

Board Briefing

June 2010



North Valley High School Home of the Knights

KUDOS

Kudos to Brenda Richardson who has made impressive progress with both our at-risk freshmen and our credit-deficient juniors and seniors. 148 credit make-up students earned 144 course credits, most in our after school program. Several seniors who walked across the stage at graduation did so because of Ms. Richardson's continued support. Additionally, in her first year as Freshman Advocate, we saw a dramatic reduction in freshman failures over prior years.

Kudos to the Class of 2010! 84% of them are enrolling in college in the fall, a slight drop from last year but well ahead of other prior years. (And kudos to IVHS for beating our numbers this year!)

Class of 2004: 40% of Grads went to College
Class of 2005: 46% of Grads went to College
Class of 2006: 62% of Grads went to College
Class of 2007: 73% of Grads went to College
Class of 2008: 76% of Grads went to College
Class of 2009: 86% of Grads went to College
Class of 2010: 84% of Grads went to College

Academics

We were pleased with the 2008-09 Dropout and Graduation Rate reports released by ODE in May. North Valley's dropout rate reduced to 2.4%, lowest in Josephine County and 3rd lowest of all high schools in the Jackson-Josephine County region (behind Ashland and Rogue River). Our Graduation Rate of 89% for last year also exceeds any other Josephine County high school.

ODE also released the Cohort Graduation Rate, ostensibly a 4-year measure of success, but due to the way data is counted included 237 students in our cohort class, as many as HVHS. With a highly transient population, every student who arrives at a high school for a day, a week or a month is included whether or not that student began high school with the cohort. Clearly, this stat was less flattering and also less reflective of our actual cohort (those who began with us as freshmen).

Facilities

Brian Little, his landscaping students, many staff and some parent volunteers planted about 250 trees this spring along the sewage lagoon fence and in the driveway island. The new landscaping is a great improvement over the pines that existed there for the previous 30 years. This was a great effort by many but most credit goes to teacher Brian Little who put in hundreds of hours, many in the rain and muck.

We still have staff experiencing respiratory difficulties in the counseling offices. An Assistant Principal has not been able to use her office for several months. This was reported in January and some work was done on the ducts but the problem remains.

Personal

Thank you for the opportunity to work in Three Rivers School District. I am proud of the education we provide K-12 and hope that a vision and passion for education drive our future decisions.