



Nevada News

"Preparing Learners Today for Tomorrow"

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PARTNERSHIPS FOR PROGRESS

"In the long history of humankind those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed." -Charles Darwin



The Nevada Community School District and the Colo-Nesco Community School District have been good neighbors for many years, partnering in areas such as vehicle maintenance and repair. This year, the districts expanded their cooperative spirit to include technology (a purchased service from NCSD to C-N) and a Transportation Director (via Operational Sharing).

Operational Function Sharing is offered to districts by the Iowa Department of Education via Iowa Code 257.11 which allows Iowa school districts to receive supplemental weighting (funding) for the sharing of eight eligible positions: Superintendent Management (8 FTE), Business Management (5 FTE), Human Resources Management (5 FTE), Transportation Management (5 FTE), Operations & Maintenance Management (5 FTE), Curriculum Director (3 FTE), and School Counselor (3 FTE). Each position is weighted according to the FTE (full time equivalency) of state funding equal to that of one student. Once districts enter into a sharing agreement for one of the eligible positions, they open their 5-year window of eligibility for funding for all operational sharing. Districts may receive this supplemental state funding for a maximum of 21 FTE for any one year during their 5-years of eligibility.

Next year (2016-2017) the two districts have agreed to expand their partnership to include the operational sharing of Superintendent and Curriculum Director (Director of School Improvement & Innovation), which will bring operational sharing between the two districts to 16 FTE. This will bring each of the districts an addition of approximately \$105,000-\$110,000 in state aid annually for the remaining 4 years of operational sharing. During a time in which the Iowa Legislature has set allowable growth to Iowa school districts at 2% or less for 5 of the past 6 years, any additional funding opportunities are critical to sustain and grow programming for our students.

The Nevada and Colo-Nesco districts continue to explore every option to maintain and grow resources for student opportunities. School districts of all sizes have much to offer the varying needs of diverse student populations. By working together, both districts hope to enhance the ability to meet those varying needs.

As always, should you have questions or concerns I can be reached by phone (515-382-2783), email (sgray@nevadacubs.org), or Twitter (@sgray_NCSD).

Sincerely,
Dr. Steve Gray

DISTRICT **IMPORTANT DATES**

		Mar. 8	5 th -12 th Grades Festival of Bands 7:00pm-10:00pm at HS Field House
Feb. 6	PTA Family Fun Afternoon and Book Swap 3:00-4:30pm	Mar. 10	1 st /2 nd Multiage Concert 6:00pm-6:45pm at Josephine Tope Auditorium
Feb. 6	NHS Crystal Ball Dance NHS Commons 8-11pm	Mar. 10	3 rd /4 th Multiage Concert 7:00pm-7:45pm at Josephine Tope Auditorium
Feb. 11	Registration Rotation for students in grades 9-11 (to pick classes for next year) 1:20-3:20pm	Mar. 14-18	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
Feb. 11	7 th /8 th Grade Mixer 7:00pm-9:00pm at Middle School	Mar. 21	Classes Resume
Feb. 13	Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences	Mar. 22	Spring Jazz Night 7:00pm-9:00pm at Josephine Tope Auditorium
Feb. 16 & 18	K-8 ONLY 1 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL BOTH DAYS Parent/ Teacher Conferences	Mar. 23	MS Spring Pictures
Feb. 18	Elementary Preference Forms DUE	Mar. 24	Elementary Spring Pictures
Feb. 18	HS ONLY 2:15pm Dismissal HS -Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-7pm	Mar. 24	7 th Grade Eco Day 6:30-7:30pm at Middle School Field House
Feb. 19	NO SCHOOL-Teacher Comp Day	Mar. 25	All School Carnival 6:00pm-8:00pm at Central Elementary
Feb. 22-26	Iowa Assessment Week	Mar. 25	Morp Dance 8:00pm-10:00pm at HS Commons
Mar. 4 & 5	HS Musical 7:00pm at Josephine Tope Auditorium	Mar. 28	Mileage Club Starts -Central Elementary
Mar. 6	HS Musical 1:30pm at Josephine Tope Auditorium	Mar. 31 & Apr. 1	Middle School Musical 7:00pm-9:00pm at Josephine Tope Auditorium
Mar. 7	PTA Meeting 6:00pm	Apr. 1	3 rd Quarter Ends
Mar. 7	FFA Banquet @Gates Hall 6:30pm-8:00pm	Apr. 4	NO SCHOOL-Teacher Work Day
Mar. 8	Battle of the Books 3:30pm Central Elementary	Apr. 5	4 th Quarter Begins
		Apr. 5	Kindergarten Screening Meeting 7:00pm at Central Elementary

Apr. 9	ACT Testing-NHS is test site!
Apr. 12	Graded 3rd/4th Music Performance 6:30pm-7:15pm at Josephine Tope Auditorium
Apr. 13	Multiage 4th Grade Student Orientation at Middle School 9:30am-11:00am
Apr. 14	Graded 4th Student Orientation at Middle School 9:30am-11:00am
Apr. 14	Multiage 4th and Graded 4th Student/Parent Orientation and Chromebook Rollout at Middle School Gym 6:30pm-8:00pm
Apr. 14	ICAN College Planning Presentation for 11th Grade Students/Parents 6:30pm-7:30pm
Apr. 18-22	Kindergarten Screening Week at Central Elementary
Apr. 25	NO SCHOOL-TLC Committee Day
Apr. 28	Early Kindergarten Parent Meeting 6:30pm at Central Elementary
Apr. 29	HS Band & Chorus Spring Concert 7:00-9:00pm at Josephine Tope Auditorium
Apr. 30	Junior/Senior Prom and After Prom Activities

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 6, 2016
March 12, 2016
April 2, 2016

PTA ELEMENTARY BUTTERBRAID Sales are a Great Success!

