

many students taking advanced and dual credit classes, seated and online. Research has shown that high school students who take Dual-Credit courses during high school are significantly more successful in college. Thus, Dixon High School is on an aggressive path to offer plenty of opportunities for these types of classes which count for 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 stated 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.



"Every year, we help students explore what career opportunities exist. We host a College Fair every September with over 40 colleges and universities in attendance from across our region and with every Branch of our Military present as well. We also attend a College Fair at Laquey in the spring. We send Freshmen and Sophomores on trips to visit a different area colleges each year. We want students to visit colleges that are both vocational and traditional. We require every Sophomore to visit WCC to see what occupations might interest them that they may pursue there. Through our partnerships with area businesses, our students are able to earn credit and work experience through our FLEX program. Every March, Dixon High School hosts Career Day where numerous area businesses and organizations provide information about their employment opportunities and provide mock

interviews with feedback. These programs help provide students with valuable insight of how the workforce operates, their expectations of good employees and help them build their network. We are grateful that so many area businesses support our students and our school. Each of the past two years, we have made an effort to help our local community around the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. We believe that our students need to understand how to give back and help others. We are committed to ensuring all students to know what opportunities exist for them once they graduate."

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.

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.



TIPS

Potential New Home Buyers

- » Get pre-qualified before buying a home
- » Stay in contact with your mortgage lender
- » Provide requested documentation in a timely manner
- » Continue to make all your payments in a timely manner
- » Consider how taking on other "new" debt may affect your ability to repay the loan
- » Consider how an employment change may affect your ability to repay the loan
- » Finalize homeowner's insurance 10 days prior to closing

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