

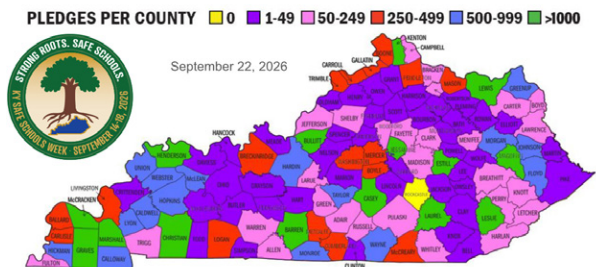
Over 1,500 school safety pledges signed in Marshall County

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Over 1,500 school safety pledges were signed by members of the Marshall County School District during the 2026 Safe Schools Week, which was Sept. 14-18.

The Kentucky Center for School Safety announced Safe Schools Week as a “dedicated week [aimed] to empower schools to strengthen their safety initiatives through targeted activities and discussions.” Patricia Greer, resource center director for the Kentucky Center for School Safety, said school safety is their “absolute top priority.”

“The goal [of the safety week was] to raise awareness about various aspects of school safety and empower students,



Kentucky Center for School Safety

This image shows Marshall County in green, meaning over 1,000 school safety pledges were signed and submitted during safe school week.

teachers, parents, and the wider community to take proactive steps in creating a safe and nurturing learning environment for everyone," the center stated.

This year's theme was "Strong Roots. Safe Schools." As part of the safety week, each Kentucky school — along with community members and parents — could sign the safe

school pledge, according to the center.

According to the results posted on the center's website, Marshall County Schools had 1,565 signed pledges by the end of the week.

While this event is appointment only, “staff may be able to take a limited number of walk-ins at each event,” according to the cabinet.

According to the cabinet, at the event, which is reserved for residents of the county, people can complete the necessary vision screening at no cost, request an eight year license, update your name and/or address, renew a CDL and upgrade to a REAL ID.

The REAL ID enforcement date was May 7, 2025. It allows Kentuckians “to board domestic U.S. flights, enter military bases, and access feder-

al buildings that require identification,” the cabinet stated. Standard IDs are still acceptable for making age-restricted purchases, accessing social services, driving and voting.

Only about 49.5% of Kentuckians have a REAL ID, according to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Pop-up events do not offer the written or road testing services.

There is not a regional licensing office, where these services typically are done, in Marshall County; there is one in Mayfield and Paducah, according to the cabinet website.

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Marshall County pop-up event scheduled for Dec. 10

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The next driver's license pop-up event, hosted by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, will take place on Dec. 10 at the Marshall County Public Library, according to the fiscal court's website.

The event will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. People can book their appointments, which are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, through the transportation cabinet's website. Registration for the De. 10 pop-up event will open on Nov. 26 at 8 a.m., according to the transportation cabinet website.