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA Butterbraid sales this year. The fundraiser brought in **\$15,462 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. Thank you!

Calling All 2016-2017 Kindergartners

If you have a child who will be old enough (five years old before Sept. 15, 2016) 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!

Calling All 2016-2017 Four Year Old Preschoolers

If you have a child who will be four years old before Sept. 15, 2016, 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 BOX TOPS!

Central Elementary students have been saving all of the BOX TOPS that they can. We invite you to join us! If you have any Box Tops for Education – we would love to have them. We are paid 10¢ each for all that we send to the company. It adds up to be a lot of money for kids and their learning experiences.

Believe it or not – we received more than \$5300 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!



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

Nevada Community Resource Center Angel Tree Program

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 350 children during the 2015 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 2016 Angel Tree season. You can do so by contacting the Nevada Community Resource Center at **(515) 382-1600**.

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



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, 2016** – Last date for Open Enrollment requests for students entering kindergarten in the Fall of 2016.
- * **March 1, 2016** – Last date for regular Open Enrollment requests for the 2016-17 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.

Cubbie's Cupboard

Cubbie's Cupboard is the Nevada Community School District's food pantry. It provides food and hygiene supplies to families in the district. The food pantry has open hours on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 4:00PM to 5:30PM. Students and families can also make appointments to visit the pantry as needed.

The pantry open hours are:

February 3 and 17

March 2 and 23 (note the change due to spring break)

April 6 and 20

May 4 and 18

Please contact Jodi Heeren or Elizabeth Gindt with questions or to schedule an appointment. Cubbie's Cupboard is sponsored by the Food Bank of Iowa, A Cornerstone Connection group and the Nevada Community School District.

Elizabeth Gindt
Nevada Community School District
Academic Coach
Phone: [515-382-3521](tel:515-382-3521) x394

A Note from Nurse Eileen Patterson



Just a reminder for **9th grade** students to hand in your Certificate of Dental Screening. The audit is usually near the end of March so there is still time to get the form submitted. You can also ask your dental provider to fax the form to me here at school if you've seen the dentist within the last school year. The fax number is 382-2935. Please call if you have any questions about this Iowa Department of Public Health requirement. My number is 382-2804.



Parents of current **6th graders**: Your child will be required to get new immunizations before entering 7th grade. In 2013 the Iowa Department of Public Health began requiring all students entering 7th grade or having a birthdate after September 15, 2000 to get an updated Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis). Please contact me if any questions at 382-2804.

Boys & Girls Club Afterschool Program

The Boys & Girls Club of Story County's Afterschool Program is back in full swing this year. The program is based in the Nevada Middle School (room 18) and takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 6pm. Each day those in attendance participate in various programs and activities. The day begins with a snack and homework time and then moves into club programming. On Tuesdays, the after school program offers a science club and SMART Moves, a skills mastery and resistance training program. After homework time on Thursdays, the program really starts to focus on building productive, caring, and responsible citizens through a program called Torch Club, a volunteer and leadership program, and Drama Matters, a performing arts program. There is never a dull moment for our participants!

The Boys & Girls Club of Story County's Ames site will be open to Nevada Club members on Friday, February 19 from 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM. The Ames site will also be open all week during Spring Break from 8am - 5:30pm with lunch and afternoon snacks available, free of charge.

We are always looking to add more members to the Nevada Middle School Afterschool Program to share all of the fun with. Feel free to contact the Boys & Girls Club of Story County for information on how to get registered at [515-233-1872](tel:515-233-1872) or email theclub@bgcstorycounty.org or you can pick up an application in the Middle School Office.

Gaming to learn Ancient Civilizations has proven fun and effective.

"Using Minecraft World of Humanities has helped me because I never liked Social Studies so studying Mesopotamia and Egypt this way catches my attention," reflected Savannah Hayes.

Walk into a sixth grade Social Studies class and you might be walking into students playing World of Humanities. All the students are engaged in a virtual world that enables them to explore ancient cultures, interact with ancient leaders and do quests that lead them through ancient mythology. "You get the feel that you are actually there talking to history's most famous people," states Nicholas Haley.

Unlocking these worlds while still learning has been a challenge that the sixth grade students have enjoyed greatly this semester and hope to continue as they use technology to show us new and exciting ways to learn. Alex Arnaud explains how the program works, "It helps me because you get to have fun but at the same time (you might not even know it) you end up learning about Pharaohs and ancient civilizations." Many of the students have found that the interactive program has helped them to expand their world and still have some fun while they are doing it.

NMS Students participate in 2016 Iowa Youth Straw Poll

The students of Nevada Middle School did their own caucusing and participating in the Iowa Youth Straw Poll on January 26th. Sponsored by the Secretary of State's office, students learned about the caucus process and then got the chance to "vote" for their favorite candidate. Be sure to ask your favorite middle school student about the candidate they are supporting and why. You are bound to get an earful!

Pantry Pies

The Nevada High School Foods room turned into a mini pie factory the afternoon of December 16 as the two Foods classes created over 60 pies for Cubbie's Cupboard. Each student made two mini pies. The students mixed and rolled the piecrust from scratch. Types of pie included pumpkin, apple and a few berry. For most students this was a new experience. The students enjoyed sharing their culinary skills with others and providing a special, fresh treat for those visiting the school's food pantry.



Guest speaker informs Nevada students about Belize

Kelli Soll, Nevada High School graduate 2007, was the guest speaker in Mr. Cooper's Natural Resources class on December 22nd. Kelli has started a service based company called Global Service Partnerships that can provide young people with a volunteer experience in Belize. Belize is geographically the size of Massachusetts and borders Mexico and Guatemala. In spite of being a popular coastal vacation area, a mainstream of population remains under educated in several skills, especially English. GSP can provide high school students in grades 9-12 an opportunity to assist Belize children. Several of Mr. Cooper's students expressed interest in such an opportunity.



