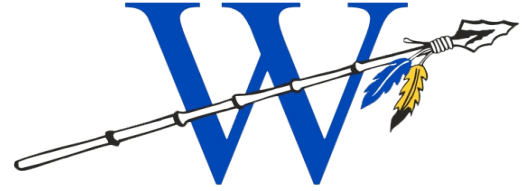


TO: ISD 317 Board of Directors
FROM: Ara Anderson, DRHS Principal
DATE: March 6, 2025



Student Achievement:

- Mid-quarter was February 21 and 3rd quarter concludes March 21.
- Conferences were held in Inger on Feb. 18 with 8 families attending. Thank you to Kyle Fairbanks and LLBO District 1 for providing teachers and families with a meal.
- Conferences were held at DRHS on Feb. 20. Thirty-six student reports were printed by the office. This is an undercount as many students and families went directly to teachers' classrooms.
- Thirteen 11th grade students are signed up to take the ACT at DRHS on Tuesday March 11.
- Preparations for MCA testing is ramping up. Teachers and staff at the HS will be trained on test security and testing procedures on March 12 during early out. Sixth grade will be the first to test. They will be taking their Reading MCAs March 25-27. MCA testing will continue throughout April and into early May. The DRHS testing schedule is included in the report.

Safe, Welcoming and Trusting Environment:

- STEP Up hosted a Resource Fair in the Commons during conferences at DRHS. This event provided families the opportunity to connect with a variety of community resources and supports.
- Snoball 2025 was February 24-28. Events included Meet the Candidates, Dress up Days, Wrestling State send off, Coronation and a Dance. Caiden Schjenken was crowned Snoball King and Kira Applebee was crowned Snoball Queen. Jeremiah Hron and Tatum Morrison were crowned Snoball Prince and Princess.
- DR Anishinaabe Ed hosted the 9th Annual Winter Round Dance. Thank you, Rachel Herring, Andrew Jackson, Sherwin Obey and all others who contributed to making this a great event.
- Office discipline referrals continue to be lower than previous school years as do out of school suspensions (OSS). Data is included in this report.

Professional Development:

- The PBIS team completed the 9th session of PBIS Cohort 19 training. This is the final session of this training spread out over the past two years. This work has been teacher requested and driven since the beginning. The focus of this work is creating a more positive school culture by teaching and reinforcing behavior expectations. The team and the school received a Certificate of Recognition from the State of Minnesota Office of the Governor for completion of the PBIS Cohort 19 training. A copy of the certificate can be found later in this document. Huge shout out to the DRHS PBIS team for their time, energy and commitment to move this important work forward. Team members are Matt Carlstrom, Erin Lindgren, Rachel Herring Taylor

Gogleye, Mackenzie Neumeyer, Tami Limberg, Karlie Foix, Emilie Duffney, Maureen Morrow, Casey Grossell, Lynn Evans, and Ara Anderson.

Staffing:

- We continue to have a need for paraprofessionals.

Upcoming Events:

- Spring brings many events as we get closer to the end of the school year and graduation. A letter, which can be found later in this document, was sent home to the parents/guardians of the Class of 2025 listing upcoming events for seniors.

