global Community Magnet
- ★ Math, Science & Technology Magnet
- ★ Marion Junior High School
- ★ Marion High School
- ★ Crittenden Prep Academy

3,842 - Students K-12

318 - Licensed Employees

211 - Classified Employees



Status: Accredited by DESE (Division of Elementary and Secondary Education)

All 2022-2023 teachers meet DESE requirements.

All 2022-2023 core content teachers are Arkansas qualified to teach in their core content areas.



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2022-23 Adding Areas of Licensure:

- 3 Math
- 1 Art
- 1 Spanish
- 2 Social Studies
- 1 Gifted and Talented
- 1 Special Education
- 1 Career Practicum
- 2 Assistant Principals
- 1 Special Education Administrators

2022-23 Long Term Substitute Teachers:

- 12 Special Education
- 2 Elementary Education

2022-23 Teaching on an ACT 1240 Waiver

- 1 Social Studies
- 2 Math
- 2 English
- 3 Science
- 18 Elementary k-6
- 2 Business
- 1 Art
- 1 Band



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Board Members' Training

In accordance with Act 1775 of 2005, all members of a local school board of directors who have served on the board for twelve (12) or more consecutive months shall obtain no less than six hours of training and instruction by December 31 of each calendar year.

All MSD board members received last year's required annual training by December, 2021, and will have completed this year's required hours by December 31, 2022.



Professional Development for the 2021-2022 School Year

- ★ Marion School District provided 730.75 hours of professional development between June 4, 2021 and June 3, 2022.
- ★ Teachers earned the 60 required professional development (PD) hours with 30 hours at back to school PD and the other 30 hours throughout the school year.
- ★ Our district instructional facilitators offered our staff technology, literacy, and math professional development during the summer break and at various meetings throughout the school year.
- ★ Some PD offerings included: RISE training, Reading Horizons, fact fluency and number sense ideas, curriculum alignment, student engagement strategies, Google Suite training, Google Classroom, and online tech tools training.
- ★ Facilitators also attend PLC meetings with magnet school teachers to offer targeted PD topics to grade specific groups.



MSD 2022 State Assessment Data

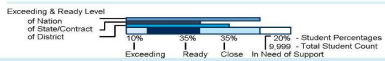
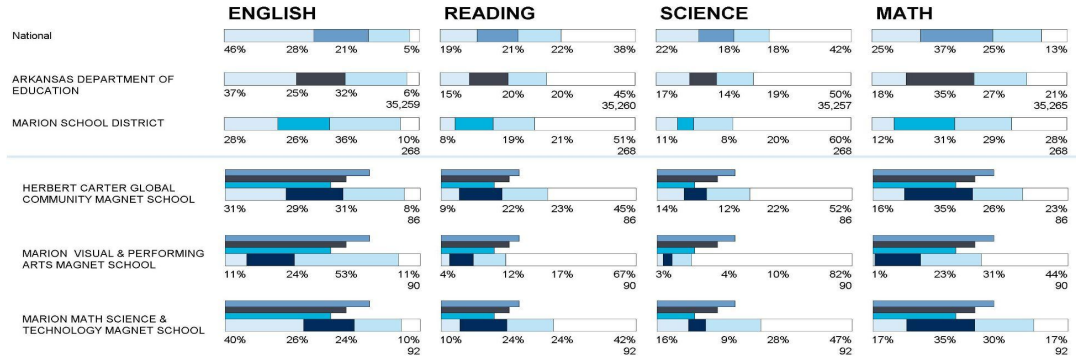


MSD ACT Aspire – 3rd Grade

ACT[®] Aspire[®]
Assessed Apr 4, 2022 - May 20, 2022

MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Grade: 3
District ID: AR-1804000

Subject Proficiency by School
Summative



SUBJECT FOCUS: Science
 ACT Aspire Science Assessments assess students' science practices using real-world scientific scenarios. Scenarios in upper-grade assessments include student investigations, formal scientific research, formal scientific data from references, and students or scientists providing compelling explanations for real scientific phenomena. At the earlier grades, topics generally focus on everyday student discovery rather than formal science.