Nevada Students study Renewable Energy

Students in Mr. Cooper's Natural Resources class have been studying the varying forms of renewable energy including photovoltaic, wind turbines, geothermal, advance biofuels, and tidal energy.

Students constructed basic generators using magnets and coils of copper wire and measured output using multi-meters and small DC bulbs. Students also designed and built small wind turbines with a pulley to lift a cup with a varying amount of metal washers for load.

Finally, a field trip to the John & Nancy Clough farm southwest of Nevada allowed to discover "working" PV panels and small wind. "The photovoltaic panels are doing quite well and providing a good return" says John Clough.



8th Grade Careers Exploratory Class-Opportunities Available

In the 8th grade Careers Exploratory class, a big component of the course is the Job Shadow experience. What better way to “explore” a career than to spend a few hours to a full day immersed in some aspect of that field? With today’s technology, the pathways to finding information about different careers is no doubt countless, but I believe no website or video could ever offer the same authentic experience and exposure as an actual day at the job.

Many students have taken full advantage of this opportunity to seek out a person whose work truly embodies their interests, finding the experience invaluable. Veterinarians, business owners, law officers, pilots, teachers, newscasters, bakers, and sports trainers are just a few of the professionals our students have been able to work with and shadow. Students were able to experience the day-to-day routines, being exposed to the small nuances of that particular job, which can’t be fully conveyed in a written job description or website. Many were able to be first-hand witnesses to what success looks like and revel in the benefits of such success. Others saw failure or trials but observed problem-solving skills put to practice. They learned what aspects of a career really excited them and which ones seemed incompatible with their personality.

It goes without saying that the professionals in our community play a significant role in these experiences. Without willing professionals, who offer their valuable time, job shadows would not be possible. If you have an interest in helping our young people discover their future by giving them an opportunity to explore interests and strengths, please consider being a host to a job shadow. The experience can be tailored to what’s appropriate in your field. As stated before, these experiences are invaluable.

Please contact Garisa Spikes at gspikes@nevada.k12.ia.us if you are willing to be a host.



2016 FFA Winter Dinner-Giving Back to the Community

In spite of below zero weather, thirty one Nevada High School FFA members volunteered on Sunday, January 17th to prepare, serve and deliver over 308 meals to community members. The students had assistance from adult volunteers including Kate Huse, Jim & Joan Wahl, and Chris & Charlie Lloyd. High School custodians Mike Prather & Soukaing Phommasen helped out also.

Nevada community residents in attendance enjoyed a flavorful dinner consisting of slow roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn bread stuffing, green beans with bacon & butter, whole baked sweet potatoes (donated by Andy Swanson), chilled lemonade, and coffee. For dessert, students prepared cakes, brownies, cookies, dessert breads, cupcakes, pie, and assorted pastry items. There was no admission fee and no money was solicited for the dinner from attendees.

While 277 meals were served in the high school commons, three groups of students delivered over thirty one meals to elderly citizens, and those unable to travel. Mid-West Pack catered the main course of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy. The students and adult volunteers prepared the green beans, sweet potatoes, beverages and desserts.

Several direct monetary donations were provided including \$100 from Mike & Patsy Ackerman, \$50 from Dennis & Sondra Smith, and miscellaneous cash donations from delivery recipients. All donations are greatly appreciated.



Nevada FFA Fruit Record Sales

Nevada High School FFA members sold, mixed, and delivered a new all-time record \$31,580.00 in fruit, cheese, sausage and snacks sold to community customers. In 2014, Nevada FFA set a new record at \$26,661. "I am very proud of the students, parents and the customers that support this fundraiser" stated Kevin Cooper, Nevada FFA advisor. The chapter also purchased bulk fruit and re-packaged into specialized mixed boxes for variety preferences. Customers could choose from twenty-nine different fruit packages, twenty-one cheese & meats, and eighteen different candy items. 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: In first place was Filicity Robinson at \$2,057 in sales, Chance Steffes in second place with \$1,897, and third was Alexis Black at \$1,151 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 invoices totaled \$19,241.01, therefore providing the FFA chapter with a net profit of \$12,339. Money from this fundraiser will be used to help pay for the annual FFA banquet, career development contest, leadership conferences, FFA jackets, and senior scholarships. These funds will also help pay for other Nevada FFA chapter sponsored activities.



Recent Donations to Nevada FFA

Gene & Brian Colhoun donated a Case 1170 diesel tractor to the Nevada FFA on November 24th. Tyler McDonald of Van Wall Equipment brought the semi and lowboy to Colhoun's and loaded the tractor with assistance from Brian Colhoun, Hunter Anderson, and Mr. Cooper.

Other donations recently include a Sears Lawn & Garden tractor with snow blower and tire chains from Mike Nusbaum. The chapter sold the snow blower to a customer from Gilbert for \$300. The tractor will be worked on in Ag mechanics class.

Lorna Sellberg donated a stack of Sears Craftsman toolboxes full of tools, along with a Stihl 039 chainsaw that runs really well. Sellberg also donated a garden tiller for use in the chapter garden program. The chapter made repairs for Sellberg on a Husquarvana 16" chain saw. Cody Randall, Nevada High School senior also donated a Stihl MS 210 chainsaw that is in good shape also.

Dr. Paul Readhead donated two 11 x 16 SL steering tires mounted on Massey rims on November 23rd. Colfax Tractor Parts purchased the tires and rims for \$150 and also donated two new heavy-duty 12-volt batteries for the Case 1170 tractor project on November 28th.

