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FIREBAUGH MIDDLE SCHOOL

Designated 2016; Re-Designated 2019
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SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS
Community: Rural; Enrollment: 524; Grades: 6-7-8; School Schedule: Seven-period day. Designated RTI/enrichment period during the school day. Scheduled academic seminar weeks. Early release day on Wednesday.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS
0.6% Black/African American; 88% Hispanic/Latino; 4.2% White; 7.2% Other; 90.3% Free/Reduced Lunch; 27.3% English Learners

SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS AND REPLICAPE PRACTICES

• Every student is enrolled in five core classes, one academic seminar class, and one elective. CELDT students have a block of two language arts classes to facilitate tiered short-term interventions.

• Grade-level teams confer to create an action plan for each unit, and meet again following common assessments to analyze data and plan next steps.

• One early release day per week provides time for collaboration and staff development.

• Enrichment classes are flexible and provide a diverse choice of courses such as movie critique, drama, art, needlepoint, and Insanity CrossFit.

• English and math teachers are trained in rigorous curriculum design and all departments incorporate listening, speaking, writing, and reading standards into their curriculum.

• School provides 1:1 computers and all classes are on Google Classroom.

• Additional support for instruction is provided by two learning directors in lieu of an assistant principal.

• RTI coaches oversee peer observations and weekly informal observations and feedback.

• School supports a student assistance program to offer group counseling on a regular basis.

• PBIS, WEB, leadership, and STIM (Skills that Improve Me) programs target school culture.