

# Primary & Secondary Education

## Public Schools

Lawrence County Schools has reigned as the top academic achieving system in the South Central Region for the last three years as well as maintaining one of the leading graduation rates in the state. National recognition of Lawrence County Schools has been well deserved by our system in recent years with Lawrenceburg Public School being awarded as a 2008 Blue Ribbon School by the U. S. Department of Education and David Crockett Elementary being named a 2011 Title I Distinguished School. In addition, two of our three high schools, Summertown High School and Lawrence County High School have been listed amongst the elite list of Best High School's by the U.S. News and World Report which is an honor Summertown High School has been bestowed for five years. For two consecutive years Lawrence County Schools has had a school named as a Tennessee Reward School. In 2012 Leoma Elementary School received the honor as well as 2013 Ethridge Elementary School.

Lawrence County's public school system is operated as one county system with a Director of Schools, Dr. Bill Heath who was recently named Superintendent of the Year for the South Central Region, and nine board members. Our system, with approximately 7000 students, is made up of twelve schools that include eight primary schools, one middle school, and three high schools. The system also provides an Adult High School giving students and adults a non-traditional classroom setting with the award of a high school diploma. Post-Secondary dual enrollment opportunities are available to high school juniors and seniors. Students earn academic credit for both high school graduation and college or a technical diploma/certificate through Columbia State Community College and the Tennessee College of Applied Technology.

Partnerships are vital to the continued success and growth of Lawrence County Schools. Currently, the Lawrence County Education Foundation contributes financially through mini-grants and individual project donations as well as acting as advocates for our system. In addition, many of our schools have Parent Teacher Organizations as well as local businesses that serve as Adopters through the Adopt-A-School Program.

## Private and Parochial Schools

*The Farm School*

Grades: K-10

Religious Affiliation: non-denominational

*Lawrenceburg Sacred Heart Elementary*

Grades: K-8

Religious Affiliation: Roman Catholic

*Loretto Sacred Heart Elementary*

Grades: K-8

Religious Affiliation: Roman Catholic

*Bill Egly Seventh-Day Adventist School*

Grades: K-8

Religious Affiliation: Seventh-Day Adventist

*Freedom Hill Christian Day School*

Grades: K-11

Religious Affiliation: Methodist

*Covenant Academy*

Grades: K-10

Religious Affiliation: Non-denominational