A grain wagon and running gear donated to Nevada FFA were sold on December 8th to Gene Anderson of Princeton, Missouri for \$300. He plans to make mobile deer stands out of the wagons. All donations are greatly appreciated.



KEY Cooperative Provides Grain

Greg Artz & Ted Hammes of KEY Cooperative visited Mr. Cooper's block 4 class on November 10th to present the "Bushels for Ag" program. Nevada FFA will receive 40 bushels of soybeans and 100 bushels of corn donated to participate in the program. Students must determine a marketing strategy and make decisions based on fundamental market information to sell at the optimum times. Artz explained basics of commodity price discovery, basis, futures, and price averaging over time. Also, an algorithm was shared that calculated input cost and necessary commodity priced and sold to achieve break even. Some calculations were worked through with students regarding crop insurance income & yield risk management. Artz also explained his family's business of producing heirloom vegetables for niche markets. Some of his vegetables include lighter colored pumpkins and specially flavored Russian tomatoes varieties.



Nevada FFA Provides Program for Nevada Chamber of Commerce Annual Event

Nevada FFA provided the program for the Nevada Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet and Awards Dinner held Thursday, October 22nd at Gatherings in downtown Nevada. After some brief business and an excellent meal catered by Farmhouse Catering, it was time for the program. Kevin Cooper, Nevada High School Ag Ed Instructor & FFA advisor gave a brief description of some history of the Nevada High School program and then introduced Erik Fevold & Courtney Davis, co-chairs of the 4th Annual Iowa High School Renewable Energy Conference. Other chapter members gave descriptions of their experiences including the FFA career development events, Ag mechanics projects, farm to school produce program, and finally the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute. Mr. Cooper and the students fielded several questions including volatility of hydrogen fuel, how to get young people more interested in career technical fields, and how many FFA activities provide speaking opportunities. Cooper pointed out that all of the students in attendance have been in numerous career development events where they learn to "speak with conviction"! Cooper cited an appreciation for the strong work ethic that his students have, which goes back to expectations fostered by parents and family.



Fall 212 and 360 Leadership Conferences

In the fall sixteen Nevada High School students and FFA members departed Nevada High School on a Saturday at 7:30 am and headed for the Iowa FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny on the DMACC campus. In the winter another eleven attended.

Twelve students attended the 212 Degree leadership conferences in the fall and eight in the winter. The 212° Conference is a leadership conference created by the National FFA Organization and is open to FFA members in **9th or 10th grade**. 212 degrees is temperature at which water boils. At 211° water is extremely hot, but just one more degree takes up another level and changes its state. The 212°

Conference challenges students to push past their limits to the boiling point of leadership.

Four students in the fall and three in the winter attended the 360 Degree program. The 360° Conference is a leadership conference created by the National FFA Organization and is open to FFA members in 11th or 12th grade. 360° takes students full circle through chapter leadership development. Attendees will learn how to develop action plans for their chapters from every angle. Themes for this conference are vision and influence.

While the FFA members were in conference, Mr. Cooper participated in a continuing education class learning about the new National FFA on-line proficiency award applications. FFA members can compete with their Supervised Ag Experience Program in one of the thirty-four proficiency areas. All Ag students and FFA members are required to maintain records on a Supervised Ag Experience program. In addition, Cooper and several other Ag teachers and FFA advisors went through improving SAE records utilizing the AET, or Iowa FFA Google \$ & Hours record keeping system.

Recently elected National FFA Central Region Vice-President Abrah Meyers was at the Enrichment Center to meet members, supporters and advisors. Abrah's parents accompanied her also.

The conference fee was \$40 per student, Nevada FFA chapter paid for \$30 of the fee, and the students paid \$10. The day long of activities concluded around 6 pm, Mr. Cooper drove the bus, and the group arrived back to the high school around 6:45 pm.



**Nevada Community Schools
2014-2015 Annual Progress Report Summary**

DISTRICT PROFILE

Total Enrollment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1548 K-12 (same as last year) • Pre-School: 94 • Elementary Enrollment K – 4: 639 • Middle School 5 – 8: 462 • High School 9 – 12: 447
Ave. Daily Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Elementary: 96.00% • Nevada Middle School: 96.00% • Nevada High School: 95.24% • K-8: 96.00% • State Attendance K-8: 95.5%
Employees	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Management Team: 12 Nurses: 2 Administrative Assistants: 10 Transportation: 10 Guidance and Student Support: 6 </div> <div> Teachers: 115 Educational Aides: 50 Maintenance: 10 Food Service: 22 </div> </div>
Enrollment Summary	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Asian: 1.4% Hispanic: 7.6% White: 85.7% </div> <div> African American: 2.4% Native American: 0.1% Multi-Race: 3.3% </div> </div>
*State Indicators 2013-2014	Graduation Rate 91.95% compared to the state rate of 90.5%
*Dropout Rate 2013-2014	Dropout Rate in grades 7-12 is 1.2%. The state average dropout rate is 2.7%.

