

Little Purples Academy

Creating Student Pathways While Retaining Staff

Opening Summer 2024



Warren County, Kentucky

- Approximate population: 133,000 with 21,000 below age five
- One of the fastest growing communities in the Commonwealth
 - *Young adults, professionals moving to Bowling Green with no family or relatives.*

NUMBER OF DAYCARE OPTIONS BY ZIP CODE:

42104: 11, with 0 licensed, All STARS level 3 and above

42101: 27, with 8 licensed, All STARS level 3 and above

The Kentucky ALL STARS system is based on Kentucky's Early Childhood Standards and research-based indicators of quality.

Partnerships

BGHS students in multiple career pathways have opportunities to participate in internship and cooperative learning with community partners, providing valuable work experience before graduation.

As BGISD finalized plans for a new Local Area Vocational Education Center, the district considered current BGHS pathways and partners to expand opportunities for students and meet growing needs within our community.



EMPLOYEE SURVEY SAYS:

Of the approximately 650 BGISD employees, over 90 children will need infant and toddler childcare in the next five years.

TOP CONCERN:

Finding an opening; we have been on a waitlist for almost a year”

“It is expensive, and the best daycare has a waiting list.”

“I do not know if there will be a spot for my future child because it seems as though the daycares in Bowling Green are all at capacity.”

“The cost of childcare is daunting as a parent-to-be. Additionally, finding somewhere that is trustworthy AND has availability is concerning.”



Bowling Green Independent Schools
Bowling Green, Kentucky

2023-24 School Year
MONTHLY PAYCHECK

TEACHER- 5 Years Experience

\$2,562

Two Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Two and 00/100

Salary minus taxes, retirement, and insurance

Gary Fields

Average home price in Warren Co: \$268,128

Average cost of infant care:

\$880 / Month

Average cost of toddler care:

\$800 / Month

In Warren County, 70% of mothers with children under 18 are currently in the workforce

BGHS: Early Childhood Pathway

This pathway is targeted for individuals preparing for careers related to early childhood education, such as those associated with child care, teaching, community-based children's programs, social services or counseling for children, and after-school programs. **101 students are enrolled in this pathway.**

COURSES:

Early Lifespan Development
Child Development Services I
Child Development Services II

CERTIFICATIONS:

- Commonwealth Child Care Credential-Certificate of Eligibility
- Kentucky Early Care and Education Orientation
- Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma
- CPR with Red Cross

Immediately employable upon graduation.



Opening Little Purples Academy

- BGISD received \$8.3 Million for the new center as part of the *Better Kentucky Plan*, funded by the 2022 General Assembly.
- BGISD will partner with **Bowling Green / Warren County Community Education** to open a daycare center for up to 66 children ages 6 weeks to four years old.
- Received \$100,000 Community Partnership Grant from the Department of Community Based Services to start a new daycare.
- High School students in the BGHS Early Childhood Career Pathway will have the opportunity to job-shadow and assist with daily operations of the center as part of their learning.
- Priority admission for enrollment in the daycare center will be for children of BGISD employees.