



Medford Public School  
ISD #763

# Medford High School

## School Board Report

August 2014

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### 1. Busy Students!

- Cross Country, Football, and Volleyball practice began on 8/11
- Student Council Retreat
- FFA Officer Retreat
- Glen Morris (Class of 2013) has been named as a National Finalist for his Food Science Proficiency. He will travel to Louisville in October to be interviewed. He is one of four finalists selected from across the country.

### 2. Teacher-Learners

- Mr. Dahman & Mr. Ovrebo attended a School Law Seminar on 7/21
- Mr. Ovrebo & Ms. Wagner received training on using the Danielson Framework for Teaching & Learning to use with the new teacher evaluation process on 7/22
- Ms. Goblirsch, Mr. Ovrebo, Ms. Schelling, and Mr. Werk attended College Now summer training at Southwest State University on 8/8
- Mr. Ovrebo attended the Minnesota Assessment Conference on 8/7

### 3. High School Student Handbook (summary of major changes)

- a. Extra-Curricular Eligibility Students must arrive on time for 1<sup>st</sup> hour in order to be eligible for any after school extra-curricular activities.
- b. Bullying Policy updated to reflect the new requirements of the Safe and Supportive Schools Act.
- c. Electronic Devices updated to reflect the 1:1 initiative and to change policy on student owned devices.
- d. Scheduling Priority policy clarified to resolve scheduling conflicts between different student activities.

### 4. High School Faculty Handbook

- a. Updated bullying and technology policies. Few changes beyond names/dates.

### 5. College Now Update

- a. We received an update on the status of our College Now classes at the summer training. In order to receive college credit, student must meet college admission requirements which may exclude some of the students who have registered for the class. We are looking at different options for

students that do not meet the admission requirements. Students will be creating a MNSCU identity and must register for the class within the first 10 days of class to generate the transcript that will record the credit. We are holding a parent meeting prior to the Open House to go over details so that everyone understands how this class will differ from the AP classes that we have offered in the past.

6. Assessment Update

Our student intervention team is currently determining our annual assessment schedule and determining if we need to continue to administer all of the tests that we currently use. The most significant changes that we are going to see this year is the requirement that ALL juniors take the ACT+Writing on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Students must take the state administered test to meet graduation requirements. We are working with families of juniors and will have information at the Open House, Conferences, and the website that let parents know to avoid planning absences on that date.

7. Upcoming Activities

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| 8/21        | New Teacher Workshops                           |
| 8/21        | 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade & New Student Orientation |
| 8/25-8/28   | Teacher Workshop and Staff Development          |
| 8/25 & 8/28 | Family Technology Nights                        |
| 8/27        | Education Celebration/Open House                |
| 9/2         | First Day of School                             |
| 9/11        | High School Pictures                            |
| 9/29-10/3   | Homecoming                                      |

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