

Helix School District 06/15/21 Darrick Cope Superintendent

Helix Demographics

- * Helix is a small, rural school district in Eastern Oregon. Currently, we have 165 students enrolled in K-12.
- * Successful bonds were passed in 2008 and 2012.
- * Free-Reduced rate varies between 27-30%.
- * 2018-19 is the first year we are not participating in the National School Lunch program.
- * White 83.3%
- * Non-white 16.7%

Helix Data

- * Data used to craft the Helix SD plan came from a variety of sources including the past State report cards.
- * Freshmen on track data from SIS and Success Coach
- * On track to graduate
- * Additional training after high school (CC, 4-yr, Milt., vocational, etc.)

Helix Second Biennium 2019-2021

- * The Helix SD Success Plan focused on Dropout Prevention and College Prep.
- * 100% graduation rate and all students received a brand new, FREE Chromebook
- * All juniors and seniors took the SAT FREE
- * High School Success Coach was a great addition.

Needs Assessment & Determinination

- * Graduation rate is always a concern, especially when you have such small class sizes. Rates vary from 70% to 100% (modified, GED, homeschool).
- * Incentives like retrieval, college credit, online options, FREE computer are big to some students.
- * Communication (parent & student) via new webpage and App has been super successful.

<u>Goals</u>

- 100% of the high school students, regardless of their socioeconomic status, gender or ethnicity, will have access to credit retrieval, dual credit and distance learning classes, free of charge. 9th Grade on Track: Short Term— 90%; Long Term— 95%
- More elective and hands on classes will be developed allowing vocational focused students alternative educational opportunities.

Goals (cont.')

 Continue to utilizing our web page and App, to inform and communicate with the students, parents and community members about events and activities occurring within our district. The superintendent, administrative assistant and librarian will be the main information submitters, but teachers will be trained on how they can upload classroom activities onto the for the web page (Live Feed).

Goals (cont.')

- With access to a HHS coach, free SAT test at school and free Chromebooks, 100% of the Helix students should be attending further training after high school.
 - Short term 95%, Long Term 100% of the Helix graduates will be attending a trade school, join the military, 2-year or 4-year institution.

Ensuring all Eligibility Requirements will be FULLY in place by the end of this biennium?

- * Continue to work with teachers to "own" their students both in success and failure.
- * School webpage and App provide a great way to inform & communicate with parents.
- * Offer access to all courses, to all students, regardless.

HSS is Fully Funded, but...

- * If the HSS was a larger amount Helix could hire HS and 8th grade Math Success Coach;
- *Hire an additional para-pro to work directly with teacher and students with off-graduation track kids. Currently, we have no assistants in the high school to work with students.
- * Still skeptical about the sustainability of Measure 98 and have been apprehensive to hire many new staff.

Final Thoughts

- Thankful for the revenue and can already see the positive effect it is having on students.
- My only wish is the process to receive the grant (hurdles) would be fewer steps.
- Plan to utilize our future SIA dollars to provide more assistance to middle school students. With SIA at fully funded levels, Helix can sustain one additional teacher and parapro.