



# Nevada News

*"Preparing Learners Today for Tomorrow"*

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## ***NEVADA CSD AWARDED STATE TLC GRANT***

**"The problem [is that] there is almost no opportunity for teachers to engage in continuous and sustained learning about their practice in the settings in which they actually work, observing and being observed by their colleagues in their own classrooms and classrooms of other teachers in other schools confronting similar problems of practice.**

**This disconnect between the requirements of learning to teach well and the structure of teachers' work life is fatal to any sustained process of instructional improvement."**

Elmore, R. Elmore, R.F. (2004). Bridging the gap between



A couple of years ago, bipartisan legislation created a four-year process for education reform in the state of Iowa, to include a Teacher Leadership & Compensation System, with the goal of all school districts voluntarily participating by the 2016-17 school year.

A local committee comprised of Nevada educators (Cary Thompson, Chris Schmidt, Corey Barloon, Justin Gross, Kathy Goecke, Kevin Ericson, Kirsten Weber, Nancy Port, Nicole Galliard, Tonya Van Dam, and Steve Gray) developed a local plan in a little over a year that was approved by the State for the 2015-16 school year. The designed system was recognized by the Iowa Department of Education as 'exemplar' and will support our current professional development of Authentic Intellectual Work (AIW).

The new system will allow us to learn from and with many of our finest teachers, and distribute leadership in a collaborative fashion. We will soon be engaging in a rigorous process to select 25% of our teachers for these 2015-16 roles: Instructional Guides (3), Learning Team Coaches (22), Peer Advisors (4), and Instructional Models (9).

We believe our plan for sustained improvement provides exciting potential for enhanced instructional practices and improved student achievement in our District. For more information regarding TLC, visit the Iowa Department of Education website at: <https://www.educateiowa.gov/teacher-leadership-and-compensation-system>.

As always, should you have questions or concerns, regarding our TLC process or any topic, I can be reached by phone (515-382-2783), email ([sgray@nevadacubs.org](mailto:sgray@nevadacubs.org)), or Twitter (@sgray\_NCSD).

Sincerely,  
Dr. Steve Gray

# **District** **IMPORTANT DATES**

Feb. 3 and Feb. 5	K-8 ONLY Parent/Teacher Conferences 1 hour early Dismissal BOTH Days
Feb. 5	Elementary Preference Forms DUE
Feb. 5	2:15pm HS ONLY- Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-7pm
Feb. 6	NO SCHOOL
Feb. 7	PTA Snowflake Dance
Feb. 7	NHS Crystal Ball Dance HS Commons 8-11pm
Feb. 9	HS Registration Meeting Night at Tope Auditorium Parents/Students Grades 8- 11 6:00pm
Feb. 9	Women in Engineering Night – 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade female students and parents
Feb. 10	High School Course Registration 9-11 <sup>th</sup> grade students
Feb. 23-27	Elem. Iowa Assessment Week
Feb. 24-27	MS & HS Iowa Assessment Week
Mar. 3	HS Career Day 1-3:20pm -9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Mar. 6-7	HS Musical 7:00pm
Mar. 8	HS Musical 1:30pm
Mar. 13	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends

Mar. 16-20	Spring Break
Mar. 23	NO SCHOOL
Mar. 24	Classes Resume-Start 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr
Mar. 25	MS Spring Pictures
Mar. 26	Elementary Spring Pictures
Mar. 27	All School Carnival Central Elementary
Mar. 30	Mileage Club Starts
Apr. 10	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Musical 7:00pm
Apr. 11	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Musical 1:30pm
Apr. 15	4 <sup>th</sup> Multi-Age Orientation at middle school
Apr. 16	4 <sup>th</sup> Graded Orientation at middle school
Apr. 16	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student/Parent Middle School Orientation (Graded & Multi-Age) 6:30pm
Apr. 23	2:15pm Dismissal-HS ONLY Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-7pm

## **Trivia Nights**

Looking for something fun to do? Join us for trivia nights with fun themes at Gates Hall. Watch Facebook and the District web page for more information.

February 14, 2015  
March 7, 2015  
March 28, 2015

**PTA**  
**ELEMENTARY BUTTERBRAID**  
**Sales are a Great Success!**

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA Butterbraid sales this year. The fundraiser brought in **\$15,000 to our PTA who in turn sends all that back to Central Elementary.** That money is then distributed to each grade level so that equipment necessary for instruction or extended learning through field trips and assemblies can take place.

Our sincere appreciation goes to everyone who purchased a Butterbraid. During tough times, the funds especially make a difference in our classrooms. Thank you!

**Calling All 2015-2016**  
**Kindergartners**

If you have a child who will be old enough (five years old before Sept. 15, 2015) to begin kindergarten next fall, please call the elementary to place your child on our list. If you are currently participating in our Four Year Old Preschool you DO NOT need to call – we have your child's information. We will send out mailings to those parents who are on that list. Call soon at **382-2383!** Thank you!

**READ TO YOUR CHILD-THE MOST  
IMPORTANT 20 MINUTES OF YOUR DAY!**



**Calling All 2015-2016**  
**Four Year Old**  
**Preschoolers**

If you have a child who will be four years old before Sept. 15, 2015, please call the elementary to place your child on our preschool list. We will send out registration materials to those parents who are on that list. Our preschool fills on a first come, first serve basis so don't delay to call.

Please call soon at **382-2383** and place your child on our list! Thank you!

**CENTRAL ELEMENTARY KIDS**  
**COLLECT MILK TOPS, BOX**  
**TOPS AND TYSON LABELS**

Central Elementary students have been saving all of the Box **T**ops, and **T**yson Labels that they can. We invite you to join us! If you have any Box Tops for Education cut outs, or Tyson Labels from Tyson Chicken Products – we would love to have them. We are paid 10¢ and 24¢ respectively for all that we send to the company. It adds up to be a lot of money for kids and their learning experiences. We also receive 5¢ each for Prairie Farms milk caps.