Respectfully Submitted,

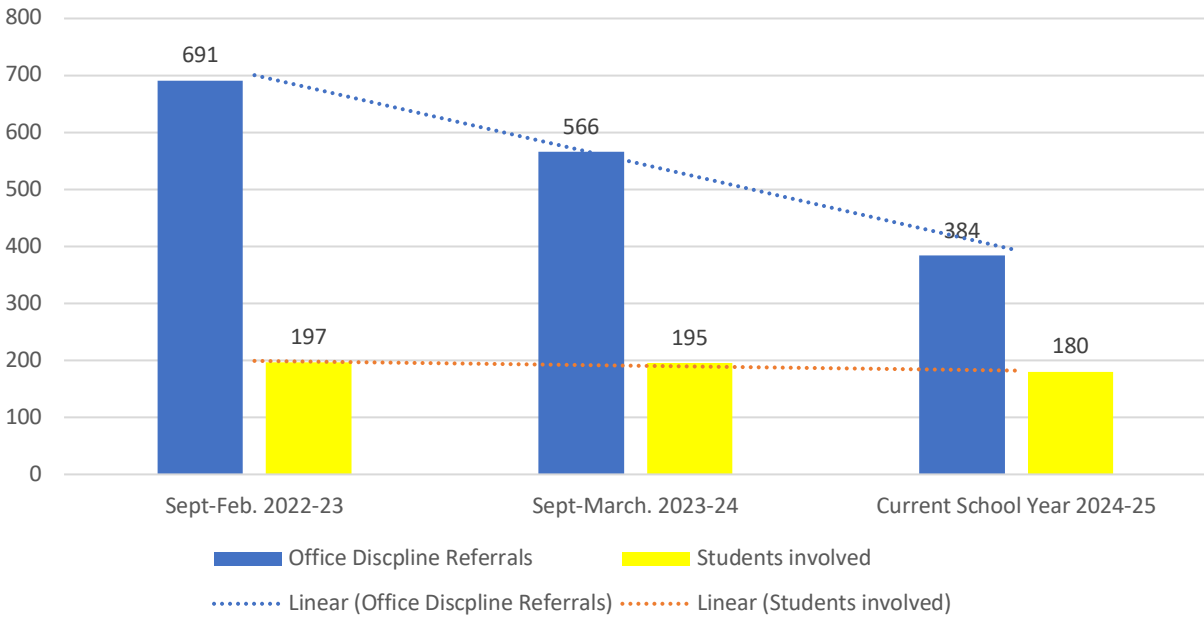
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Ara Anderson
DRHS Principal

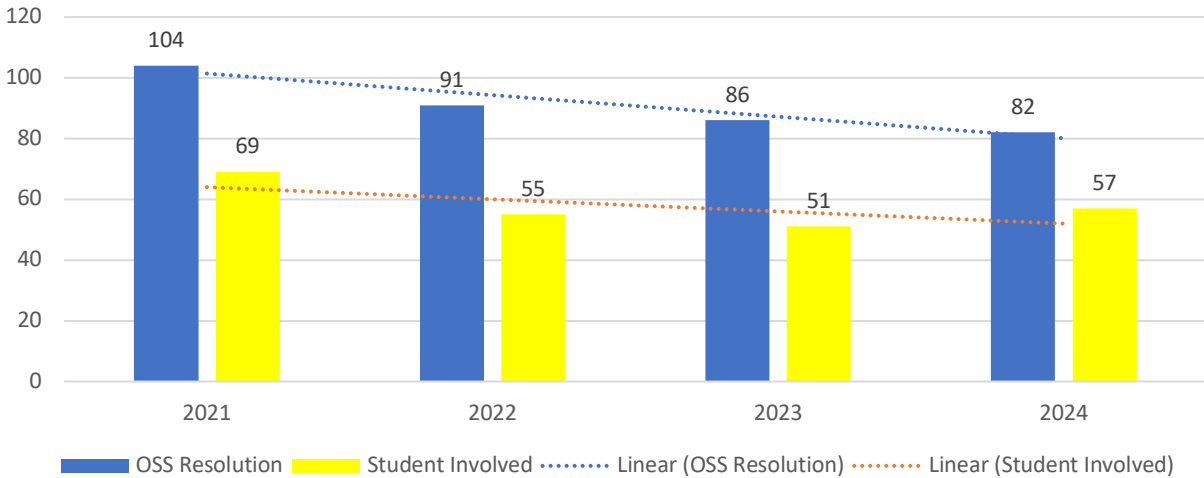
DRHS 2024-25 Assessment Calendar

Test	Grade	Date	Time	End Date	Time Frame	Location
ACT Plus Writing Paper	11 & 12	March 11, 2025	Must begin instructions before 9:00 AM			-
Reading - MCA	6	April- May	March 25-27	May 2, 2025	During Scheduled Class	Teacher's Classroom
	7	April- May	April 8-11	May 2, 2025	During Scheduled Class	Room 222
	8	April- May	April 8-11	May 2, 2025	Hour 1 & 2 8:25-10:10 a.m.	Media Center
	10	April- May	April 15-16	May 2, 2025	Hour 1 & 2 8:25-10:10 a.m.	Media Center
Math - MCA	6	April- May	April 8-10	May 2, 2025	During Scheduled Class	Teacher's Classroom
	7	April- May	April 22-25	May 2, 2025	During Scheduled Class	May 2
	8	April- May	April 23	May 2, 2025	Hour 1- Advisory 8:25-11:08 a.m.	Media Center
	11	April- May	April 22-25	May 2, 2025	During Scheduled Class	Teacher's Classroom
Science - MCA	8	April- May	April 28-May 2	May 8, 2025	During Scheduled Class	May 8
	10-12	April- May	April 28-May 2	May 8, 2025	During Scheduled Class	May 8
MTAS	6-11	March-May	TBD	March 24-27	During Scheduled Class	
NAEP Math & Reading	8 & 12	N/A				

