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Neah-Kah-Nie High School

Newsletter

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Focus on Attendance..... Through Measure 98 Neah-Kah-Nie High School is receiving funds to increase graduation rates, improve students' progress toward graduation beginning with 9th grade, and improve high school graduates' readiness for college or career. The research is clear what needs to be done. Students need to be in school at least 90% of the time and pass their classes. It seems like a no-brainer but incredibly, while we typically have strong graduation rates and many high achieving students, too many of our students struggle to achieve regular attendance.

In the first 3 weeks of the second trimester, 60 students had less than 90% attendance. At the half way mark (possibly due to flu season) we have more than 70 students that have dropped below the 90% attendance mark. Because of this we are ramping up our efforts to communicate the importance of consistent attendance. The graph below represents the correlation of the number of days in attendance and course grades to graduating in 4 years.

87% of students that miss 0-4 days per semester graduated. Those students that missed just 5-9 days dropped a drastic 24% and it gets worse the more days a student is absent.

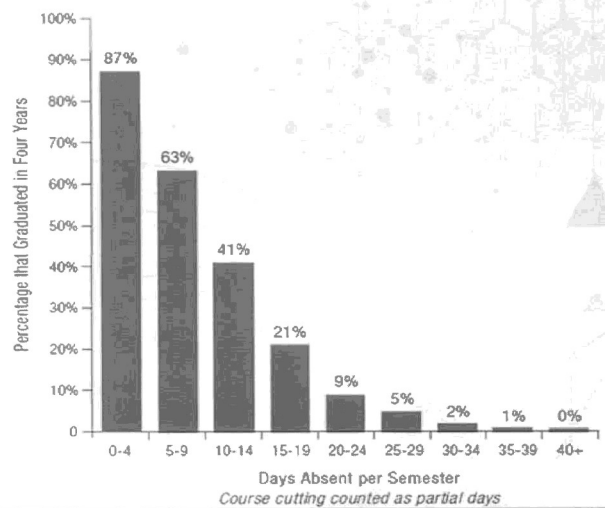
Our goal is to involve students and parents in our efforts to improve attendance school wide. We are carefully monitoring student attendance, meeting with students to create attendance improvement plans, and our school has started a freshman success team. Through our ASPIRE program, we are seeking mentors for students that can help support students with challenges they face. If you would like to help, please give us a call. If you have ideas or concerns, we also welcome your feedback. We need everyone working together to make a difference! Please take a look at the graph below.....



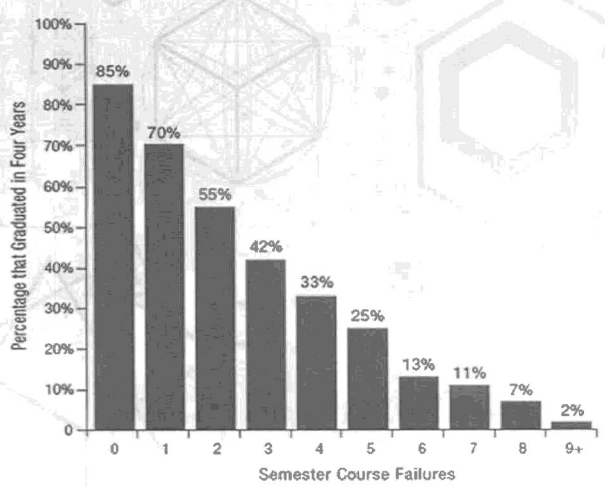
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Why Focus on Data?

Four-Year Graduation Rates by Freshman Absence Rates



Four-Year Graduation Rates by Freshman Course Failures



Student Successes.....

Congratulations to **Neah-Kah-Nie High School Choir's** Grace Miller, Alyssa Ahlers, Seth Charleboix and Logan Laity for being selected to the Oregon Music Educators Association District III Honor Choir Festival at St. Helens High School on Feb. 2nd and 3rd! They joined over 100 of the best high school singers in Northwestern Oregon for rehearsal and a performance on the final day. GREAT JOB!!



Congratulations to **Neah-Kah-Nie Wrestling!**

Grapplers and coaches travelled to Monroe High School this past weekend to compete at the District Meet. The following five NKN Pirates will be competing at the OSAA State Wrestling Tournament February 16th and 17th at Veterans' Memorial Coliseum: Ecca Fry 132#; Travis Bennett 182#; Jett Johnston 195#; Tristen Bennett 220#; and Travis Jonsson 285#. Tristen Bennett, Jonsson and Johnston all finished first at the District Meet. WAY TO GO PIRATE MATMEN!!

Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams are in the hunt for a league playoff position. Pirates basketball is wrapping up the regular basketball season this week hosting Nestucca Bobcats on the 6th and Gaston Greyhounds on the 8th. Thursday the 2018 seniors and parents will be introduced before the varsity games.



In other Pirate news, the Student Council wrapped up Winter Week the last week in January. The NOSB teams competed this past weekend in the Salmon Bowl held at Oregon State University. FBLA is gearing up for state competition and will participate in the Oregon University. Spring sports practices will begin February 26th for baseball, softball and track. If your son or daughter currently are not involved in an extracurricular activity, encourage them to join in the fun!!

Check with the high school office if you have any questions about what activities and clubs are available at NKN. Spring sports schedules will be available soon in the office.

Student of the Month:

December

Caleb Hopkins, JR.

January

Travis Bennett, FR.

February

Dylan Mitchell, SR.

Athletes of the Month:

November—Karissa Haderman, SO.

Tristen Bennett, JR.

January—Maddie Nielsen Lambert, SR.

Josh Elinsky, JR.

February—Avery Smith, JR.

Jett Johnston, SO.

From the Office of the Counselor:

Feb 27th – ACT for all juniors!

The ACT is a college entrance exam and one of two tests students can take if they are looking to enter a 4-year college or university after graduation. We are fortunate in that the Neah-Kah-Nie School District pays for all of our juniors to have an opportunity to take the exam during the school day. The ACT is also one of the ways students can meet benchmarks for graduation in the areas of reading and math.

There are a few things students can do to prepare for the exam. **1.** The first is to focus on their academic studies since the ACT is a knowledge based assessment. **2.** Taking a practice test will also help students understand the format of the questions and develop strategies for taking the exam on test day. Practice tests are available on Oregon CIS in the College Preparation Center in Learning Express (under the My Portfolio tab). You can also visit www.act.org which has a variety of resources with the free ones being at the bottom of the ACT Preparation page. There are also a variety of other sites you can find with a Google search! **3.** Get a good night's sleep the night before, eat a healthy breakfast and come prepared to give it your best effort!

Upcoming scholarship deadlines!

Seniors should be checking regularly for available scholarships. Any questions should be directed to Esther Troyer. Also, if planning on applying for scholarships, please order your transcripts from Delpha Corwin in the main office — don't wait for the scholarship due date — plan ahead!!

IDENTIFYING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Districts are responsible to locate, evaluate, and serve children with special needs including:

*Children with disabilities (birth to 21): Special Education Director, Stacey Dills @
503-355-3556.

*Children who speak a second language or those who live in a home where a second language is spoken. (kindergarten to 12th grade)

*Children who are talented and gifted. (kindergarten to 12th grade)

If you know any child who may need special services (this includes private and home school children), or if you have questions about what services can be provided, please contact the school office.

MISSION STATEMENT

Neah-Kah-Nie commits to providing a learning community focused on improvement, persistence and integrity.

VISION STATEMENT

Full engagement in rigorous academics and healthy activities will produce graduates able to apply the literacy, problem solving, creativity and technology skills needed for success in college and the work force.