Believe it or not – we received approximately \$6300 last year as a result of the whole community cutting these labels off of everyday products used in most homes. Thanks for cutting before you pitch! It makes a difference!

## Open Enrollment Reminder

Parents/guardians considering the use of the Open Enrollment option to enroll their child/ren in another public school district in the State of Iowa should be aware of the following dates:

- \* September 1, 2015 – Last date for Open Enrollment requests for students entering kindergarten in the Fall of 2015.
- \* March 1, 2015 – Last date for regular Open Enrollment requests for the 2015-16 school year.

Parents/guardians of Open Enrolled students whose income falls below 160% of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for transportation assistance. This may be in the form of actual transportation or in the form of a cash stipend.

Parents should be aware that the Open Enrollment may result in the loss of athletic eligibility. For further details, contact the Superintendent's Office at 382-2783.

## Nevada Community Resource Center

Through the efforts and generosity of the Nevada Community School District, area businesses, churches, service organizations and individual community members, we were able to provide for the needs of 346 children during the 2014 holiday season. The warm winter clothing was especially appreciated by the families who gratefully accepted the gifts.

As the Angel Tree Program continues to grow each year, it is never too early for us to accept donations as we look ahead to the 2015 Angel Tree season. You can do so by contacting the Nevada Community Resource Center at [\(515\) 382-1600](tel:5153821600).

Thank you,  
Chris Burling, NCRC Director  
Whitney Anderson, NCRC Assistant Director  
Jodi Heeren, Nevada School District Student & Family Development Specialist  
Elizabeth Gindt, Nevada School District Academic Coach

## Volunteers Needed-Please Help!

Volunteers needed for hosting State Individual Speech Contest at Nevada on Saturday, March 14th. We need 150+ volunteers to help support the 110 schools that will be coming. Around 1000 speech entries will be performed that day. If you are interested in helping with this contest, please contact Heather Ludwig at 515.382.3521 or [hludwig@nevada.k12.ia.us](mailto:hludwig@nevada.k12.ia.us)

## Harmony Clothing Closet

**Harmony is celebrating 8 years of helping children and families meet their clothing needs. We continue to have a successful program due to the generosity of our community members.**

**Harmony provides free clothing to anyone in need. Over 90% of our patrons come from Story County. In 2014 Harmony served 18,870 people and were able to give away 127,915 items.**

### OPEN SHOPPING HOURS

**Monday from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM  
Saturday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**All donations are tax-deductible and are accepted during our open hours. Financial contributions can also be made to Harmony.**

**If you have any questions or would like to make arrangements to donate please contact Elizabeth Gindt at 382-2521 x394 or [egindt@nevada.k12.ia.us](mailto:egindt@nevada.k12.ia.us).**

## Food Service News

David Schmitz, Food Service Director, has been leading the way by working with students to develop creative menu options including whole grain pizza made from scratch daily. What's their favorite? Chicken Broccoli Pizza! In addition, guest chefs are invited to feature new menu items like Gnocchi or Fish Tacos with Mango Salsa. Each day there are six different varieties of stir-fry Asian dishes available.

Middle school students have recently created large paper mache art of food items to brighten up the cafeteria. David said the most successful partnerships have been with the district's Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter and a local grower. For information contact David at [dschmitz@nevada.k12.ia.us](mailto:dschmitz@nevada.k12.ia.us)

## Nevada PTA ~ Pawing Our Way to the Top

We hope all the teachers, students and their families had a wonderful Winter Break and are ready for a strong second half of the school year! The Nevada PTA has some wonderful service projects and fundraisers on the calendar to complement the remainder of the year. Our goal was to increase membership and knowledge of what PTA contributes to the district, and we're pleased to report that we are nearly at our 100 PTA member goal! We appreciate all of our members who continue to offer their time, ideas and support.

We would like to thank all of the families and community members who voted for us at the Festival of Trees in December. The PTA's Olaf tree tied for first place and won the PTA a free pool party this summer at Fawcett Family Aquatic Center!

In January, we partnered with the Iowa Wild Hockey team to enjoy one of their afternoon games, in which they returned a portion of our ticket sales to us as a small fundraiser. The seats were amazing, the kids received free jerseys, the Iowa Wild won the game, and we all walked away with free hats. Students and families "Snuggled Up to a Good Book" during our annual book swap and family reading night. They listened to Nevada firefighters, a Story County Sheriff, Nevada High School students, Central Elementary teachers, and Cat in the Hat. Thank you to those volunteers who sorted books, read to students, helped families choose books, and/or helped with cleanup. We can't do what we do without all of your help! We wrapped January up with a fundraiser for After Prom at Indian Creek Country Club.

February will bring kids the Snowflake Dance on February 7. This will be a low cost event meant to get kids and families out and enjoying time dancing and playing games. This year we are also adding some fun new activities. The cost of the event is \$5 per family. The dance is held at Central from 3-5pm. PTA members will receive \$1 off their admission when they show their PTA membership card.

The annual PTA Carnival is quickly approaching. The Carnival provides proceeds for *all three* of our district's schools to support field trips, speakers and other tools to enhance our children's education. These wouldn't be possible without the generosity of families, businesses, and community members.

Join us for another After Prom fundraiser in April. The last trivia night of the season will provide proceeds for our high school prom attendees to have a safe and fun After Prom event. Thank you for helping us keep learning fun and fresh for our students!

