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HAYS

Elementary School



924 STUDENTS ENROLLED

89% STUDENTS RECEIVED FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH

STUDENT ACADEMIC GROWTH



EXCEEDED STATE MATH STANDARD

More students improved academic growth over previous year, compared to statewide standards.

Hays Elementary School

100

Pennsylvania Growth Standard

70

REMOVING BARRIERS TO LEARNING

The number of students who were connected to basic needs and food resources increased this year which helped promote positive student and family outcomes. PPL Corp. held a nonperishable and hygiene product drive to support Hays students. Hygiene products included soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes and hair accessories, while pasta, cereal, granola bars and peanut butter restocked the school's food pantry.

75% OF STUDENTS IDENTIFIED WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS CONNECTED TO SERVICES



RESOURCES OFFERED:

- On-site food pantry
- Clothing and uniform closet
- On-site hygiene products



IMPROVED STUDENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT BY 20%

205

**STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN
OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

621

**FAMILIES ATTENDED
EVENTS/CONFERENCES**

Hays Elementary School increased their after-school program opportunities to encourage student engagement. Partnering with upper classmen from Central Catholic High School, Hays students participated in the Pickle Ball After-School Program.




SUCCESS STORIES

IMPROVED ATTENDANCE AMONG AT-RISK STUDENTS

The Community School Coordinator implemented new attendance initiatives for chronically absent students who miss more than 20 days per year. A mentoring program was created where PPL volunteers came to the school to work with 5th grade at-risk students once a week. In addition, the Lunch Bunch program was started for 1st-5th grade students. They would discuss the importance of attendance, talk, play games and eat lunch together.

EXPANDED FOOD RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Community partnerships are essential in the fight to end food insecurity among Allentown students and families. In March 2022, Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley, Community Action Lehigh Valley and Second Harvest Food Bank opened the Promise Food & Wellness Center at Hays Elementary School. This pantry is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays as well as the first and third Saturday of every month. It operates with a convenient order-ahead system and exemplifies the "choice pantry" model recommended by Feeding PA.



2022-23 GOALS

IMPROVE ATTENDANCE

**MEET MORE STUDENTS'
BASIC NEEDS**

**CONTINUE STRONG
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

