



Annual Report to the Public

October 21, 2021

Marion School Board Meeting
Marion Performing Arts Center

6:00 p.m.



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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

Secretary

Mr. Daryel Jackson

Mr. Rob Rash
Mrs. Jerri Crase

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Mr. Gary Wehrum



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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



Support Staff

Director of Technology
Mr. Sam Uddin

Director of Transportation
Mr. Kenny Phillips



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

All 2021-2022 teachers meet DESE requirements.

All 2021-2022 core content teachers are Arkansas qualified to teach in their core content areas.



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2021-22 Adding Areas of Licensure:

- 2 Math
- 1 Counselor
- 1 English
- 1 Special Education
- 1 Career Development
- 1 Spanish
- 1 Business Technology
- 2 Special Education Administrators

2021-22 Long Term Substitute

Teachers:

- 7 Special Education
- 1 Spanish

2021-22 Teaching on an ACT 1240 Waiver

- 1 Social Studies
- 4 Math
- 1 English
- 2 Science
- 3 P.E./Health
- 10 Elementary k-6
- 4 Business
- 1 Vocal Music



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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, 2020, and will have completed this year's required hours by December 31, 2021.



Professional Development for the 2020-2021 School Year

- ★ Marion School District provided approximately 458.5 hours of professional development between June 1, 2020 and June 2, 2021.
- ★ Teachers earned the 60 required professional development (PD) hours before school began for students.
- ★ 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, Google Suite training, fact fluency and number sense ideas, Google Classroom, and online tech tools training.



MSD 2020 State Assessment Data



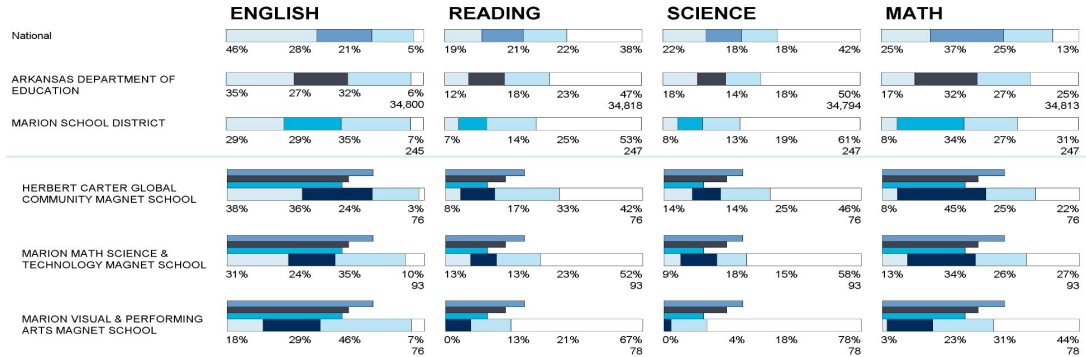
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MSD ACT Aspire – 3rd Grade

ACT[®] Aspire[™]
Assessed Apr 5, 2021 - May 7, 2021

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

Subject Proficiency by School
Summative



SUBJECT FOCUS: Reading
ACT Aspire Reading Assessments determine whether students can understand what increasingly challenging texts say explicitly and what can reasonably be inferred from these texts; understand general academic and domain-specific language in the context in which it is used; and integrate knowledge and ideas from multiple texts.

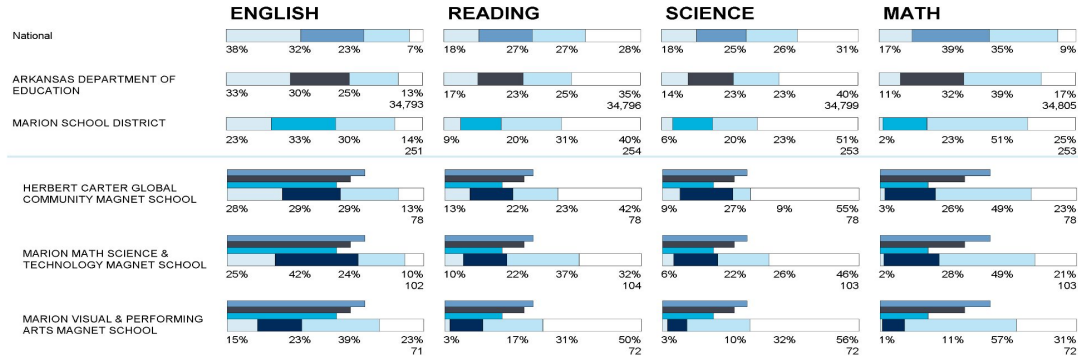


MSD ACT Aspire – 4th Grade

ACT[®] Aspire
Assessed Apr 5, 2021 - May 7, 2021

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.