PTA meetings are held the first Monday of every month in the Central Elementary Library with a meal starting at 5:45 and the meeting begins at 6:00 pm. We post agendas and minutes to our website for you to continue to keep up-to-date.

Remember to take advantage of our PTA discount by showing your PTA membership card at local PTA business partners. A list of these business partners is available on our Facebook page. If you're not already a member, we do accept registration all year long so please keep it in mind – the PTA would love to have you help in making a difference with the school district's teachers, students and their families! We would like to thank you all for your continuous support of the students in the Nevada School district.



### High School Seniors!

Watch for upcoming information about the Nevada PTA Scholarships offered to our High School Seniors!

### Upcoming PTA Meetings & Events

PTA Meeting	February 2nd
Snowflake Dance	February 7th
Testing Week	
PTA Meeting	March 2nd
PTA Carnival	March 27th
PTA Meeting	April 6th
PTA Meeting	May 4th
Teacher Appreciation Week	May 4-8th

**Website:** [www.nevadaiaowapta.org](http://www.nevadaiaowapta.org)

**Email:** [nevadaiaowapta@gmail.com](mailto:nevadaiaowapta@gmail.com)

**Facebook:** Nevada Iowa PTA

Like us on Facebook to stay up-to-date!



## Nevada FFA Fruit Record Sales

Nevada High School FFA members sold, mixed, and delivered a record \$26,661 of fruit, cheese, sausage and snacks to community customers. Feedback from customers was positive regarding quality and freshness. "The pears are just incredible" stated Mike Gerlach. "The FFA grapefruit, something I look forward to every year!" added Jill Litwiller. The chapter also purchased bulk fruit and re-packaged into specialized mixed boxes for variety preferences. Customers could choose from twenty-six different fruit packages, eighteen cheese & meats, and ten different snack varieties. The chapter unloaded the product with the JD 480 heavy-duty all-terrain forklift that Van Wall Equipment donated to the chapter in the fall of 2013. Top sellers included First place was Brianna Pratt at \$1,054 in sales, Jacob Larson in second place with \$880, and third was Filicity Robinson at \$854 in sales. All students were provided with a lesson in basic product introduction and how to close a sale. Mr. Cooper emphasized the importance of sales skills in many occupations. The wholesale product invoice totaled \$16,662.50 so at the time of this release, chapter profit will be \$9,890.00. Money from this endeavor will be used to help pay for the annual FFA banquet, career development contest, leadership conferences, FFA jackets, and senior scholarships, and other Nevada FFA chapter sponsored activities.



Nevada FFA Top 12 fruit salespersons, front L to R, Filicity Robinson, Brianna Pratt, Chance Steffes, Jacob Larson, back row, L to R, Mr. Cooper, FFA advisor, Drew Barker, James Cheek, Tyler Jarnagin, Jack Henry, Noah Hurt, Hunter Anderson, Madison Thompson, Abby Van Dam

## Professional Weather Station Donated

DuPont Pioneer recently donated a professional weather center to the Nevada High School Ag Ed Dept. & FFA chapter. The unit features three forecast icons, barometric pressure with a twelve hour history graph, MIN/MAX time & date records, 24 hour rainfall, wind direction & speed & gust, dew point, and wind direction compass display. The weather station also features a wireless self-emptying rain bucket along with a wireless thermo-hygro. All parameters measured are depicted on a portable digital display screen kept in the Ag classroom for students to monitor. La Crosse Technology is the manufacturer of the weather center.



Nevada Ag students Jack Henry & Simon Saunders pictured with the weather center donated by DuPont Pioneer.



Nevada high school Ag students Michael Ernberger & Luke Fevold view weather center indoor digital monitor in the Ag classroom.

## Nevada FFA Attends 212 Degree Conference

Fourteen Nevada High School FFA members attended the 212 Degree leadership conference on Saturday, November 15. The students reported to the high school agriculture education classroom at 7:30 am and gathered their FFA jackets and boarded a school bus driven by Mr. Cooper, Ag Ed instructor & FFA advisor. The group traveled to the Iowa FFA Enrichment Center located on the Ankeny DMACC campus. Some of the sessions included how to live a virtuous life like Benjamin Franklin accomplished. The virtues identified and discussed at the 212 conference included idealism, justice, humility, honesty, perseverance, patience, thankfulness, reliability, integrity, and understanding. A lunch consisting of roasted pork & dumplings, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, peas, and assorted vegetables. Snacks in the afternoon were chocolate toffee bars. While the students were at the conference, Mr. Cooper and other advisors were updated on state & national FFA business, proficiency applications, and also a presentation from the World Food Prize Youth Institute. The students arrived back to Nevada High School around 6 pm. A different group of Nevada students will attending both the 212 and 360 leadership conferences on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The conference fee is \$40 per student which is paid for by the Nevada FFA chapter. Additional 212 Degree program cost are supported by Syngenta, CPS, HELENA Corporation, and Wilbur-Ellis "Ideas to Grow With". The Nevada

FFA would like to express appreciation to these companies for their support.



Nevada FFA members that attended the November 15<sup>th</sup> 212 Degree Leadership "Virtues" Conference. Front L to R, Kenzie Dunson, Kate Griffin, Logan Stufflebeam, Catelynn Adelmund, Abbie Lindsey, and Kennedy Wiersen, middle row, Jacob Larson, Michael Ernberger, Emilio Saldana, Filicity Robinson, back row Brenden Sellberg, Luke Ferguson, Dennis Garcia, and Luke Merfeld, not pictured: Kevin Cooper, Nevada FFA advisor.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Nevada FFA Group to 212 Degree & 360 Leadership Conferences

To meet student demand for additional FFA leadership opportunities, fifteen Nevada FFA members attended the November 22<sup>nd</sup> 212 & 360 leadership seminars held at the Iowa FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny. The 212 conference focused on passions, virtues, decision-making and goals. The 360 conference emphasized developing action plans for improving the FFA chapter. The students presented their conference learning at the November 24<sup>th</sup> Nevada School Board meeting. While at the conference, Mr. Cooper, Nevada High agriculture education teacher and FFA advisor attended sessions on CareerSafe training and in-service on Grain Bridge on-line commodity and accounting system. Mr. Cooper also drove the bus for the group.



