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Dear Fellow Dawson Springs Area Friends,

On behalf of our faculty, staff, and administration in our Dawson Springs Schools, I encourage you to take a look at the reverse side of this page for some impressive information regarding our schools. We have a rich tradition of strong academic success. We feel much of our success revolves around relationship building, high expectations, and providing engaging, positive learning opportunities for students inside and outside of our classrooms. We also just don't engage students, we engage student families and our community as well. We believe this is a key element in our continued success in all of our schools.

If you, your friends, or any of your family have school aged children, please share this important information with them. Enrollment is currently open with full day preschool down to age 3 and up to high school seniors...REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU LIVE! We also have expanded transportation available to some areas slightly outside our borders.

We are looking forward to a great 2022-2023 school year. Our first day for students is August 10th. Contact information is located on the reverse side of this document. Have a safe remainder of the summer!

Warm Regards,

Lenny Whalen

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Superintendent, Dawson Springs Independent Schools

**Come take a look and see what makes our small,
"home town" setting so successful!**



Dawson Springs

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A powerhouse education for your child is closer than you think!

Open Enrollment at Dawson Springs Schools is now available for all grades, regardless of where you live!

- Thanks to Kentucky's newly enacted "open borders" legislation, students can attend any public school in the state that they choose if there are seats available, and they can meet entry requirements of the new district.
- Students across western Kentucky now have access to one of the top schools in the Commonwealth. In 2022, we were again rated in the top 10% of high schools in Kentucky by *U.S. News & World Report*. We are also second in western Kentucky (trailing only Murray Independent Schools) in the same ratings.
- We encourage you to share this information with friends and family outside Dawson Springs, so that they might consider becoming a part of our highly successful Dawson Springs Schools family.



Why Choose Dawson Springs Schools?

- Dawson Springs Independent Schools has a long, rich tradition of providing high quality academics and student opportunities.
- We pride ourselves on fostering a high achievement environment and a culture that embodies timeless, traditional family values.
- Ranked seven times as one of the Best High Schools in Kentucky as reported by U.S. News and World Report (2016-2022).
- Twice awarded the Great Schools College Success Award for preparing students for success in college (2021 & 2022).
- We offer several dual credit courses and collaborate extensively with both Madisonville Community College and Murray State University.
- Technology and skilled trade courses/certifications are available through Caldwell Area Technology Center and Madisonville Community College.
- For 3-4 year old students, we now offer an expansive full day preschool program that follows the district school calendar.
- Small class sizes allow for rich learning experiences and we also offer 1 to 1 technology availability for all students.
- Our staff works to develop and nurture strong relationships with students and their families. We don't just teach students; we engage families.
- We provide athletic opportunities in Golf, Cross Country, Basketball, Archery, Bass Fishing, Baseball, Softball, and Track
- We also have quality extracurricular offerings in: Band, Beta Club, Academic Team, and several other clubs and civic organizations.
- We are currently expanding our school transportation network into the Ilsley, Charleston, Midway, and Pennyryle Park areas.

We at Dawson Springs have a vision for our students and our community. We develop life-long learners, not finishers. We lean into struggle and engage the world with strength and resilience. We challenge our students' passion for learning while maintaining a fun and thought-provoking environment. We are committed to helping and empowering each student to be successful in their own individual way.



What if my family wants to become a part of the Dawson Springs community?

- Dawson Springs schools is currently expanding our network of bus routes to provide reliable transportation to families in the Ilsley, Charleston, Midway, and Pennyryle Park areas who may have been displaced due to the tornado or for those who may simply want to take advantage of our quality educational offerings.
- Dawson Springs provides an extremely safe community with a low cost of living.
- Abundant outdoor recreational opportunities in and around the area.
- High speed internet is available in/around the entire area.
- Significant job opportunities within a reasonable drive and immediate access to I-69.



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For more information, please call
270-797-3811 extension 5, or come by the
Dawson Springs Board of Education at
118 East Arcadia Avenue in Dawson Springs.