*** Due to the manner in which the state calculates these two indicators they are always a year behind.**

OUR STUDENTS 2014 - 2015

STUDENT DATA	
Number of students K – 12	1548
Percent of students with free/reduced lunch	34%
Percent of students in special education	9.5%
POST SECONDARY DATA	
Percent of students who intend on pursuing post-secondary education/training	71.11%
Percent of students who scored ≥ 20 on the ACT test	66.67%

Assessment and Academic Goals

2015 ACT Results

	English	Math	Reading	Science Reasoning	Composite
Nevada	23.2	21.9	23.3	23.3	23.4
Iowa	21.6	21.5	22.7	22.3	22.2

2014-2015 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

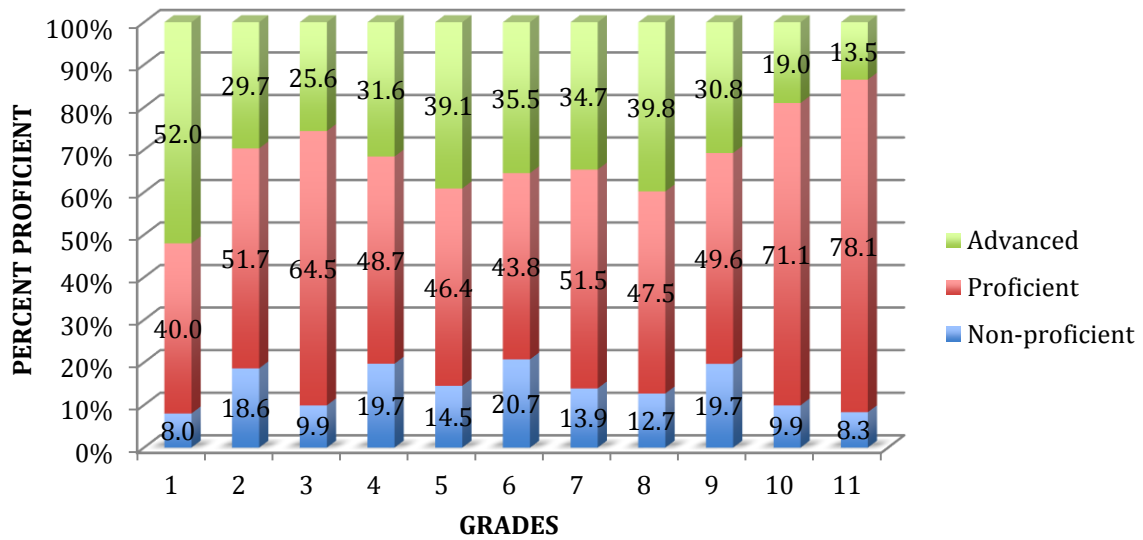
- Non-Proficient
- Intermediate + Advanced = Proficient

Academic Goals for 2014-2015

- To increase the percentage IEP students proficient in 4th grade reading as determined by the Iowa Assessments.
 - IEP proficiency decreased from 71.4% in 2014 as 3rd graders to 47.7% in 2015 as 4th graders. **Goal Not Met**
- To increase the percentage of SES students proficient in 8th grade math as determined by the Iowa Assessment.
 - SES proficiency increased in math from 61.9%% in 2014 as 7th graders to 71.9% in 2015 as 8th graders. **Goal Met**
- To increase the percentage of SES students proficient in 11th grade science as determined by Iowa Assessments.
 - SES proficiency increased in science 68.3% in 2014 as 10th graders to 76% in 2015 as 11th graders. **Goal Met**