Nevada FFA members that attended the FFA 212 & 360 Leadership Conferences held at the Iowa FFA Enrichment Center on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Front L to R, Brianna Derrick, Hunter Anderson, Savannah Fitz, Brittny Bottorf, 2<sup>nd</sup> row, Celine Kashinskie, Madison Abraham, Madison Sly, and Chloe Davis, third row, Grace Francis, Madison Huynh, Maira Castillo, and Savannah Kyle, back row, Connor MacVey, Shelby Backoff, and Ashley Murphy. Not pictured, Kevin Cooper, Nevada HS FFA advisor

## Nevada FFA & Ag Ed Receive Donated Equipment & Resources

The Nevada FFA Chapter & Agriculture Education have benefited from recent donations and forth-coming instructional materials and equipment.

Heartland Cooperative of Colo donated two ten-ton running gears and they were recently delivered to the high school by Rod Geisinger of Heartland.

Dave Hutchinson, Mr. Kyle Hutchinson's father donated a Snapper 524 dual stage snow blower. This should come in handy around the Ag Mechanical lab to get snow out of the way.

Frank & Cynthia McLain donated an 8 x 14 hayrack with a heavy two-inch plank flooring on a six ton gear.

Greg Baethke donated a Sears GT 1000 garden tractor with mower deck

Nate Snyder donated a John Deere LX 176 garden tractor with a 38" mower deck.

Ron Jacobson delivered a "hefty" bag of discarded holiday lighting that will be recycled for the copper wiring.

Community Bank of Nevada will be donating the purchase of the following instructional items; Vernier Lab Quest II scientific data collection processor that will interface with a multitude of sensors including pH, nitrate ion, conductivity, and ethanol sensors, and a guide for twenty-nine experiments in teaching ag sciences. Community Bank will also be funding a Hanna soil evaluation & testing kit, and eight soil separate class lab items. These items will total just over \$1,000 when ordered.

During the holiday break, Mr. Cooper worked on a grant application to the National Fund for Teachers to expand on the renewable energy conference and supplement instructional resources.



Two 10-ton running gears donated to Nevada FFA by Heartland Cooperative in Colo.

**Nevada Community Schools  
2013 - 2014 Annual Progress Report Summary**

**DISTRICT PROFILE**

<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1547 PS-12 (Increase of 2.7% from 2012-2013)</li> <li>• Pre-School: 90</li> <li>• Elementary Enrollment K – 4: 645</li> <li>• Middle School 5 – 8: 464</li> <li>• High School 9 – 12: 424</li> </ul>
<b>Ave. Daily Attendance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central Elementary: 96.19%</li> <li>• Nevada Middle School: 96.59%</li> <li>• Nevada High School: 93.70%</li> <li>• K-8: 96.4%</li> <li>• State Attendance K-8: 96.1%</li> </ul>
<b>Employees</b>	<div> <div>Management Team: 12</div> <div>Nurses: 2</div> <div>Administrative Assistants: 10</div> <div>Transportation: 10</div> <div>Guidance and Student Support: 6</div> </div> <div> <div>Teachers: 114</div> <div>Educational Aides: 44</div> <div>Maintenance: 10</div> <div>Food Service: 20</div> </div>
<b>Enrollment Summary</b>	<div> <div>Asian: 1.4%</div> <div>Hispanic: 7.5%</div> <div>White: 86.8%</div> </div> <div> <div>African American: 2.3%</div> <div>Native American: .1%</div> <div>Multi-Race: 1.9%</div> </div>
<b>State Indicators 2012-2013</b>	Graduation Rate 95.28% compared to the state rate of 89.3%
<b>Dropout Rate 2012 - 2013</b>	Dropout Rate in grades 7-12 is 2.2%. The state average dropout rate is 2.82%.

**OUR STUDENTS 2013 - 2014**

<b>STUDENT DATA</b>	
Number of students K – 12	1457
Percent of students with free/reduced lunch	38%
Percent of students in special education	11.6%
<b>POST SECONDARY DATA</b>	
Percent of students who will attend college	71.76%
Percent of students who scored $\geq 20$ on the ACT test	72.37%



## Assessment and Academic Goals

### 2014 ACT Results

	English	Math	Reading	Science Reasoning	Composite
Nevada	22	22	23.3	22.5	22.6
Iowa	21.5	21.4	22.5	22.2	22

### 2013-2014 Goals

#### Long Range Goal

The Nevada Community School District will increase the number of students proficient in reading, math and science until it meets the target recommended by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) of 100% proficiency as determined by Iowa Assessments.

The following graphs show the percentage of students in each score range.