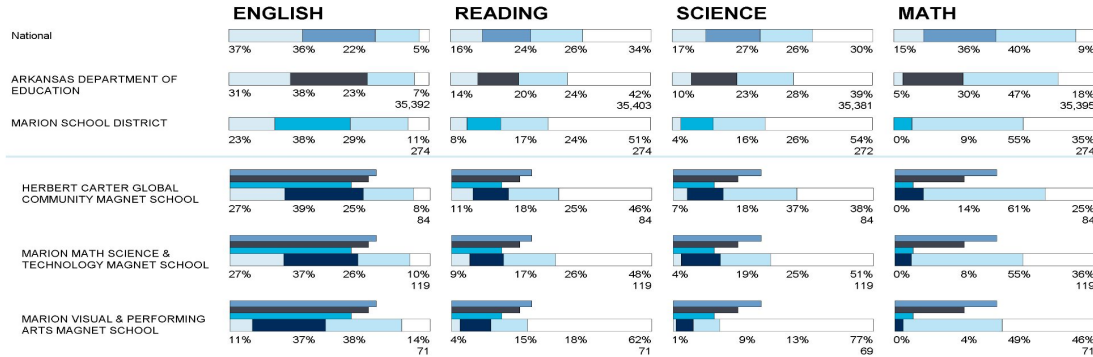


MSD ACT Aspire – 5th Grade

ACT[®] Aspire[™]
Assessed Apr 5, 2021 - May 7, 2021

MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT
Grade: 5
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 – 6th Grade

ACT[®] Aspire[®]

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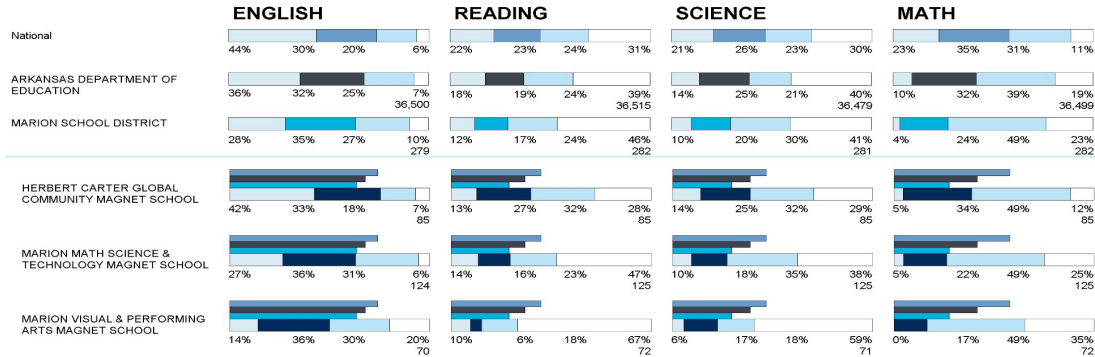
MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Grade: 6

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 – 7th Grade

ACT[®] Aspire[®]

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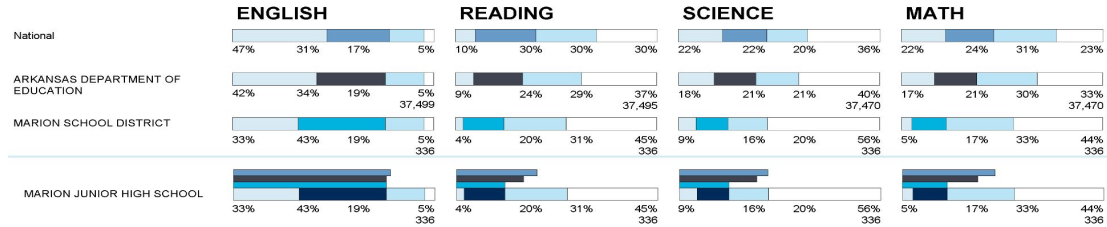
MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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.



