

Rivercrest School District Annual Report to the Public

September 12, 2017

The Rivercrest School District has a current enrollment of 1185 students served on two campuses: Rivercrest Elementary (K-Grade 6) and Rivercrest High School (Grades 7-12).

The district has a seven member board of directors: Jo Booker, Mark Fincher, Darrell Gist, Russell Lane, Freddy Ware (Jon Williams newly-elected), Clarence Williams, and Johnny Worsham.

District Mission Statement

To create an environment of high expectations and intensive support in which each student is able to achieve.

Educational Goals

1. Focus on student mastery of reading, writing, math, and science skills
2. Integrate technology as a tool for learning
3. Prepare students to be future- ready
5. Foster meaningful parental involvement
6. Provide a safe and secure environment for learning for all students

Progress toward Goals

To help meet these goals, the district has incorporated the following:

1. Provided technology devices for each student in Grades 4-12
2. Provided Response to Intervention strategies to assist struggling readers
3. Provided on-going professional staff development for teachers to improve student achievement
4. Incorporated academic coaches to provide embedded professional development and coaching for teachers
5. Incorporated federal and special needs funding, and supplemental state categorical funds to help provide intervention programs, professional development, technology, instructional assistants, a migrant facilitator and an instructional technology facilitator
6. Administered interim assessments throughout the year to identify student weakness and instructional issues to provide timely interventions for students to increase achievement
7. Used a district parent involvement coordinator to work with parents to increase parent involvement
8. Employed school resource officers and incorporated security building features and cameras across the district.
9. Used Home Access Center (HAC) for parent notification about grades, School Messenger, the District Website, teacher websites and District Facebook to communicate with parents
10. Conducted Open House at each campus, math and literacy nights for parents, and parent/teacher conferences

Student Achievement

Student achievement data from the ACT Aspire state assessment reflect varied levels. Rivercrest students showed increased achievement at most grades and content areas. The largest gains were realized in English for grades 5 and 10. Fourth and sixth grade math scores met or exceeded state averages. Sixth and eighth grade reading scores showed improvement as did writing scores in grades five, six, nine, and ten. Specific areas for growth include math and science.

Proposals to Correct Deficiencies

1. Promoting a guaranteed, viable curriculum
2. Implementing research-based instructional strategies
3. Maintaining accountability across the system
4. Utilizing Professional Learning Communities (PLC)
5. Scaffolding student learning

Facilities Updates

1. Football stadium project
2. Multi-purpose building (concession, restrooms, locker rooms)
3. Bus maintenance shop
4. General maintenance shop
5. HVAC – maintenance
6. Roofing – Fine Arts & Cafeteria - partnership projects; approved in last cycle, but not funded – will reapply

District Expectations

Students:

1. Achieving at high levels
2. Engaged during instructional time
3. Displaying appropriate behaviors
4. Present for learning
5. Enjoying the learning environment

Teachers:

1. Supporting high levels of student learning
2. Planning highly engaged learning opportunities
3. Present for learning
4. Enjoying the learning environment

Accreditation Status

All of the schools in the district are accredited for the 2017-2018 school year and met standards set forth by the Arkansas Department of Education. The district has received district-wide accreditation through AdvanceED

For more information about each school and to view other data, access the Rivercrest School District website at www.rivercrest.org