DRHS ODRs Sept.-Feb. 2022, 2023, 2024



DRHS OSS Sept-March SY21-22, SY22-23, SY23-24, SY24-25



CERTIFICATE *of* RECOGNITION

STATE OF MINNESOTA OFFICE OF GOVERNOR TIM WALZ AND LT. GOVERNOR PEGGY FLANAGAN

The State of Minnesota recognizes Deer River High School for successfully completing the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Cohort Training with the Minnesota Department of Education. This achievement reflects a commitment to fostering positive student behavior through evidence-based practices, coaching, and data-driven decision-making to create supportive learning environments.

With appreciation, this certificate is presented to:

Deer River High School

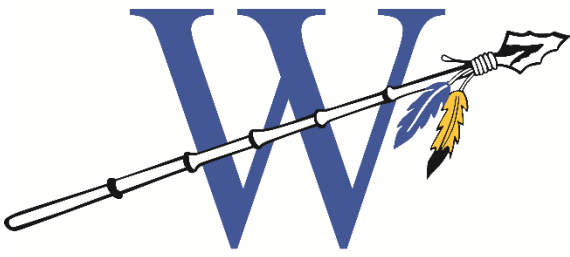
School Year 2024-2025



I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 20th day of February 2025.

GOVERNOR TIM WALZ

Handwritten signature of Governor Tim Walz in black ink, written over a horizontal line.



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February 18, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2025,

I hope this letter finds you well! Graduation will be here before we know it. **It is with great pride and excitement that we begin preparations to celebrate the achievements of our senior class.** I am reaching out to share some important dates and events that will celebrate our senior students as they prepare for graduation. This is a special time for both the students and their families, and we want to ensure that you are informed about all the upcoming milestones.

Please note the following key dates for the spring and end-of-year events and activities for our seniors:

Senior Events & Important Dates

- **Concerts**

- Band & Choir March 11 6 p.m.
- Choir May 12, 2025 6 p.m.
- Band May 23, 2025 6 p.m.
- *Location:* DRHS

- **Prom**

Date: April 26, 2025

Location: DRHS

Time: Grand March time to be determined

- **Scholarship Awards Night**

Date: May 14, 2025

Location: DRHS Commons

Time: 7 p.m.

- **Activities/Sports Banquet**

Date: May 21, 2025

Location: DRHS Commons

Time: 6 p.m.

- **Seniors' Last Day of School**

Date: May 23, 2025

*Seniors needing to complete coursework and/or graduation requirements may be required to report to school the week of May 26-30. This will be communicated to individual students and their parents/guardians.

*Pending unforeseen circumstances such as weather-related closure of school between now and the end of the school year.

- **Senior Class Trip**

Date: TBD

Location: TBD

Time: TBD

- **Graduation Practice**

Date: May 28, 2025

Location: DRHS East Gym

Time: 10 a.m.

All seniors must attend this rehearsal as we prepare for the ceremony. It's an important day to go over logistics and ensure everything runs smoothly on graduation day. Seniors will be walking through King School following graduation practice. Transportation to King School will be provided.

- **Graduation Ceremony**

Date: June 1, 2025

Location: DRHS East Gym

Time: 2 p.m. [Seniors report to west gym at 1:30 p.m.]

We encourage all students to participate in these events as they mark the exciting culmination of their high school journey. We are so proud of everything our seniors have accomplished and look forward to celebrating with you. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school office or to me directly. Thank you for your continued support throughout this remarkable year! **Go Warriors!**

Sincerely,



Ara Anderson
Principal
Deer River High School