



Medford Public School
ISD #763

Medford High School

School Board Report

May 2015

1. Busy Students
 - 4 Students received their state degrees
 - i. Katie Chester, Stephanie Choudek, Mariah Larson, & Mary Schalm
 - The envirothon team placed 1st at regionals and will compete at state
 - i. Nick Meixner, Nick Masso, Trevor Grems, Jake Gedicke, Bo Noble, and Holly Larson (Alternate)
2. Teachers as Learners
 - Assuring High Achievement for All Students
 - i. Stephanie Wick and Julie Ridenour attended a workshop on integrating literacy standards into their classes
 - Utilizing Educational Best Practice With All Staff
 - i. Stephanie Wick attended a best practice workshop for business education teachers
3. Chris Merrigan is the High School Teacher of the Month
4. Assessment Update
 - All juniors took the ACT+ Writing on April 28th
 - MCA tests have experienced interruptions in service by Pearson
5. Gradebook Guidelines
 - In an effort to improve communication with parents and establish more consistent grade book appearance next year, the high school will be utilizing category grades for all staff.
 - i. Three categories will be used:
 1. Performance – this is where you will find all tests, projects, papers and other assessments of student learning.
 2. Practice – this is where you will find homework and quizzes
 3. Effort – Student participation, group work, and other learning habits that are important for students to have will be included in this category.
 - ii. All assignments that were previously included in the gradebook will continue to be included – just organized differently

- iii. All teachers will use a common 100 point scale for assigning letter grades as well
- Grading procedures and policies will be included in all course syllabuses and all syllabuses will be posted online
- The school website will become the “hub” for parents finding information. Curriculum documents and maps will be posted, a consistent lesson plan/assignment due dates will be posted on teacher websites, and schoology and Infinite Campus portals will be more clearly available.
- Parent education will be important. We are planning on mailings over the summer, information at the Open House, and parent education at the fall conferences

Respectfully Submitted,
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