

Motion: The administration is directed to examine college preparation Curriculum for adequacy in meeting the needs of students attending a four year college. This would also include a report on the educational needs of our students to qualify for those colleges.

Response: The response to this motion is based on the following points of inquiry:

- I. The high school guidance counselors in each of the four (4) secondary buildings were asked to:
 - A. Identify the five (5) most frequently attended colleges/universities attended by former graduates from the Classes of 2003, 2004, and 2005 (combined). WAHS shall list ten institutions of higher learning.
 - B. Identify the five (5) most frequent majors (field) the members have identified as their field of study, using the potential college majors identified by members of the Classes of 2003, 2004, and 2005.
- II. The high school guidance counselors in each of the four (4) secondary buildings were asked to:
 - A. Contact three (3) different colleges/universities and talk to a college/university admissions counselor in the admissions office.
 - B. Ascertain what criteria the college/university uses to evaluate potential applicants to their college/university? Ask them to comment on their impression of how well prepared academically the applicants are who apply from WCSD, capturing quotes if possible.
- III. Review the SY 03/04 and SY 04/05 PSSA results for students who were enrolled in District Grade 11 college preparation curriculum.

Findings

Identification of the 5 to 10 most frequently attended colleges/universities attended by former graduates from the Classes of 2003, 2004, and 2005. – The high school counselors, at their regularly scheduled meeting held on Thursday, January 19, 2006, felt that not only the top colleges/universities should be listed but all institutions must be listed to show the diversity of institutions attended by their graduates over the past three years.

I. Eisenhower Middle High School

A. Colleges/Universities most attended by graduates

1. Jamestown Community College
2. Penn State Behrend
3. Mercyhurst College
4. Edinboro University
5. PA College of Technology

B. Other schools attended by students from EMHS over the last three years

1. Alfred State
2. Alfred University
3. Allegheny College
4. Anderson University
5. Bloomsburg University
6. Bradford School (Pittsburgh)
7. Brigham Young University
8. California University of PA
9. Carlow College
10. Carnegie Mellon University
11. Cedar Crest College
12. Central Christian College
13. Central PA College
14. Christopher Newport University
15. Clarion University
16. Clarkson University
17. Dartmouth College
18. DeVry
19. Elizabethtown College
20. Gannon University
21. Great Lakes Institute of Technology
22. Grove City College
23. Houghton College
24. Huntington College
25. Indiana University of PA
26. Ithaca College
27. Jamestown Business College

28. Juniata College
29. Kent State University (Ohio)
30. Lock Haven University
31. Massachusetts Maritime Academy
32. Millersville University
33. Mount Union College
34. North Park University (Chicago)
35. PA Gunsmithing School
36. Penn State (Main)
37. Philadelphia Biblical University
38. Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science
39. Pittsburgh Technical Institute
40. Rappahannock Community College (Glenns, VA)
41. Roberts Wesleyan
42. Rochester Institute of Technology
43. Seton Hill University
44. Shippensburg University
45. Slippery Rock University
46. Southern Virginia University
47. St. Bonaventure University
48. St. Francis University
49. SUNY ESF
50. Taylor University
51. Temple University
52. Toni and Guy
53. Triangle Tech
54. Tri-State University (Indiana)
55. U.S. Air Force Academy
56. University of North Carolina (Greensboro)
57. University of North West Ohio
58. University of Pennsylvania
59. University of Pittsburgh (Main)
60. University of Pittsburgh (Bradford)
61. University of Pittsburgh (Titusville)
62. University of Toronto (Canada)
63. Universal Tech. Institute (Florida)
64. Utah State University
65. Waynesburg College

II. Sheffield Area Middle High School

- A. Colleges/Universities most attended by graduates
 1. Pitt-Bradford
 2. Edinboro
 3. Jamestown Community College
 4. Penn State Behrend