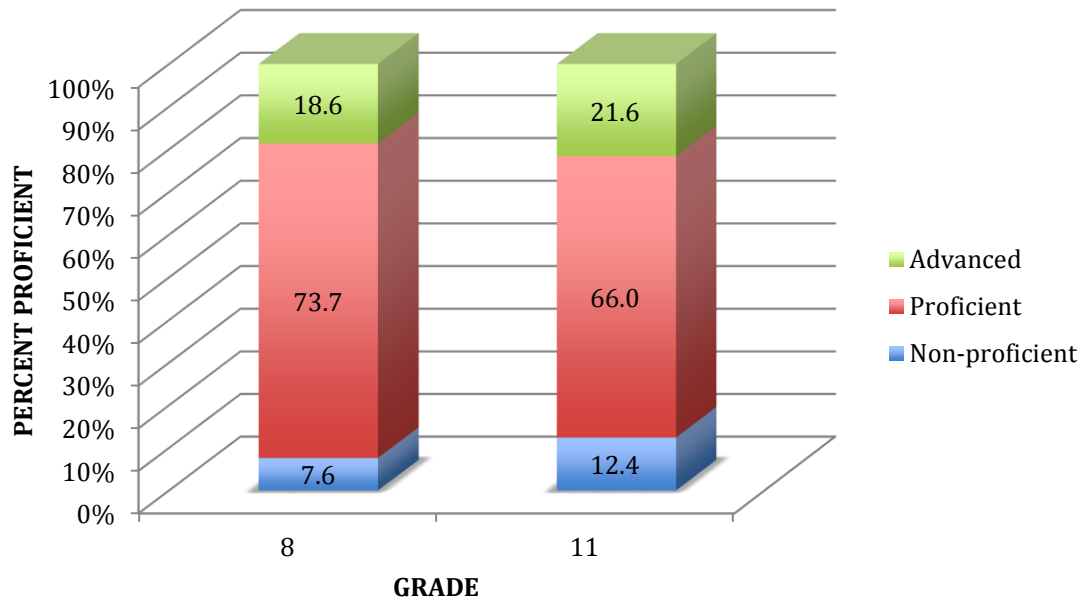
READING

2014 - 2015 IOWA ASSESSMENT



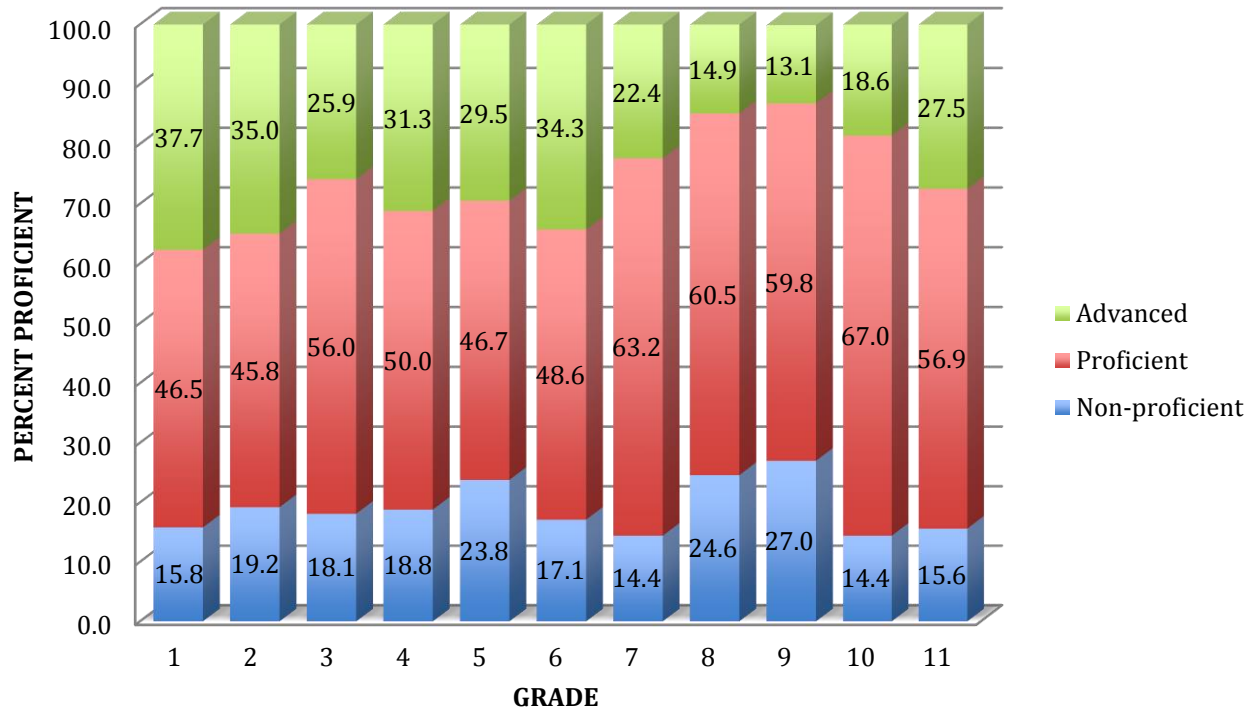
SCIENCE

2014 - 2015 IOWA ASSESSMENT



MATH

2014 - 2015 IOWA ASSESSMENT



Academic Goals for 2015-2016:

- To increase the percent of students proficient in 4th grade reading as determined by Iowa Assessments, specifically increase from 87.23% proficient.
- To increase the percent of SES students proficient in 8th grade mathematics as determined by Iowa Assessments, specifically increasing from 69.67% proficient.
- To increase the percent of SES students proficient in 11th grade science as determined by Iowa Assessments, specifically increasing from 76.90% proficient.

EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY

The Nevada Community School District believes in early intervention to insure all students have the prerequisite skills in reading. For the first time the FAST assessment was given to K-4 students to assist in finding strengths and weaknesses in students' reading skill. FAST (Formative Assessment System for Teachers) is a suite of tools designed to monitor progress and analyze reading skills of students from kindergarten to fifth grade.

The first assessment tool is an oral reading assessment that allows teachers to monitor their students' progress and evaluate the level and rate of a student's oral reading fluency. **(NOTE: This is an indicator of RATE, not true fluency. If students read fast they pass. If they pause, read with inflection or self-correct, it could negatively impact their overall score.)**

The second assessment tool is Early Reading (eReading). It is an evidenced based reading assessment for screening and monitoring student progress in early primary grades K-3.

Lastly the Adaptive Reading (aReading) tool is a computer test of broad reading skills that is individualized. The question and response format of this assessment is multiple choice and fill in the blank.

To meet state requirements of early childhood literacy the district is required to report findings from Kindergarten through 3rd grade. Because this assessment takes the place of the DIBELS assessment, there will be no historical data this year. The following table shows the results of the first year of the FAST assessment.

Grade	Substantially Deficient	Adequately Progressing
K	7%	93%
1 st	17%	83%
2 nd	13%	87%
3 rd	9%	91%

If a 2nd or 3rd grade student is substantially deficient at the end of the 2015-16 school year, we will request that he/she attend our summer school. Summer school will consist of reading instruction tailored to the individual needs of the students. After the 2016-17 school year, based on the State of Iowa's Early Literacy Implementation, a 3rd grade student that ends the year as substantially deficient is required to attend summer school or be retained.

Any questions about this report please contact Nancy Port at nport@nevada.k12.ia.us or call 382-2783.



HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

***COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY IOWA**

Saturday Feb. 13, 2016 – 9:00am-Noon

FREE FAFSA help is available! The DMACC Hunziker Career Academy in Ames will be hosting financial aid representatives to help families:

- Receive help filing the FAFSA
- Get advice from financial aid experts
- Receive scholarship information
- Learn about the process and your next steps

No appointment is necessary!

*** The Guidance Website**

The Nevada High School Guidance Department updates the website periodically with new **SCHOLARSHIPS** that we receive in the office. We have them filed in wall folders in the Guidance office. Check out the following website for new scholarships, test prep links, and other helpful links:

www.nevadacubs.org

- click on “Nevada High School”
- click on “School Counseling Department”

*** A Note to Seniors & Their Families:**

If you haven't already, now is the time to be sending those college apps! You **DO NOT** have to wait until you take the ACT, if you haven't taken it already. Also, it's never too late to start the scholarship search! You can check the guidance office for the scholarships we receive and check the online links on the Guidance website. Make sure to give the people you're asking for letters of recommendations at least a 1-2 week notice. And don't forget, the FAFSA needs to be filled out ASAP after January 1st (www.fafsa.ed.gov).