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MSD ACT Aspire – 4th Grade

ACT[®] Aspire[™]

Assessed Apr 4, 2022 - May 20, 2022

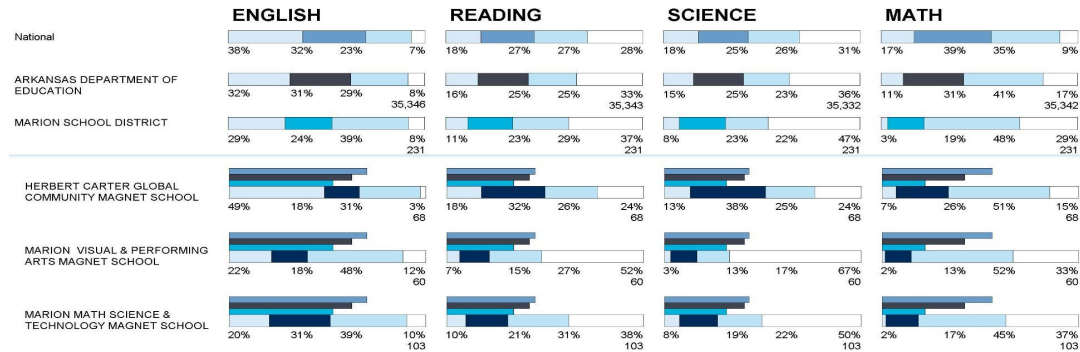
MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Grade: 4

District ID: AR-1804000

Subject Proficiency by School

Summative



SUBJECT FOCUS: Mathematics

ACT Aspire Mathematics Assessments assess students' ability to solve problems, explain and justify, and model with the mathematics up through the given grade.



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MSD ACT Aspire – 5th Grade

ACT[®] Aspire[®]

Assessed Apr 4, 2022 - May 20, 2022

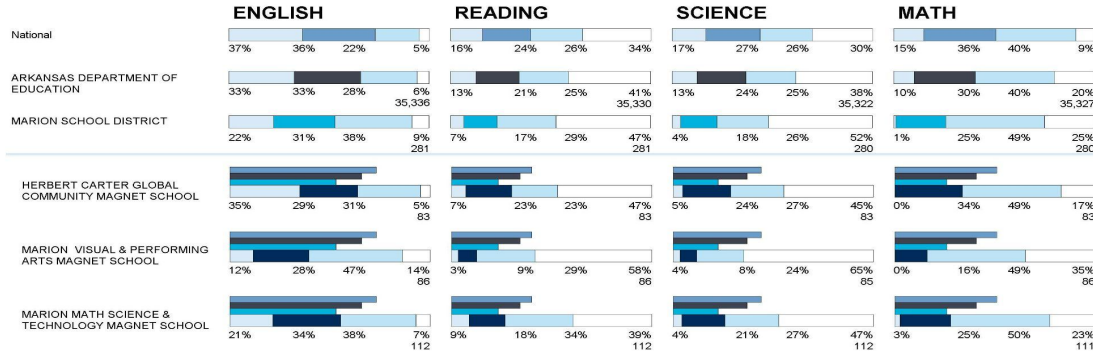
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Grade: 5

District ID: AR-1804000

Subject Proficiency by School

Summative



SUBJECT FOCUS: Science

ACT Aspire Science Assessments assess students' science practices using real-world scientific scenarios. Scenarios in upper-grade assessments include student investigations, formal scientific research, formal scientific data from references, and students or scientists providing competing explanations for real scientific phenomena. At the earlier grades, topics generally focus on everyday student discovery rather than formal science.