The Iowa Assessments differ from Iowa Test of Basic Skills and Iowa Test of Educational Development in scoring proficiency. The Iowa Assessments use standard scores rather than percentile rank. Because of that change, each grade level and each subject area has a different proficiency band. The graphs below will indicate proficiency in each grade level and each subject area. The listing of the subject area bands can be found at: <https://itp.education.uiowa.edu/ia/default.aspx>

#### Proficiency

- Non-Proficient
- Intermediate + Advanced = Proficient

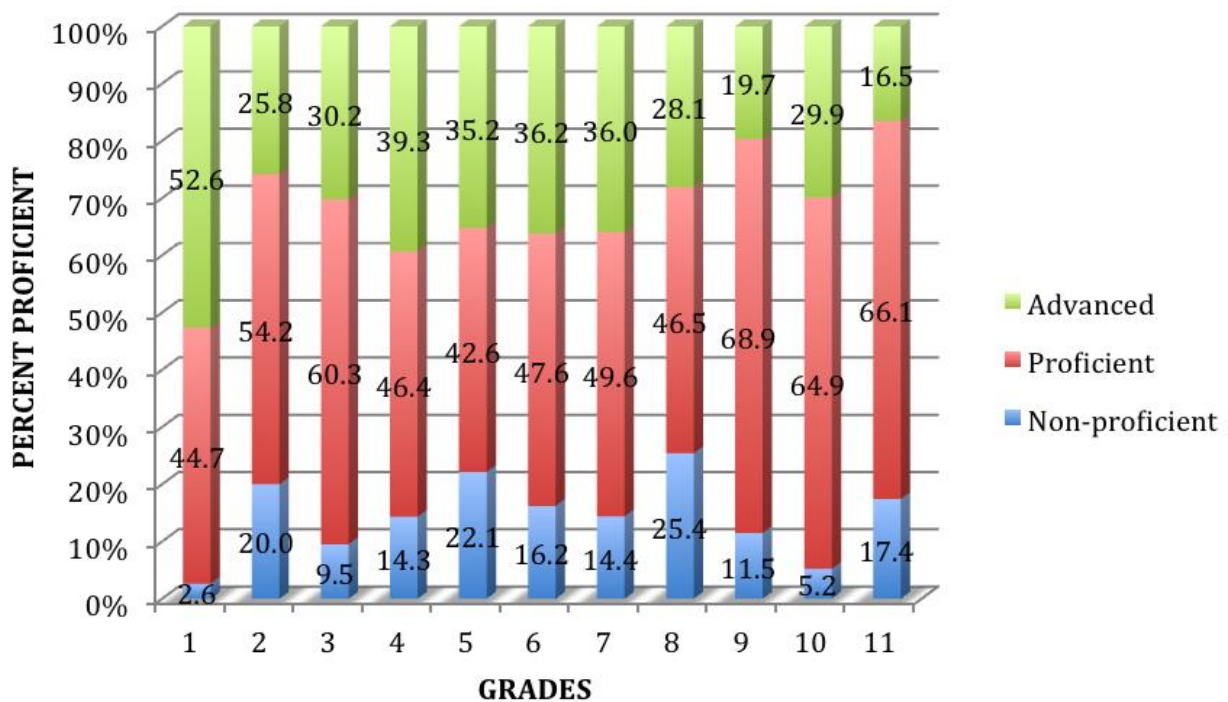
#### Academic Goals for 2013-2014

- To increase the percentage of 7<sup>th</sup> grade SES students proficient in reading and math as determined by the Iowa Assessment reading and math subtests.
  - SES proficiency increased in reading from 50% in 2013 as 6<sup>th</sup> graders to 80% in 2014 as 7<sup>th</sup> graders. **Goal Met**
  - SES proficiency increased in math from 73.3% in 2013 as 6<sup>th</sup> graders to 80% in 2014 as 7<sup>th</sup> graders. **Goal Met**
- To increase the percentage of 4<sup>th</sup> grade IEP students proficient in reading and math as determined by the Iowa Assessment reading and math subtests.
  - IEP proficiency increased from 33.3% in 2013 as 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to 50% in 2014 as 4<sup>th</sup> graders. **Goal Met**
  - IEP proficiency in math increased from 11.1% in 2013 as 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to 50% in 2014 as 4<sup>th</sup> graders. **Goal Met**

- To increase the percentage of 8<sup>th</sup> grade SES students proficient in science as measured by the Iowa Assessments.
  - SES proficiency increased in science from 54.1% in 2013 as 7<sup>th</sup> graders to 78.6% in 2014 as 8<sup>th</sup> graders. **Goal Met**
- To increase the percentage of 8<sup>th</sup> grade IEP students proficient in science as measured by the Iowa Assessments.
  - IEP proficiency increased in science from 40% in 2013 as 7<sup>th</sup> graders to 58.3% in 2014 as 8<sup>th</sup> graders. **Goal Met**