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MSD ACT Aspire – 8th Grade

ACT[®] Aspire[™]

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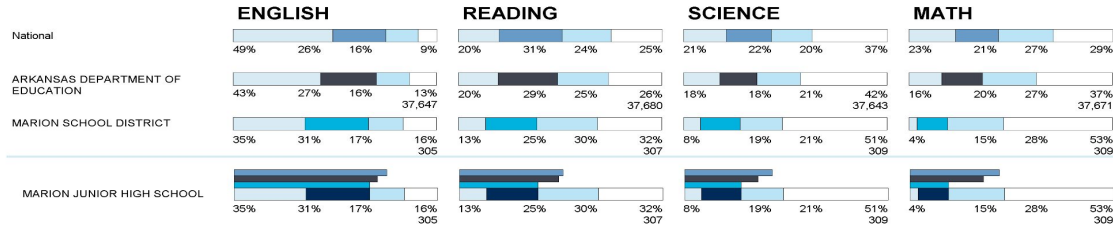
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Grade: 8

District ID: AR-1804000

Subject Proficiency by School

Summative



SUBJECT FOCUS: Mathematics
 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 – 9th Grade

ACT[®] Aspire[®]

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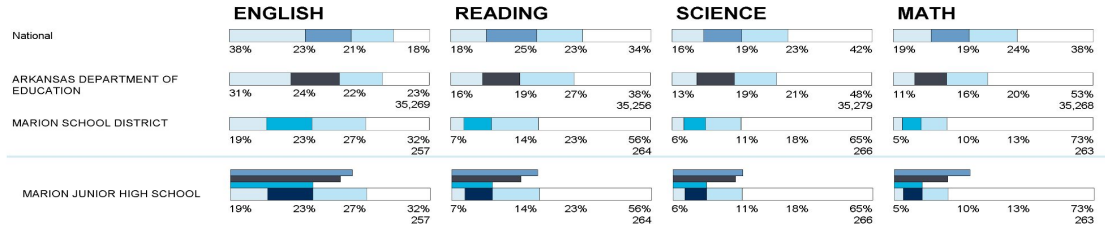
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Grade: 9

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.



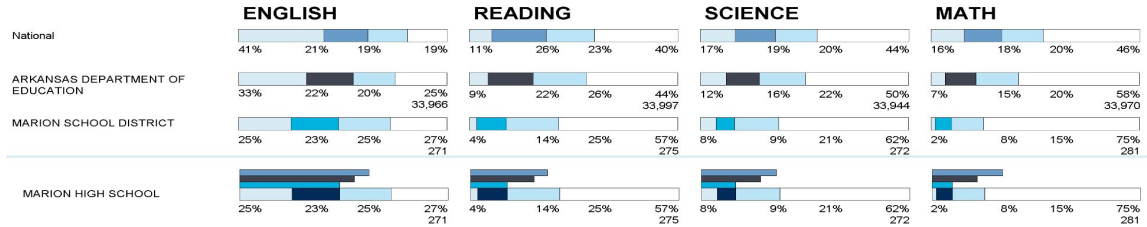
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MSD ACT Aspire – 10th Grade

ACT[®] Aspire[®]
Assessed Apr 5, 2021 - May 7, 2021

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.



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 (10/1/21)

| | |
|--|--------------|
| ★ Visual & Performing Arts Magnet (K-6) | 616 Students |
| ★ Herbert Carter Global Community Magnet (K-6) | 589 Students |
| ★ Math, Science, & Technology Magnet (K-6) | 691 Students |
| ★ Marion Junior High School (7-9) | 968 Students |
| ★ Marion High School (10-12) | 850 Students |



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Schools

2021-22

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

3,714 - Students K-12

300 - Licensed Employees

195 - Classified Employees



Efforts to improve student learning:

- ★ “Hybrid” school calendar implemented for 2021-22. Calendar spreads out school year, adding rejuvenation breaks after each nine weeks.
- ★ Flexible and innovative approach to ACT Aspire testing utilized, winning statewide praise.
- ★ MST utilizing grant to enhance its garden/greenhouse program. Learning will connect to local Native American history and the Trail of Tears.



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Efforts to improve student learning:

- ★ More than a quarter of MHS student population took advantage of concurrent credit courses offered by ASU-Midsouth
- ★ District partnered with Studio Grey, Wolf Trap, and Delta Arts to bring fine arts programs to VPA.
- ★ Each school has a scheduled remediation/enrichment (WIN, Patriot Time, PATH) period to address students' academic needs.



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Efforts to improve student learning:

- ★ District continuing use of Patriot Academy to support teachers who are new to the district.
- ★ HUB program developed to create a non-traditional way for students to graduate from high school. Students are identified and referred for placement. Qualifying characteristics that indicate the presence of at least two barriers hindering student success in traditional programs are identified.
- ★ MHS students earned OSHA 10-hour cards through the Construction Technology program.



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Efforts to improve MSD:

- ★ More than 5,000 meals provided to students every weekend during Spring 2021 to ease food insecurity.
- ★ MSD holds series of Covid-19 vaccination clinics. In total, the district has administered approximately 850 vaccination doses.
- ★ New playgrounds and playground surfaces were installed at all three magnet schools.
- ★ Construction underway on new courtyard area at MHS.