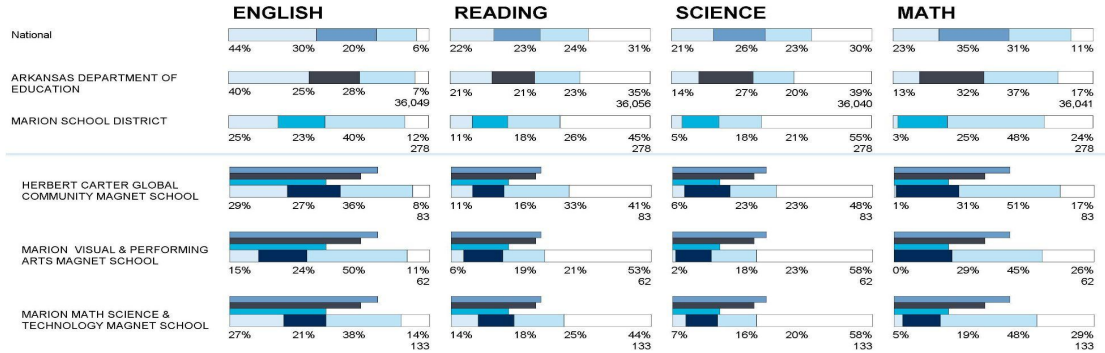
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MSD ACT Aspire – 6th Grade

ACT[®] Aspire[®]
Assessed Apr 4, 2022 - May 20, 2022

MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Grade: 6
District ID: AR-1804000

Subject Proficiency by School
Summative



SUBJECT FOCUS: Science

ACT Aspire Science Assessments assess students' science practices using real-world scientific scenarios. Scenarios in upper-grade assessments include student investigations, formal scientific research, formal scientific data from references, and students or scientists providing competing explanations for real scientific phenomena. At the earlier grades, topics generally focus on everyday student discovery rather than formal science.



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MSD ACT Aspire – 7th Grade

ACT[®] Aspire[™]

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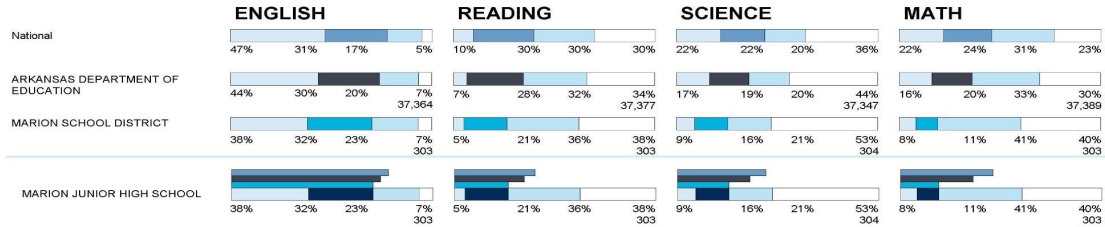
MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Grade: 7

District ID: AR-1804000

Subject Proficiency by School

Summative



SUBJECT FOCUS: Mathematics

ACT Aspire Mathematics Assessments assess students' ability to solve problems, explain and justify, and model with the mathematics up through the given grade.



MSD ACT Aspire – 8th Grade

ACT[®] Aspire[™]

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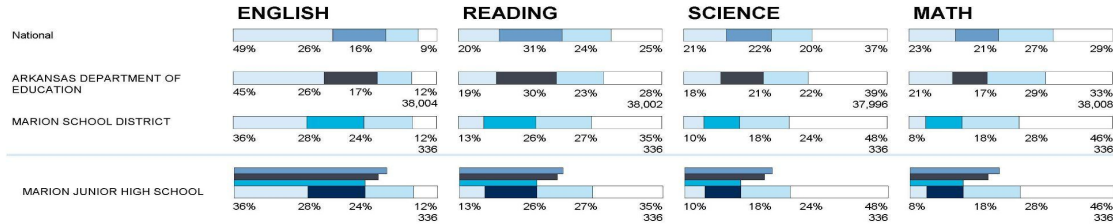
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Grade: 8

District ID: AR-1804000

Subject Proficiency by School

Summative



SUBJECT FOCUS: Mathematics
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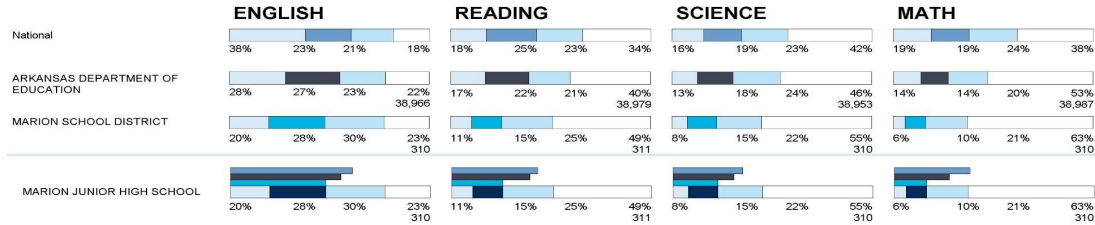