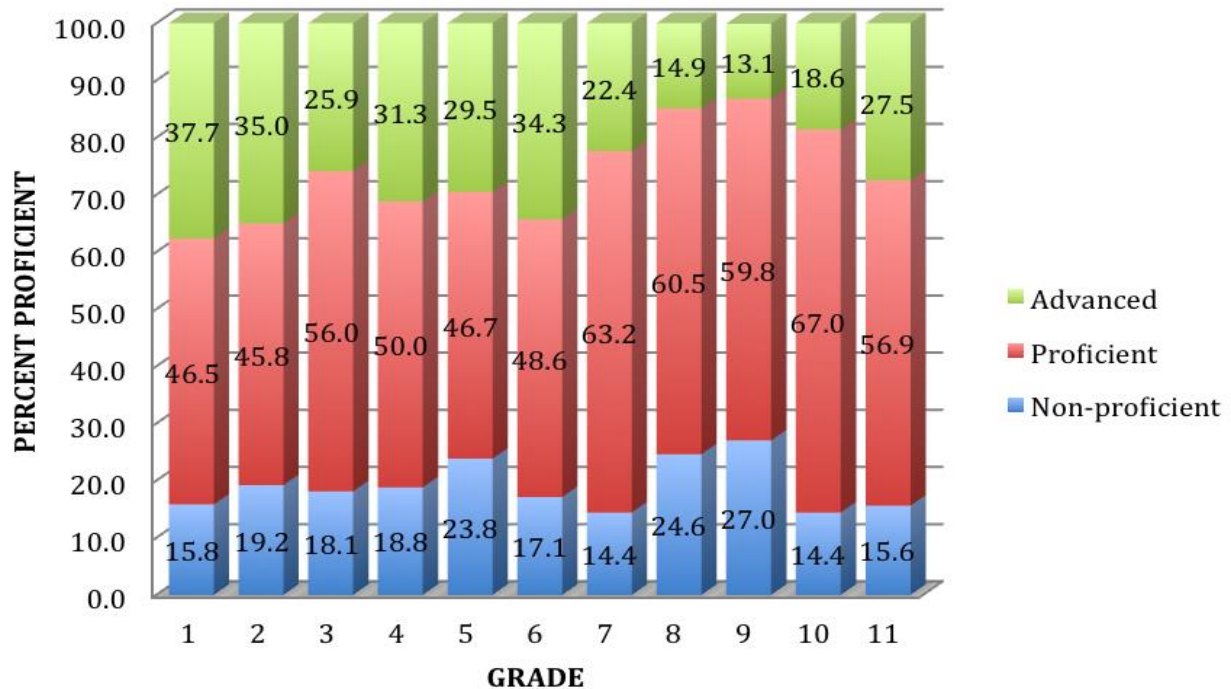
## READING

### 2013 - 2014 IOWA ASSESSMENT



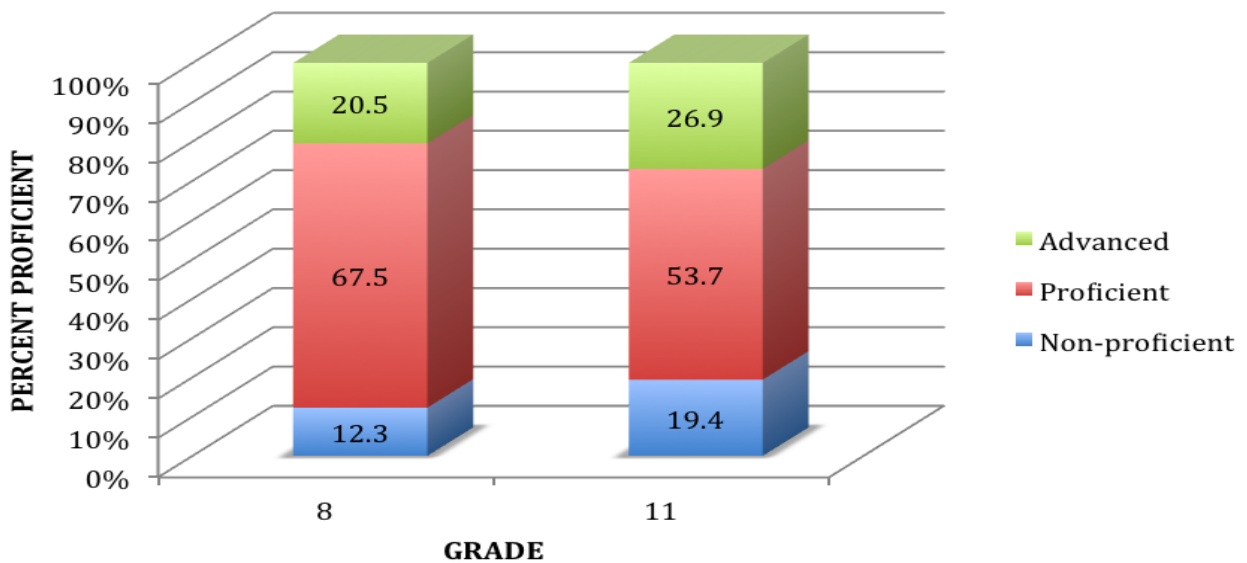
## MATH

### 2013 - 2014 IOWA ASSESSMENT



## SCIENCE

### 2013 - 2014 IOWA ASSESSMENT



## EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY

The Nevada Community School District believes in early intervention to insure all students have the prerequisite skills in reading. The district has set performance levels called benchmarks. The chart below represents the percent of students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade who achieved the benchmarks.

**Annual Goal:** Student performance will meet or exceed expectations set by the Nevada School District in the area of reading. The goal will be to maintain or increase the percentage of the students in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade above the benchmarks for the identified pre-reading skills. **The goal was not met in Kindergarten. Goal was met in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade.**

The goal for reading fluency is to have 90% of the students in each grade level proficient. The benchmark for proficient is above each chart.

### Early Literacy Goals:

**Goal:** To increase the percentage of students proficient using DIBELS benchmarks for oral fluency at each grade level. The focus will continue to be on early literacy strategies and the infusion of research-based strategies to improve students' reading skills. **Goal was met in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades.**

### DIBELS: Breaking Words into Sounds: Benchmark = 35 sounds per minute

Grade Level K	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Assessed	106	114	117	112	124
% Proficient	98%	97%	92%	90%	88%

### DIBELS: Nonsense Word Fluency: Benchmark = 50 correct letter sounds per minute

Grade Level 1st	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Assessed	118	103	120	111	116
% Proficient	75%	79%	72%	74%	79%

### Reading Fluency: Benchmark = 47 words per minute

Grade Level 1st	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Assessed	118	103	120	111	116
% Proficient	78%	81%	70%	71%	77%

### Reading Fluency: Benchmark = 87 words per minute

Grade Level 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Assessed	105	116	104	116	121
% Proficient	83%	76%	77%	83%	75%

### Reading Fluency: Benchmark = 100 words per minute

Grade Level 3rd	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Assessed	122	104	119	102	116
% Proficient	74%	73%	74%	72%	71%