5. Pittsburgh Technical Institute
- B. Other schools attended by students from SAMHS over the last three years
1. Great Lakes Institute of Technology
 2. Lock Haven
 3. University of Pittsburgh
 4. Allegheny
 5. Penn State DuBois
 6. Clarion
 7. St. Bonaventure
 8. Penn State
 9. NASCAR Tech Inst.
 10. Mansfield
 11. Jamestown Business College
 12. Indiana University of PA
 13. Mercyhurst Northeast
 14. Motorcycle Mechanic Institute – FL
 15. University of Rochester
 16. Northwestern-Ohio Tech
 17. Waynesburg
 18. PA College of Technology
 19. Canton, Ohio
 20. Mercyhurst College
 21. Carlow
 22. Syracuse University
 23. Thiel
 24. Universal Tech Institute – TX
 25. Gannon
 26. Slippery Rock
 27. Alfred
 28. PA Academy of Cosmetology
 29. Tri-State Business Institute
 30. Nashville Auto/Diesel
 31. DeVry
 32. West Virginia

III. Warren Area High School

- A. Colleges/Universities most attended by graduates
1. Penn State University Behrend
 2. Edinboro University of PA
 3. Clarion University
 4. Gannon University
 5. Mercyhurst College
 6. University of Pittsburgh: Main campus and Bradford campus
 7. Slippery Rock University

8. Indiana University of PA
 9. Penn State Main Campus
 10. Thiel College
 11. University of West Virginia
- B. Other schools attended by students from WAHS over the last three years
1. Jamestown Community College
 2. ITT Technical Institute
 3. Great Lakes Institute of Technology
 4. Jamestown Business College
 5. Mercyhurst Northeast
 6. St. Francis University
 7. Triangle Technical Institute
 8. Robert Morris University
 9. University of Rochester
 10. Duquesne University
 11. Allegheny University
 12. Juniata University
 13. University of North Dakota
 14. Calvary Chapel Ministry School
 15. Point Park University
 16. Eastern Nazarene College
 17. Rochester Institute of Technology
 18. Stony Brook University
 19. Pittsburgh Technical Institute
 20. University of Buffalo
 21. Houghton University
 22. Penn College of Technology
 23. Cornell University
 24. NASCAR Technical Institute
 25. Carlow University
 26. Art Institute of Pittsburgh
 27. Kings College
 28. Muhlenberg College
 29. Fredonia University
 30. St. Bonaventure University
 31. University of Kentucky
 32. U.S. Military Academy at West Point
 33. Boston University
 34. Erie Business Center
 35. Michigan Technical University
 36. Geneva College
 37. Bradford School
 38. Johnson and Wales University
 39. LaRoche College
 40. California University of Pennsylvania

41. DeVry University
42. John Carroll University
43. New York Institute of Technology
44. Lock Haven University
45. Westminster College
46. Colorado Outdoor Adventure Guide
47. New Bern Community College
48. University of Pittsburgh Titusville
49. Ithica College
50. Mansfield University
51. Taylor University
52. Lewisburg College
53. The College of William and Mary
54. The U.S. Coast Guard Academy
55. Mt. Vernon Nazarene University
56. Liberty University
57. The College of Wooster
58. Winner Institute of Arts and Science
59. Alfred State University
60. International Academy of Design/Technology
61. Purdue University
62. East Stroudsburg University
63. Syracuse University
64. Seton Hall University
65. Motorcycle Mechanics Institute
66. Millersville University
67. University of Central Florida
68. Pennsylvania Institute of Culinary Arts
69. Triangle Tech Dubois
70. York College of Pennsylvania
71. Lycoming College
72. Trevecca Nazarene University
73. Wyoming Technical Institute
74. Cedar Crest College
75. Valparaiso University
76. Marshall University
77. Shippensburg University
78. Bucknell University
79. Academy of Cosmetology
80. Coastal Carolina University
81. Roberts Wesleyan University
82. Waynesburg University
83. Denison University
84. Cleveland Institute of Art
85. Palm Beach Atlantic University
86. Pennsylvania Culinary School

- 87. University of Pennsylvania
- 88. Case University
- 89. CamTech

IV. Youngsville High School

C. Colleges/Universities most attended by graduates

- 1. Edinboro University
- 2. Penn State Behrend
- 3. Gannon
- 4. University of Pittsburgh at Titusville
- 5. Great Lakes (tied)
 - JCC
 - Mercyhurst College
 - Penn Tech

