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Project Title: **Get the Picture?! Guiding and Engaging Exceptional Teens**

Type: Development; AP 3, Students with Disabilities; AP 6, Rural

Numbers: 900 students • High schools in 9 rural, high-poverty districts

The Green River Regional Educational Cooperative is a nonprofit educational service agency serving 41 districts and their 140,000 students, teachers and administrators. We design and implement needs-based solutions, including consortium projects that address the shared challenges of our small, rural districts.

For the past two years, our special educators have worked alongside the teachers, school and district leaders, and specialists from the Kentucky Department of Education to move Franklin-Simpson High School from Persistently Lowest Achieving status to one of two designated Hub Schools in the state. **Get the Picture?! Guiding & Engaging Exceptional Teens** will replicate that work in 9 rural, high-poverty school districts. We will develop school-based Support Teams in each school to provide intentional, timely, continual support for students with disabilities. Each student will meet one-on-one each week with his/her Career Strategist – a professionally developed special educator, counselor, principal, or district administrator. Together, they will work to develop student self-determination skills, the very skills the research indicates will help empower these young learners to make key decisions around specific learning and career goals (Holub, 1998; Wehmeyer, 2003). Goals and objectives include increased college/career readiness of exceptional students, as seen by state/national assessments, industry certifications; an improved perception of student competence; and improved graduation, attendance and behavior referral rates.

Partner Schools

Breckinridge County HS
Clinton County HS
Cumberland County HS
Edmonson County HS
Marion County HS
Muhlenberg County HS
Ohio County HS
Russellville Jr./Sr. HS
Webster County HS



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