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Efforts to improve MSD:

- ★ Office and bathroom renovations were made at HCGC and VPA.
- ★ Roof coatings and HVAC upgrades were made district-wide.
- ★ New turf was installed at the MHS Fieldhouse. New, modern weights were also purchased for the facility.
- ★ Bottle-filling stations have been installed at all campuses.
- ★ MSD worked with the Food Pantry to provide weekly food deliveries to nearly 40 local families.



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Efforts to improve MSD:

- ★ MSD launched updated district website, creating better experience for both current and potential parents, students, and staff.
- ★ A new school garden was installed at VPA, providing a unique outdoor learning space for students.
- ★ New baseball field opens for 2021 season, featuring modern, artificial playing surface.
- ★ Construction underway on new softball field.



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Efforts to improve MSD:

- ★ New cameras and lighting installed across the district, enhancing security for students and staff.
- ★ Construction underway on new physical education building and parking lot at HCGC.
- ★ Teacher licensure waiver gives the district a greater ability to grow teachers from Crittenden County. Teachers hired under the waiver are provided with mentors and training.



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Efforts to improve MSD:

- ★ MSD achieved 1:1 technology distribution for the first time, providing either a Chromebook or a tablet for each student.
- ★ District launched “Patriot Blast” -- a regular email newsletter delivering district news to community members.



MSD Accomplishments:

- ★ School Health Coordinator Kelly Fogleman was named the Arkansas School Nurse of the Year by the Arkansas School Nurse Association.
- ★ MHS School Resource Officer Tara Sims won the 2021 Safe Schools Leadership Award for ARSO of the Year.
- ★ Marion Patriots Activities Network (MPAN) earned two national awards, one for Best Sports Network and one for Best School-Run Broadcast Team.



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MSD Accomplishments:

- ★ For the third year in a row, MHS was awarded the College Board's AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for helping close the gap and expanding young women's access to computer science classes.
- ★ Sean Gray was selected as the 2020 Arkansas Computer Science Educator of the Year.



MSD Accomplishments:

- ★ 24 students at MHS received Completer Status at the ASU Mid-South Technical Center.
- ★ 24 students selected for Region IV Honor Band, tripling the amount from previous year. Six members of the class of 2021 attending college on band scholarships. New instruments and uniforms purchased for 2021-22 season.



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ALE/theHUB

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

K-8 = 10 students

9-12 = 45 students

theHUB

Lead Teacher/JAG Specialist

Mr. Hal Landrith

41 students



Gifted and Talented Program

K-12 GT Coordinator: Leah Schmidt

- ★ **K-6 Discovery** (GT Whole Group Enrichment)
 - Amy Morgan -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 109 students in grades 4-6 who are identified for GT pull-out in the three magnet schools.



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 419 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 Environmental Science, AP US Government, AP World History, AP Psychology, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Computer Science, and AP Studio Art

There are 263 unique students at MHS enrolled in at least one Honors/AP Class.



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2020-21 Mileage & Meals

Miles Traveled from August 2019- March 13, 2020: (93 Bus Routes)

- ★ 1,858 miles for regular daily routes
- ★ 70,922 miles for non-route field trips, athletic trips, etc.

Meals Served from August 2019- March 13, 2020:

- ★ 285,381 breakfast meals served to students and 87 served to adults
- ★ 359,575 lunch meals served to students and 3,174 served to adults
- ★ 15,389 snacks served to students
- ★ 836,021 total meals served



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2020-21 Mileage & Meals

Miles Traveled from March 13, 2020- May 21, 2020: (COVID-19)

★ 2,540 miles run for food deliveries

Meals Served from March 13, 2020- May 21, 2020: (COVID-19)

★ 49,978 total meals served to students and families



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 2020-21 school year: \$923,535.14
- ★ 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 (2020-21) is \$138,752.59
- ★ 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.



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Other Federal Funding

- ★ Title III funds are used with our English language learners. MSD will receive \$10,579.75 in 2020-21.
- ★ Title IV funds are transferred into Title I and spent as Title I funds. MSD will receive \$74,119.22 in 2020-21.
- ★ 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 \$11,839.69 in 2020-2021.



Arkansas Better Chance (ABC) Preschool

- ★ There are 4 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 4 classrooms with 20 students each.
- ★ The ABC Preschool program employs 4 certified teachers and 5 paraprofessionals. One for each ABC preschool classroom with 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



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.



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Before Closing,

**Are there any questions or
comments?**