MSD ACT Aspire – 9th Grade

ACT[®] Aspire[®]
Assessed Apr 4, 2022 – May 20, 2022

MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Grade: 9
District ID: AR-1804000

Subject Proficiency by School
Summative



SUBJECT FOCUS: Mathematics
ACT Aspire Mathematics Assessments assess students' ability to solve problems, explain and justify, and model with the mathematics up through the given grade.



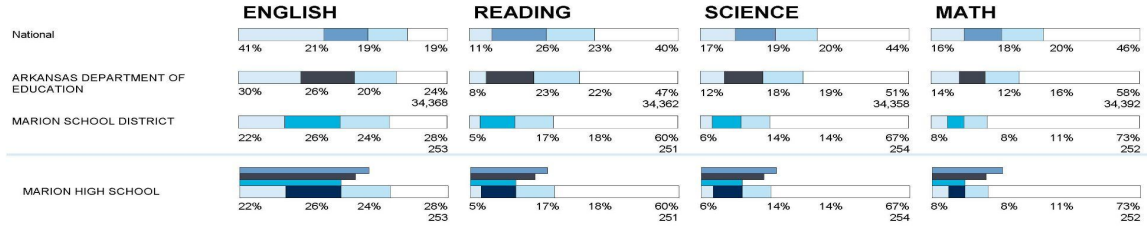
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MSD ACT Aspire – 10th Grade

ACT[®] Aspire[®]
Assessed Apr 4, 2022 - May 20, 2022

MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Grade: 10
District ID: AR-1804000

Subject Proficiency by School
Summative



SUBJECT FOCUS: Mathematics
ACT Aspire Mathematics Assessments assess students' ability to solve problems, explain and justify, and model with the mathematics up through the given grade.



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Efforts to improve student learning:

- ★ “Hybrid” school calendar continued for second year. Calendar spreads out school year, adding rejuvenation breaks after each nine weeks.
- ★ Edmentum Exact Path program implemented as our interim assessment tool. The tool provides a learning pathway for each student, pinpointing specific strengths and needs in reading, language arts, and math.



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Efforts to improve student learning:

- ★ Earned acceptance into the state's Professional Learning Communities at Work program for VPA. Staff will receive intensive on-site support as they implement and sustain the PLC at Work program over the next three years.
- ★ District accepted into the PEER Network, a partnership with the Arkansas Public School Resource Center and the Crowley's Ridge Educational Service Cooperative.



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Efforts to improve student learning:

- ★ Adopted two new literacy curricula for the district – “Wit & Wisdom” for grades K-6, and “My Perspectives” for grades 7-9
- ★ Awarded a \$200,000 SOAR grant from the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary education, to implement new literacy curriculum
- ★ Awarded a \$20,000 Staff Pipeline Subgrant to address recruitment and retention of teachers



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Efforts to improve student learning:

- ★ Hired a Behavior Specialist and a Board Certified Behavior Analyst
- ★ Continued commitment to championship-level sports teams and extracurricular activities across the district
- ★ Expanded the Patriot Academy to provide crucial support to teachers who are new to the district, and to ensure they have all the resources they need to be successful



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Efforts to improve MSD:

- ★ New physical education building constructed at HCGC
- ★ Flooring has been renovated at the MJHS Annex and MST. MST has received a complete office renovation
- ★ Teacher workrooms have been upgraded at all campuses
- ★ New softball field and training facility will be open for 2023 season; new pressbox installed at baseball field



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Efforts to improve MSD:

- ★ New paved road and parking lot constructed connecting L.H. Polk Drive with the MHS Fieldhouse
- ★ Partnered with Flex360 and Cherry Street Productions to increase awareness of the Marion School District in Crittenden County and across the region, specifically targeting families who may move into the region through new economic development projects in the region.