Beginning in 2006 Nevada Community Schools started assessing first grade students in the area of reading using the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills or the Iowa Assessment. The following tables reflect the percentage of students at or above proficient for 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (Iowa Assessment 2012)

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Assessed	118	103	117	108	114
Word Analysis	88.2%	93.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vocabulary	87.4%	89.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reading Comprehension	86.3%	90.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reading			92.3%	92.6%	97.4%

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (Iowa Assessment 2012)

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Assessed	105	116	106	117	120
Word Analysis	82.9%	78.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vocabulary	94.3%	86.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reading Comprehension	89.5%	81.8%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reading			85.8%	82.9%	80%

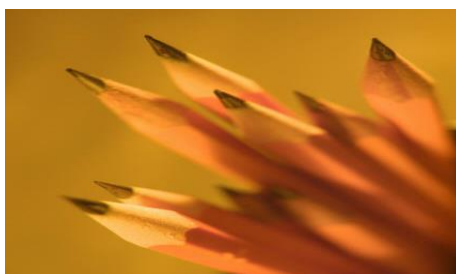
### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (Iowa Assessment 2012)

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Assessed	118	104	117	102	116
Vocabulary	86.4%	86.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reading Comprehension	86.4%	89.8%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reading			84.6%	88.2%	90.5%

\*For a summary of grades 3-8 and 11 go to: <https://www.edinfo.state.ia.us/data/aprchart.asp>

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### 2015 7th Grade Boys Track

Event Date	Type	Time	Location
13-Apr	Invitational 7/8 CoEd	4:30 PM	S Hamilton HS
<b>21-Apr</b>	<b>Invitational 7/8</b>	<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
23-Apr	Invitational 7/8	4:15PM	Carlisle HS
30-Apr	Invitational 7/8	4:30PM	Huxley
4-May	Invitational 7/8 CoEd	4:30PM	S Hamilton HS
5-May	Meet 7/8 CoEd	4:30PM	Roland-Story
8-May	Conference 7/8	4:00PM	Saydel HS
12-May	Invitational 7/8	4:30PM	Boone

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### 2015 8th Grade Boys Track

Event Date	Type	Time	Location
13-Apr	Invitational 7/8 CoEd	4:30 PM	S Hamilton HS
<b>21-Apr</b>	<b>Invitational 7/8</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
23-Apr	Invitational 7/8	4:15 PM	Carlisle HS
30-Apr	Invitational 7/8	4:30PM	Huxley
4-May	Invitational 7/8 CoEd	4:30 PM	S Hamilton HS
5-May	Meet 7/8 CoEd	4:30PM	Roland-Story
8-May	Conference	4:00PM	Saydel HS
12-May	Invitational 7/8	4:30PM	Boone

### 2015 HS Boys Track

Event Date	Level/Type	Time	Location
26-Mar	Varsity Invitational	4:30 PM	Johnston HS
<b>31-Mar</b>	<b>JV/Varsity Invitational</b>	<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
3-Apr	Varsity Invitational	4:30 PM	Winterset HS
<b>9-Apr</b>	<b>V/JV CoEd Invitational</b>	<b>4:15PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
13-Apr	Varsity Invitational	4:30PM	Norwalk HS
21-Apr	Varsity Invitational	5:00 PM	Ballard HS
23-Apr	Varsity Invitational	4:30PM	S Hamilton HS
24-Apr	Varsity CoEd Invitational	4:45PM	Winterset HS
28-Apr	Varsity Invitational	4:30PM	Carlisle HS
5-May	JV/Varsity Invitational	5:00 PM	Boone
7-May	Varsity Invitational	5:00 PM	Ballard HS
11-May	Varsity Invitational HOIAC	4:30PM	Saydel
14-May	Varsity District Meet	TBD	TBA



### 2015 7th Grade Girls Track

Event Date	Type	Time	Location
13-Apr	Invitational 7/8 CoEd	4:30 PM	S Hamilton HS
<b>23-Apr</b>	<b>Invitational 7/8</b>	<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
27-Apr	Invitational 7/8	4:15PM	Norwalk
30-Apr	Invitational 7/8	4:15PM	Perry
4-May	Invitational 7/8 CoEd	4:30PM	S Hamilton HS
5-May	Meet 7/8 CoEd	4:30PM	Roland-Story
8-May	Conference 7/8	4:00PM	Gilbert HS
11-May	Invitational 7/8	4:30PM	Boone

### 2015 8th Grade Girls Track

Event Date	Type	Time	Location
13-Apr	Invitational 7/8 CoEd	4:30 PM	S Hamilton HS
<b>23-Apr</b>	<b>Invitational CoEd</b>	<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
30-Apr	Invitational 7/8	4:15PM	Perry
4-May	Invitational 7/8 CoEd	4:30 PM	S Hamilton HS
5-May	Meet 7/8 CoEd	4:30PM	Roland-Story
8-May	Conference 7/8	4:00 PM	Gilbert HS
11-May	Invitational 7/8	4:30PM	Boone

### 2015 HS Girls Track

Event Date	Level/Type	Time	Location
16-Mar	Varsity Invitational	4:00PM	ISU Track
30-Mar	Varsity Meet	4:45PM	DCG Stadium
<b>9-Apr</b>	<b>JV/V CoEd Invitational</b>	<b>4:30PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
13-Apr	Varsity Invitational	4:30 PM	Norwalk HS
16-Apr	JV/V Meet	4:30 PM	East Marshall
20-Apr	Varsity Relays	4:30PM	Gilbert HS
23-Apr	JV/V Invitational	5:00PM	Roland-Story HS
27-Apr	Varsity Invitational	4:30PM	Saydel HS
28-Apr	Varsity Invitational	4:30 PM	S Hamilton HS
30-Apr	Varsity Invitational	4:45 PM	Carlisle HS
<b>5-May</b>	<b>JV/V Invitational</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>Home</b>
7-May	Varsity Invitational	5:00PM	Bondurant-Farrar MS
11-May	Varsity Inv HOIAC	4:30PM	Saydel HS
14-May	Varsity District Meet	TBD	TBA

