

Burgin Independent Schools

Since 2014, Burgin High School students, along with Danville and KSD students, have been a part of the CCR Exchange Program housed at KSD. Our students have been able to take the following career pathways at no cost to our district other than transportation:

1. Culinary Arts
2. Graphic Design
3. Horticulture
4. Teaching and Learning
5. Small Animal Science



In 2016, former Superintendent Martha Collier joined four other area Superintendents to apply for the New Skills for Youth Grant (NSFY). This grant was funded by JP Morgan Chase and Kentucky was 1 of 10 states to receive this grant. Part of the grant application was to survey the labor market's demand for skilled workers in our area. Research shows that there is a demand for workers in healthcare and manufacturing. The application submitted was 1 of 7 received by the Kentucky Department of Education for only 5 slots. The committee only selected 3 and we were 1 of them!

The 2017-2018 school year was used to organize and create the Trailblazer Academy. Mr. LeMonds and Mrs. Steele met with the other 4 principals and counselors over a dozen times to create the Trailblazer Academy that rolls out this fall. These pathways will be housed at the Harrodsburg ATC.



As you know, jobs in the 21st century are increasingly technical and students of today must prepare to blaze tomorrow's career trails. The Trailblazer Academy will provide students with the opportunity to gain career certifications, collaborate with students across 4 other schools, and position them for immediate acceleration into highly-sought-after, competitive careers in healthcare, technology, engineering, and more. Our students will collaborate with their pathway peers from Mercer County High School, KSD, Frankfort Independent High School, and Anderson County High School. The 15 pathways offered as part of the Trailblazer Academy are:

Did you know?

Over the next 5 years, the projected job openings...

...in Kentucky is 402,561 with over 61,000 of those jobs in our area!

...in Healthcare & Technical is 3,827 with the average wage of **\$73,998!**

...in Computer & Mathematical is 1,195 with the average wage of **\$68,211!**

...in Engineering is 1,220 with the average wage of **\$73,211!**

1. Medical Coding
2. Licensed Nurse Practitioner (LPN)
3. Nurse Aide (NA)
4. Registered Nurse (RN)
5. Electrical Trainee Level I & II
6. Residential Electricity Level I
7. Electrical Construction
8. Electrical Motor Control Level I
9. Electrician Trainee Level I & II
10. Residential Electricity Level I
11. Welding Helper
12. Gas Welder
13. Gas Metal ARC Welder
14. ARC Cutter
15. Production Line Welder

School leadership's task is always to expand opportunities for our students. Think about it, we have 20 pathways at our disposal at almost no cost to our district. As the smallest school in the area, there is no way financially that we could house these great pathways due to space and budget constraints. Our current economy is forcing school districts to rethink how we deliver education. You will see more and more schools collaborating and sharing resources among districts across the state. Just this month, it was announced that there are 6 more recipients of the NSFY Grant announced for this year totaling 9 in Kentucky. We are excited to be part of this and look forward to what the future holds for our students!

Did you know?

Participating students can earn up to 24 hours of dual credit!

For more information, visit...

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<https://youtu.be/ZXcu-QCWhR0>
www.trailblazeracademyky.com
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