Efforts to improve MSD:

- ★ New exterior doors are being installed district-wide, including card-reader access controls at strategic locations
- ★ Purchased a state-of-the-art semi-trailer for use by the Marion Patriot Pride Marching Band
- ★ Hosted the 5A State Volleyball Tournament, bringing 16 teams into the community and providing a boost to the local economy



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Efforts to improve MSD:

- ★ Joined with the Little Rock School District in a lawsuit challenging the state's ban on mask mandates. Winning an injunction in the case, this allowed the district to successfully implement a mask mandate during the worst of the Delta Variant surge
- ★ New HVAC units installed district-wide



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Efforts to improve MSD:

- ★ New soccer practice fields constructed on Rica Road
- ★ Converted to a semi-monthly payroll for district employees
- ★ Courtyard improvements made at MHS, including a new outdoor seating area
- ★ Sound system upgraded at MPAC



MSD Accomplishments:

- ★ Achieved unprecedented athletic success during the 2021-22 school year, sending five different sports teams to the state semifinals or beyond – becoming the only school in Arkansas (in any classification) to achieve this milestone
- ★ MSD earned the “Best Communities for Music Education” designation from the NAMM Foundation



MSD Accomplishments:

- ★ MST student K.J. Bingham Jr. selected to sing at Southwest Leadership Conference of the Boys & Girls Club
- ★ District live-stream video service earned three national awards through Mascot Media program
- ★ MHS math students racked up 29 awards at Regional Math Contest



MSD Accomplishments:

- ★ 8 students earned Social Media Marketing certifications through their participation in a class at MHS
- ★ Senior baseball manager Bryce Wolford made regional headlines with his “home run” on Senior Night
- ★ MJHS Quiz Bowl Team qualifies for state competition for first time in program history



MSD Accomplishments:

- ★ Band program makes history, earning coveted Sweepstakes Award at ASBOA Assessment, winning 3 Grand Championships in a row during fall marching season, seeing dozens of students earn All-Region honors, and sending numerous students to college on band scholarships



MSD Accomplishments:

- ★ The MHS Robotics Team took first place at its first competition of the year in September
- ★ 2 MHS students were selected as recipients of the National African American Recognition Award
- ★ 21 MJHS students selected for the All-Region Choir; MHS Treble Ensemble earned Superior Rating at State Event



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ALE

Principal K-12

Mr. Kevin Jordan

4 Full-Time employees K-8

2 Part-Time employees through LSCI K-12

3 Full-Time employees 9-12

1 Part-Time employee 9-12

1 Full-Time SRO

theHUB

Lead Teacher/JAG Specialist

Mr. Hal Landrith



Gifted and Talented Program

K-12 GT Coordinator: Leah Schmidt

- ★ **K-6 Discovery** (GT Whole Group Enrichment)
 - Christy Miller -MST
 - Kim Watson -VPA
 - Elizabeth Pirani -HCGC
- ★ **4-6 TEAM** (GT identified pull-out)
 - Leah Schmidt- VPA
 - Donna Dillahunty- MST and HCGC

Every student in grades K-6 receive GT Whole Group Enrichment. MSD has a total of 118 students in grades 4-6 who are identified for GT pull-out in the three magnet schools.



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Gifted and Talented Program

- ★ **7th Honors:** English, Math, Science, and Social Studies
- ★ **8th Honors:** English, Social Studies, Science, and Algebra I
- ★ **9th Honors:** English, Physical Science, Civics/Economics, and Geometry

There are 497 unique students at MJHS enrolled in at least one Honors Class.



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Gifted and Talented Program

- ★ **10th - 12th Honors and AP:** Honors English 10, Honors Biology, Honors Geometry, and Honors Algebra II, Honors Chemistry, AP Calculus AB, AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP European History, AP US History, AP Statistics, AP US Government, AP World History, AP Psychology, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Computer Science, and AP Studio Art

There are 310 unique students at MHS enrolled in at least one Honors/AP Class.



