COMMON THREADS OF  
KENTUCKY SCHOOLS TO WATCH

While each school faces different challenges related to its location, student demographics, levels of district support, and other factors, common themes in KY’s Schools to Watch have been noted.

- The schools know and articulate the academic outcomes they seek. They are taking deliberate steps to help all students achieve those outcomes by making strategic changes in curriculum, teaching, and school services.

- The schools hold themselves accountable for specific results. Data has an important role in the lives of these schools.

- Each school strategically concentrates its energies on specific areas. As a result, the changes in each school are burrowing deeply into its culture.

- A positive, encouraging learning environment has been created and maintained for both students and staff. Stakeholders are invited and welcomed in the school and communication with all stakeholders via a variety of means is stressed.

- The schools have strong, visionary leaders who can articulate challenging goals and motivate staff to reach those goals.

- The administrators of the schools honor the professionalism of their staff and there is a high level of trust between administrators and staff.