



Grants Pass

Fleming Middle School
North Valley High School

Fleming MS

59% Free/Reduced Lunch
10% Minority Students

North Valley HS

52% Free/Reduced Lunch
15% Minority Students

Teachers at Fleming Middle School took an interdisciplinary approach to integrating a college awareness curriculum throughout their lesson plans. In Language Arts, students researched and wrote essays about a college of their choice that would allow them to fulfill their career goals. The History teacher led a discussion of the global economy and projected job outlooks, followed by an exploration of individual strengths using the Oregon Career Information System (CIS). Science class also utilized CIS to explore technology careers, followed by an analysis of annual wages to understand hourly wages, net and gross salaries, and standard of living in Math. Thus, the teachers used creativity and teamwork to highlight the expectation for college attendance while increasing rigor in each of their classes.

North Valley High School also succeeded at implementing a stronger college-going culture in the daily routine of students. Activities include the popular "Breakfast of Champions", held each trimester, which recognize students who have overcome challenges or demonstrated exemplary character in their dedication to completing high school and working towards postsecondary education. Regularly scheduled "College Days" encourage students and staff to wear college t-shirts and gear, while year-long advisory meetings have students focus on goal-setting for high school and beyond. The North Valley GEAR UP coordinator noted, "Our improving state assessment scores are a testament to the focus of both the staff and students of North Valley."

Integrating College into the Curriculum

Select activities and services in 2020-2021:

Fleming Middle School

- College visits
- Career Information System (CIS)
- Advisory class: college readiness
- Career booklets
- After-school tutoring

North Valley High School

- Oregon Diploma presentation
- Back-to-school night
- Advisory class: goal-setting
- Freshman orientation
- FAFSA nights
- College visits
- ASPIRE
- Breakfast of Champions