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2021-22 Mileage & Meals

Miles Traveled from July 26, 2021- June 3, 2022: (84 Bus Routes)

- ★ 1,720 miles for regular daily routes
- ★ 306,160 miles total
- ★ 104,783 miles for non-route field trips, athletic trips, etc.

Meals Served from July 26, 2021- June 3, 2022:

- ★ 266,749 breakfast meals served to students and 26 served to adults
- ★ 417,535 lunch meals served to students and 2,092 served to adults
- ★ 2,593 snacks served to students
- ★ 688,995 total meals served



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Title I Funding

- ★ Visual & Performing Arts Magnet, Herbert Carter Global Community Magnet, and Math, Science & Technology Magnet are Title I schoolwide schools that use federal Title I funds to pay for additional instructional staff and supplies.
- ★ Marion High School also receives federal Title I funds as a Title I Targeted Assisted school.
- ★ Title I funds are federal funds that cannot be used to pay for anything required by state or local laws.
- ★ MSD's Title I allocation for the 2022-23 school year: \$1,173,478.31
- ★ Students are served based on academic need, not income levels. If a school has at least 40% of its students qualifying and has a plan to serve all students, it can become a Title I School-wide school that can serve all students at that school.



Title II-A Funding

- ★ Title II-A targets professional development for teachers and administrators.
- ★ The district's Title II-A Teacher Quality program allocation this year (2022-23) is \$174,139.62.
- ★ Title II-A funds are used to pay 75% of the salary of a school improvement specialist to assist teachers with curriculum, technology, professional development and virtual learning.



Other Federal Funding

- ★ Title III funds are used with our English language learners. MSD will receive \$11,164.43 in 2022-23.
- ★ Title IV funds are transferred into Title I and spent as Title I funds. MSD will receive \$68,710.61 in 2022-23.
- ★ Title I, Part D funds are used to support MSD students who reside in the East Arkansas Youth Shelter that is located in our district. MSD will receive \$7,988.42 in 2022-2023.



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Arkansas Better Chance (ABC) Preschool

- ★ There are 3 ABC preschool classrooms on the VPA campus governed by the Crowley's Ridge Educational Cooperative Services in Harrisburg, AR.
- ★ The ABC Preschool program is funded to serve 3 classrooms with 20 students each.
- ★ The ABC Preschool program employs 3 certified teachers, 3 paraprofessionals, and 1 paraprofessional floater.
- ★ Ms. Leann Lester is the onsite supervisor.
- ★ Ms. Pam Castor, CRESC Director and Ms. Sharon Coburn, CRESC ABC Coordinator are in charge of the ABC Program on the VPA campus.



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Site-Based Parent Involvement

- ★ **STAGE: Stakeholders Together Advocating for a Great Experience** - Visual & Performing Arts Magnet
- ★ **CIA: Community In Action** - Math, Science, & Technology Magnet
- ★ **GPA: Global Parent Association** - Herbert Carter Global Community Magnet
- ★ **PACE: Parent and Community Engagement** - Marion Jr. High School
- ★ **CAPES: Community and Parent Engagement Squad** - Marion High School



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Parent Involvement

- ★ Parents are encouraged to participate in school activities and in the review and design of school improvement plans.
- ★ Comments and suggestions are encouraged and may be submitted to the building principal or to:

PARENT COORDINATOR:

Mrs. Julie Coveny

Marion School District

200 Manor Street

Marion, AR 72364



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Equity Information

- ★ The Marion School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status.
- ★ Equity complaints may begin with the district's equity coordinator:

Ms. Carissa Lacy
Marion School District
200 Manor Street
Marion, AR 72364



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Thanks to a GREAT staff!

In conclusion, we would like to thank the entire staff – bus drivers, substitutes, custodians, food services staff, maintenance crew, technology crew, secretaries, paraprofessionals, teachers, media specialists, counselors, instructional facilitators, and administrators – of the Marion School District for their dedication and continuous effort to make our schools safe and nurturing learning environments for our students.

In addition, we would also like to thank our school board for your continuous support.



Before Closing,

**Are there any questions or
comments?**