

Demographics

Demographics of the school and its community

Longfellow Elementary School is located in Muncie, Indiana. The school has a total of 336 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Approximately, 49% of the students are African American, 30% are Caucasian, 14% are multiracial, 6% are Hispanic, and 1% is Asian. Within the school, about 90% of the students receive free meals, 3% receive reduced meals, and 7% pay for their meals. In the spring of 2014, Indiana's passing rate on ISTEP+ for the English/Language Arts and Math sections was 75% and Longfellow's passing rate was 70%. However, Muncie Community School's passing rate was only 63%. Additionally, Longfellow received a B for this past school year.

Description of classes taught and general classroom environment

In Mr. York's fifth grade classroom, there are a total of 13 boys and 11 girls. The students come from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds. There are 14 African Americans, 7 Caucasians, 2 Hispanics, and 1 multiracial in this classroom. Among the 24 students, there are 3 students with IEPs for speech and 2 students with IEPs for a learning disability. One student has an IEP for both speech and a learning disability. Additionally, a classroom assistant provides extra support with mathematics during Tier 2 time and the guidance counselor presents information on Fridays. Within the 90-minute literacy block, the students rotate through 3 stations at least 3 times a week. The stations include handwriting, spelling, grammar, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, independent reading, and working with the teacher. Based on the rotations, each student will work with the teacher once a day. Other than reading, language arts, mathematics, and writing, some special curriculum that the students utilize are readtheory (reading comprehension), LEXIA (language and reading practice), tenmark (math practice), and Aleks (advanced math practice). All of the programs are individualized and the students can set their own pace.