*** A Note to Juniors & Their Families:**

This is a very important year for every Junior. If you've started out high school not so good, you can turn things around this year and finish your final 2 years strong. If you've started out high school strong, keep it up! Juniors, now is also the time for you to start searching for scholarships. The majority out there are for Seniors, but there are plenty for Juniors. Also, now is the time to take the ACT test. Hopefully you took the PLAN test in the Fall, a cheap, practice ACT. Regardless, Juniors should plan to take the real ACT in the Spring. Also in the Spring, you want to start narrowing down your college choices. If you want to make a college visit, you can do that as a Junior. See Mr. Baker for more information.

*** NEED A TUTOR?**

Please go to the following website for a list of tutors for hire:

<http://ames.universitytutor.com>

UPCOMING ACT DATES:

Website to register --- www.actstudent.org

Nevada High School code --- 163125

*****April 9, 2016 → registration deadline is March 4, 2016 *****

***** NEVADA HS IS A TESTING CENTER FOR THE APRIL ACT!! *****

June 11, 2016 → registration deadline is May 6, 2016

- The cost is \$39.50. We recommend you register online, but you can see Guidance for a registration packet and a full-length practice test.
- Please check with Mr. Baker if you think you qualify for a fee waiver.
- You can also check the Guidance website (see above) for links to registration and practice websites.

If you are interested in the **SAT**, see Mr. Baker.

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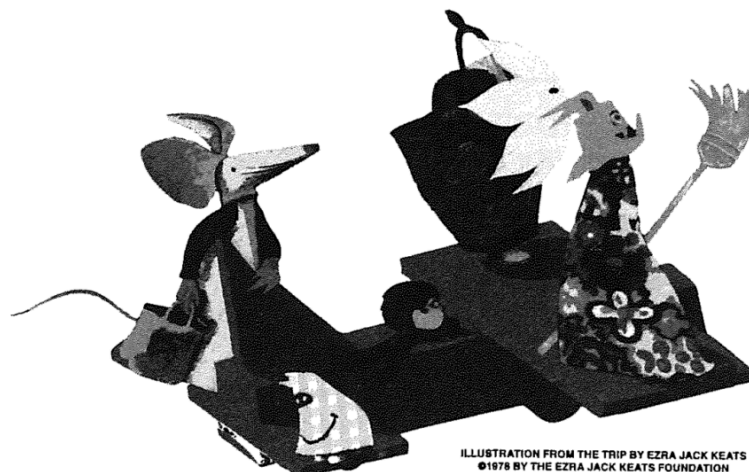
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2016 7th Grade Boys Track

Event Date	Type	Time	Location
11-Apr	South Hamilton	4:30PM	Jewell
19-Apr	Invitational	4:30PM	Gilbert
21-Apr	Carlisle	4:15PM	Carlisle
28-Apr	Ballard	4:30PM	Huxley
2-May	CoEd Invitational	4:30PM	Jewell
3-May	Roland-Story	4:30PM	Story City
10-May	Boone	4:30PM	Boone

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Event Date	Type	Time	Location
11-Apr	South Hamilton	4:30PM	Jewell
21-Apr	Invitational	4:30PM	Gilbert
25-Apr	Norwalk	4:15PM	Norwalk
28-Apr	Perry	4:15PM	Perry
2-May	CoEd Invitational	4:30PM	Jewell
3-May	Roland-Story	4:30PM	Story City
9-May	Boone	4:30PM	Boone

2016 8th Grade Boys Track

Event Date	Type	Time	Location
11-Apr	South Hamilton	4:30PM	Jewell
19-Apr	Invitational	4:30PM	Gilbert
21-Apr	Carlisle	4:15PM	Carlisle
28-Apr	Ballard	4:30PM	Huxley
2-May	CoEd Invitational	4:30PM	Jewell
3-May	Roland-Story	4:30PM	Story City
6-May	Conference	4:00PM	Baxter
10-May	Boone	4:30PM	Boone

2016 8th Grade Girls Track

Event Date	Type	Time	Location
11-Apr	South Hamilton	4:30PM	Jewell
21-Apr	Invitational	4:30PM	Gilbert
25-Apr	Norwalk	4:15PM	Norwalk
28-Apr	Perry	4:15PM	Perry
2-May	CoEd Invitational	4:30PM	Jewell
3-May	Roland-Story	4:30PM	Story City
6-May	Conference	4:00PM	PCM
9-May	Boone	4:30PM	Boone

2016 HS Boys Track

Event Date	Level/Type	Time	Location
8-Mar	Varsity Invitational	3:00PM	UNI
24-Mar	Varsity Invitational	4:30PM	Johnston HS
29-Mar	JV/V Invitational	4:30PM	Gilbert HS
1-Apr	Varsity Meet-Winterset	4:30PM	Winterset HS
5-Apr	Varsity Meet	4:30PM	Van Meter HS
7-Apr	JV/V CoEd Invitational	4:30PM	Gilbert HS
11-Apr	Varsity Meet	4:30PM	Norwalk HS
14-Apr	Varsity Invitational	4:30PM	Saydel HS
21-Apr	Varsity Invitational	4:30PM	Jewell
26-Apr	Varsity Meet-Carlisle	4:30PM	Carlisle HS
28-Apr	JV/V Meet	5:00PM	Story City HS
5-May	Varsity CoEd Invitational	5:00PM	Bondurant-Farrar
12-May	Varsity District Meet	4:00PM	TBA
19-May	Varsity State	TBD	TBA
20-May	Varsity State	TBD	TBA
21-May	Varsity State	TBD	TBA