## 2015 HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

Event Date	Opponent	Time	Location
2-Apr	JV/V Ballard	5:30/7:00PM	Ballard HS
3-Apr	JV/V Dallas Center-Grimes	5:30/7:00PM	DCG Stadium
<b>6-Apr</b>	<b>V Gilbert</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>10-Apr</b>	<b>JV/V Carroll Kuemper</b>	<b>5:30/7:00PM</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
11-Apr	V North Polk & Johnston	9:00AM	Johnston HS
14-Apr	V/JV North Polk	5:30/7:00PM	N Polk HS
16-Apr	V/JV PCM	5:30/7:00PM	PCM HS
20-Apr	JV/V Southeast Polk	5:30/7:00PM	SE Polk HS
<b>24-Apr</b>	<b>V Waverly-Shell Rock</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
27-Apr	JV/V Ames	5:30/7:00PM	Ames HS
<b>4-May</b>	<b>JV/V Adel DeSoto Minburn</b>	<b>5:30/7:00PM</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>7-May</b>	<b>V Iowa Falls-Alden</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>9-May</b>	<b>V Tournament</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
14-May	JV Gilbert	6:30PM	Gilbert HS
<b>18-May</b>	<b>JV/V Bondurant-Farrar</b>	<b>5:30/7:00PM</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
22-May	JV/V Newton	5:30/7:00PM	Newton

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## 2015 HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

Event Date	Opponent	Time	Location
4-Apr	V Urbandale(@DCG)	10:00AM	DCG
<b>6-Apr</b>	<b>V Gilbert</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
7-Apr	JV/V Ankeny	5:30/7:00PM	SCORE
10-Apr	V Iowa Falls-Alden	6:00PM	Alden
<b>14-Apr</b>	<b>JV/V PCM</b>	<b>5:30/7:00PM</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>17-Apr</b>	<b>JV/V North Polk</b>	<b>5:30/7:00PM</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>20-Apr</b>	<b>JV/V Ankeny Centennial</b>	<b>5:30/7:00PM</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
21-Apr	JV/V Ames	5:30/7:00PM	Ames HS
<b>25-Apr</b>	<b>V Tournament</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
30-Apr	JV/V Pella	5:30/7:30PM	Pella
4-May	JV/V Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	5:30/7:00PM	Maxwell
14-May	JV Gilbert	5:00PM	Gilbert HS
15-May	V/JV Des Moines Christian	4:45/6:15PM	Cownie-DSM
18-May	JV/V Bondurant-Farrar	5:30/7:00PM	B-F HS
<b>28-May</b>	<b>JV/V Fort Dodge</b>	<b>5:30/7:00PM</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>29-May</b>	<b>JV/V Dallas Center-Grimes</b>	<b>5:30/7:00PM</b>	<b>SCORE</b>

## 2015 HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF

Event Date	Opponent	Time	Location
7-Apr	V North Polk, Ogden	4:00 PM	Tournament Club
<b>9-Apr</b>	<b>V North Polk, Saydel</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Indian Creek CC</b>
13-Apr	V Bondurant-Farrar	2:00PM	TH-Altoona
14-Apr	JV Gilbert	4:00 PM	Ames CC
<b>16-Apr</b>	<b>JV Gilbert, S Hamilton</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>Indian Creek CC</b>
17-Apr	V N Polk, Gilbert, S Hamilton	4:00 PM	Ames CC
20-Apr	V West Marshall	2:00PM	Lincoln Valley
21-Apr	V Gilbert, Ballard, Creston	2:00PM	Harvester
24-Apr	JV Gilbert, Perry	4:00 PM	Ames CC
27-Apr	V Ogden, Gilbert, Perry	4:00PM	Perry School
28-Apr	V N Polk, R-S, SH, Saydel	4:00PM	Tournament Club
1-May	JV R-S, Gilbert, S Hamilton	4:00 PM	Jewell CC
4-May	V HOIAC	9:00AM	TCI Golf
5-May	V W Marshall, ADM	4:30PM	Lincoln Valley
7-May	V NP, RS, Og, SH, PCM, HD	4:00 PM	Jewell CC
11-May	V NP, Gilbert, SH, Saydel	4:00PM	Ames CC

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7-Apr	V North Polk, Ogden	4:00 PM	Tournament Club
<b>9-Apr</b>	<b>V North Polk, Saydel</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Indian Creek CC</b>
14-Apr	V Ames, Dowling Cath	3:30PM	Veenker GC
<b>14-Apr</b>	<b>JV Gilbert</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Indian Creek CC</b>
17-Apr	V N Polk, Gilbert, S Ham	4:00PM	Ames CC
20-Apr	V Gilbert, Ballard	4:00 PM	Ballard CC
21-Apr	V West Marshall	2:00PM	Lincoln Valley
24-Apr	JV Gilbert, Perry	4:00PM	Ames CC
27-Apr	V Ogden, Gilbert, Perry	4:00PM	Perry School
5-May	V W Marshall, ADM	4:30PM	Lincoln Valley
6-May	V Tournament-Cedar Pt GC	9:00AM	Boone
11-May	V NP, Gilbert, SH, Saydel	4:00PM	Ames CC
14-May	V North Polk, Green Co	4:00PM	Tournament Club
16-May	V Newton,VS,Benton, S Tama	9:00AM	Tama-Toledo CC



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