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NBHS began our school year on Friday, 16 August with 62 high school students and 20 post high school students. Since our school year begun three weeks ago, 14 students have been paroled and left our facility and 16 have entered. Our current enrollment is 84.

Courses we are offering this school year are: (four periods unless noted)

Spanish one period

ELD one period

Math; pre-Alg, Alg.1(2 periods) and Alg. II

Science; Exploring Science, Biology and Physics

English Language Arts;

Business.

Health

Careers

Social Studies; two periods Manufacturing Technology

New for this year is the educational strategy of moving all SPED students into a regular education classroom and having the Special Education teacher work with the regular education teacher and students in their classroom. We are having positive results to date.

The NBHS teaching staff have engage students with proficiency based instruction using Oregon's Common Core as our standards. The NBHS aides are busy collecting SPED data, working with SPED students in the classroom, designing and working with youth as they transition from the Rogue Valley Youth Correctional Facility, or preparing for the upcoming Let's Go Learn assessments. ODE uses L-G-L to measure academic progress of our students three times per year.

## Issues we are facing:

- ADM is down and indicators are that our budget may be affected next January. We began the year budgeted at 75 high school students, however, OYA is not receiving youth since counties are not prosecuting crimes.
- Student turn- over rate is running at about 12% per month with an average stay at RVYCF of 120 days.
- Given the nature of our student body, tensions are currently high and instructional focus is occasionally lost due to a physical conflict.

Given these challenges, the NBHS team prepares and delivers instruction every day, teachers are posting the actual standards and discussing these with their classes to simplify the terms for better understanding or are providing the learning objectives every period. Student performance is measured against a proficiency matrix,

Mission Statement: In partnership with Oregon Youth Authority, NBHS will academically prepare, graduate and or transition every student into a career or vocational training pathway.



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vocabulary words are highlighted throughout the periods and we as a school are working with OYA to discuss, model and instruct the concepts of respectful, responsible and safe behaviors.

Bottom line, we are off to a good start!

Respectfully submitted,

**Brent Workley**