



Medford Public School
ISD #763

Medford High School

School Board Report

September 2015

1. Teachers as Learners

- English Language Arts Teachers attended a Reader's Choice Workshop
- Math Teachers spent 3 days aligning tests and assessments to standards and reviewing math best practices
- 9th Grade Teachers attended a Freshman Seminar workshop in Northfield

2. College Readiness

- We are continuing to deliver the Ramp-Up to Readiness activities in advisory. These include 28 individual activities that focus on preparing students in the areas of: Financial, Academic, Social/Emotional, Career, and Admissions Readiness. There are also 5 workshops that occur in advisory throughout the year
- Surveys of teachers and students revealed that there was agreement that the material covered by Ramp Up was beneficial to students and helped them become better prepared for life after high school

3. Assessment Update

- OLPA's – MCA like tests given to 7th, 8th, 10th (Reading), and 11th (Math) in November and December to benchmark our students and plan for interventions
- Math assessments are being correlated to standards to better understand where students are missing standards and how they are performing on different standards
- NWEA's in reading and math will be used to fill in some data "holes" in the 9th grade for reading and math and 10th grade for math because there are no state assessment in those years
- Teachers will be looking at data from students throughout the fall in their PLC's and on the Data Day on October 14th

4. ACT Results

- Results from the class of 2015 have been released
 - i. Composite score rose to 21.1, up from 21.0 in 2014
 - ii. Composite score gained on state average from -1.9 points to -1.6 points
 - iii. Students scored best compared to state average in the area of Science
 - iv. The results from the mandated ACT testing this past spring will be released next summer

- v. All juniors will be offered the opportunity to take the ACT+Writing this spring during school hours, but they aren't mandated to take it

5. Technology Update

- iPads have been distributed to almost all students
- Expectations for use and distribution of apps has been changed and has been working – apps sent to devices instead of students downloading them

6. Upcoming Events

- 9/21 – Homecoming Coronation & Volleyball Tournament
- 9/25 – Homecoming Football Game
- 10/1 – NHS Induction
- 10/22 – All Juniors and Seniors Attend College Fair