2016 HS Girls Track

Event Date	Level/Type	Time	Location
7-Mar	Varsity Invitational	3:00PM	UNI
31-Mar	Varsity Meet	4:45PM	Dallas Ctr-Grimes
5-Apr	Varsity Meet	4:30PM	Van Meter HS
7-Apr	JV/V CoEd Invitational	4:30PM	Gilbert HS
14-Apr	Varsity Meet	4:30PM	E Marshall HS
18-Apr	Varsity Invitational	4:30PM	Gilbert HS
21-Apr	JV/V Meet	5:00PM	Story City HS
25-Apr	Varsity Invitational	4:30PM	Saydel HS
26-Apr	Varsity Invitational	4:30PM	Jewell
5-May	Varsity CoEd Invitational	5:00PM	Bondurant-Farrar HS
12-May	Varsity District Meet	4:00PM	TBA
19-May	Varsity State	TBD	TBA
20-May	Varsity State	TBD	TBA
21-May	Varsity State	TBD	TBA



2016 HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

Event Date	Opponent	Time	Location
31-Mar	JV/V Ballard	5:30/7:00PM	SCORE
1-Apr	JV/V Dallas Center-Grimes	5:30/7:00PM	SCORE
4-Apr	V Gilbert	7:00PM	Gilbert HS
8-Apr	JV/V Kuemper Catholic HS	5:30/7:00PM	Kuemper HS
9-Apr	V North Polk, Johnston	9:00AM	Johnston HS
11-Apr	V/JV North Polk	5:30/7:00PM	North Polk HS
14-Apr	V/JV PCM	5:30/7:00PM	SCORE
18-Apr	JV/V Southeast Polk	5:30/7:00PM	SCORE
22-Apr	V Waverly-Shell Rock	6:30PM	WS SCR Com
25-Apr	V Waterloo-Columbus	7:00PM	SCORE
2-May	JV/V Adel DeSoto-Minburn	5:30/7:00PM	ADM HS
5-May	JV/V Iowa Falls-Alden	5:30/7:00PM	IFA Cadet Field
7-May	V Varsity Invitational	9:00AM	SCORE
10-May	V Ankeny Christian Acad	6:00PM	SCORE
12-May	JV Gilbert	7:00PM	SCORE
16-May	JV/V Bondurant-Farrar	5:30/7:00PM	B-F HS
20-May	JV/V Newton	5:30/7:00PM	SCORE
24-May	V Varsity Sub-State	TBA	TBA

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2016 HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

Event Date	Opponent	Time	Location
2-Apr	V Varsity Jamboree	10:00AM	DCG Stadium
5-Apr	JV/V Ankeny	5:30/7:00PM	Ankeny HS
8-Apr	JV/V Iowa Falls-Alden	5:30/7:00PM	SCORE
12-Apr	JV/V Prairie City-Monroe	5:30/7:00PM	PCM HS
15-Apr	JV/V North Polk	5:30/7:00PM	North Polk HS
18-Apr	JV/V Ankeny Centennial	5:30/7:00PM	Ankeny
19-Apr	JV/V Ames	5:30/7:00PM	SCORE
23-Apr	V Varsity Invitational	10:00AM	SCORE
25-Apr	V Waterloo-Columbus	5:30PM	SCORE
28-Apr	JV/V Pella	5:30/7:00PM	SCORE
2-May	JV/V Collins-Maxwell Baxter	5:30/7:00PM	SCORE
7-May	JV/V Dallas Center-Grimes	9:00/10:30AM	DCG Stadium
12-May	JV Gilbert	5:30PM	SCORE
16-May	JV/V Bondurant-Farrar	5:30/7:00PM	SCORE
23-Mar	JV/V Des Moines Christian	5:30/7:00PM	SCORE
24-Mar	V CAL Cadets	5:00PM	CAL HS

2016 HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF

Event Date	Opponent	Time	Location
7-Apr	V CoEd Varsity Invitational	2:00PM	ICCC
11-Apr	V Varsity Invitational	2:00PM	Altoona
15-Apr	V Invitational	4:00PM	Ames CC
18-Apr	V West Marshall	2:00PM	Lincoln V GC
19-Apr	V Various	1:00PM	Harvester GC
22-Apr	V Gilbert, Perry	4:00PM	Gilbert MS
22-Apr	JV Ballard	4:00PM	ICCC
25-Apr	V Varsity CoEd Invitational	4:00PM	Perry
26-Apr	JV Ballard	4:00PM	Ballard GC
3-May	V Conference	9:00AM	TCI/Polk City
5-May	V Tournament	4:00PM	River Bend GC
9-May	V Grinnell	1:30PM	Grinnell HS
10-May	V Webster City	4:00PM	Briggs GC
13-May	V Sectionals	TBD	TBA



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subject to change

2016 HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF

Event Date	Opponent	Time	Location
5-Apr	V North Polk, Ogden	4:00PM	Tournament Club
7-Apr	V CoEd Invitational	2:00PM	ICCC
15-Apr	V Quadrangular	4:00PM	Ames CC
19-Apr	V West Marshall	2:00PM	Lincoln V GC
22-Apr	JV Gilbert, Perry	4:00PM	Gilbert MS
25-Apr	V CoEd Invitational	4:00PM	Perry
26-Apr	JV Ballard	4:00PM	Ballard CC
4-May	V Tournament	9:00AM	Cedar Pt/Boone
14-May	V Invitational	9:00AM	Tama
16-May	V Regional	TBD	TBA
24-May	V Regional Finals	TBD	TBA

**NEVADA HIGH SCHOOL FINE ARTS
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SUNDAY, MARCH 6 AT 1:30PM – SENIOR PERFORMANCE
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