

About Our School

Helena Elementary School is located in Shelby County, Alabama. The city of Helena is approximately 30 miles south of Birmingham. The present site is the former home of Helena Junior High School which was opened in 1925. The building has undergone multiple additions and renovations in the past 87 years. The most recent renovation was completed in 2013 with the addition of 8 classrooms and 2 sets of restrooms.

With 800 plus students and 99 faculty and staff members, Helena Elementary is one of the largest elementary schools in the district.



Helena Elementary School

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Helena Elementary School

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Welcome to HES!

Our Mission:

To enable each child, each day to achieve his or her greatest learning potential in a challenging, nurturing environment.

Our Vision:

To become a model of excellence in early childhood education.



Our Faculty

We have a large and loving faculty at Helena Elementary School! Even though our school is large, it has a way of feeling small and cozy. Our teachers make that happen every single day. We currently have 14 Kindergarten classrooms, 15 1st grade classrooms, and 13 2nd grade classrooms. Our special area staff includes an art teacher, music teacher, media specialist, technology teacher, two physical education teachers, and two counselors. Our Special Education department is made up of 4 special education teachers, two speech pathologists, and nine instructional aides. We are also privileged to have an ELL teacher and a Gifted Resource teacher on our staff. In addition to our staff being caring, they are also a well educated group of professionals. We are proud to say that 5 of our teachers are Nationally Board Certified, 34 of our faculty have their Master's Degree, 20 have a Bachelor's Degree, and 1 has an Educational Specialist Degree. In addition, at HES we equip students with 21st century technology skills. Each teacher's classroom is equipped with a Smart Board and at least 2 iPads for student use.

Parent involvement

Helena is an amazing community with equally amazing parents. One of the biggest assets to our school is our parent involvement. Our PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) conducts several fund-raisers throughout the year. The funds they raise are used to purchase books, instructional equipment and supplies, technology, literature resources, professional development, building and grounds maintenance equipment and supplies, playground equipment and upgrades, and other vital needs for the operation of our school building. Parents are always in our school volunteering their time and talents and helping our students. The saying "it takes a village to raise a child" is the truth here in Helena where the School, Parents, and Community work closely together to ensure the best for Helena's children.



Helena Area Schools

- Helena Elementary: K-2
- Helena Intermediate: 3-5
- Helena Middle: 6-8
- Helena High: 9-12