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both high school and college credit. These classes are already reduced in cost from the “on campus” class, and because the district believes in this endeavor, the district is also supporting partial tuition and full book costs...an outstanding opportunity for our upper classmen of Dixon High School.

School officials are constantly seeking out new programs and strategies to provide a rigorous program of study and more upper level class offerings. The DHS Marching Band performs at local events, such as parades and concerts as well as at the state and national levels. The band and choirs have won many awards for their performances. The DHS trophy case has many trophies won by the music, drama and debate programs. There are several clubs for DHS students, i.e., Art, Speech, Drama and Debate, FCCLA, FBLA, Key Club, Science Club and others. The DHS gymnasium is lined with banners of championships won in various sports competitions: basketball, baseball, cross-country, track, golf, softball, volleyball, soccer, cheerleading and dance. The Bulldogs were basketball state champs in 1969 and baseball state champs in 1976. There have also been individual state appearances and championships over the years in sports.

DHS has moved forward from traditional MAP testing to on-line, end of course (EOC) tests.

The high school has been working hard to expand and modernize the technology in use with the addition of two laptop labs and one iPad

lab. Also, all teachers are now making use of iPads in the classroom. With improved wi-fi capabilities and televisions in each room to accept wireless signals from teacher iPads, the high school students are getting a taste of a modern classroom. The community has also benefitted with the addition of a computerized, color message board at the school drive entrance, helping to keep people informed of school events. With an eye toward the future, more technological changes are always being considered.

Dixon R-I is an accredited “A+” school. This is a program which enables a student who meets the state designated A+ criteria, which includes 95% attendance, a minimum of 2.5 GPA and 50 hours of volunteer tutoring, to attend a Missouri public community college or technical institute with tuition paid for two years. A+ graduates can obtain an Associate’s Degree or transfer their credits to a four-year college after the use of their A+ funds. Many Dixon High School students participate in the A+ program.

A significant number of students elect to attend the Waynesville Career Center for training in areas such as health sciences, auto repair, Construction, and others. This is a great way of assisting those students who do not plan to attend college to learn job skills for working after graduation.



Dixon High School and Middle School combined choir. Submitted

Any student attending the Dixon R-I schools can be assured of a quality education and be confident that he or she will be well-prepared to enter the university or workforce setting.

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