D. Other schools attended by students from YHS over the last three years

- 1. Clarion
- 2. Lycoming College
- 3. Mercyhurst Northeast
- 4. Slippery Rock
- 5. Toni & Guy
- 6. Art Institute-Pittsburgh
- 7. DeVry
- 8. Erie Business Center
- 9. ITT Tech
- 10. IUP
- 11. JCC – Spring
- 12. Mansfield
- 13. Robert Morris
- 14. St. Francis
- 15. Thiel
- 16. Tri-State Business
- 17. University of Cincinnati
- 18. WCA
- 19. West Wood College-On-Line
- 20. Erie Business Center
- 21. California University
- 22. Lock Haven University
- 23. Slippery Rock
- 24. Jamestown Business School
- 25. Penn State-Beaver
- 26. Penn State-Dubois
- 27. Penn State-Alto
- 28. University of Pittsburgh
- 29. University of Pittsburgh-Bradford

30. Allegheny
31. Geneva
32. Lycoming
33. Alfred
34. Ohio Northern
35. Furman University
36. Otterbein
37. West Virginia University

Feedback from College/University representatives on criteria for admission – See Enclosure 1

Evaluation of Warren County School District College Preparation Curriculum

Edinboro University of PA	Could not comment. Would need to gather data and track students individually.
Furman University	Had no comments in terms of all WCSD students. A WCSD student is still at the University.
Gannon University	The majority of the students are prepared and most graduate.
Gettysburg College	Hard to tell. Few students from WCSD have attended Gettysburg in the last three (3) years.
Indiana University of PA	The students from WCSD are generally well prepared. There are no red flags on our school district.
Jamestown Community College	Did not know the requested information.
LeMoyne College	Did not know the requested information.
Lock Haven University	Did not know the requested information.
Mercyhurst College	Generally well prepared from WCSD.
Robert Wesleyan	Did not respond.
Thiel College	“Overall, the students appear to be average...” “They tend to stay consistent with the GPA that they earned in high school while in college.”
St. Bonaventure University (SBU)	WCSD students do not stand out as any different than most other districts that send students to SBU. The representative from SBU feels it is up to the individual as far as their probability of success. “As a matter of fact, SBU has just established a scholarship just exclusively for WCSD students in an effort to attract them to our school.” The amount of the scholarship package is significant.
University of Cincinnati	Need FERPA form to be signed by students in order to give information.
University of Pittsburgh at Bradford	Just commented on WAHS students. WAHS students are very well prepared.
University of Pittsburgh at Titusville	Had no comments.

College Preparation Curriculum – PSSA Scores – School Year 2003-2004 and School Year 2004-2005

Review of School Year 2003-2004 and School Year 2004-2005 PSSA results for students who were enrolled in District Grade 11 College Preparation curriculum:

I. Overall PSSA Reading results for School Years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005

	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic
Reading	33%	37%	16.5%	13.5%

A. PSSA results for Academic English classes (236 students)

	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic
Reading	42.5%	45%	11%	1.5%

B. PSSA results for English 11 Honors class (42 students)

	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic
Reading	86.8%	12%	1%	0%

II. Overall PSSA Math results for School Years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005

	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic
Math	23%	30%	19.5%	27%

A. PSSA results for Academic/College Prep. Math courses

	Advanced	Proficient	Basic	Below Basic
1. Algebra II (90 students)	24%	46%	21.5%	9%
2. Functions (38 students)	68%	28%	4%	8%
3. Functions (H) (36 students)	85%	15%	0%	0%
4. Plane Geometry (66 students)	19%	63%	12%	6%

Constraints

Due to time limitations, the contacts contained in this study were not based on any scientific or sampling plan, but were made because of the immediate availability of the interviewers and the interviewees. Although desirable, no contacts were made with graduates/parents of members of the Graduating Classes of 2003, 2004, or 2005 to seek

their input; nor was any contact made with the faculty members of the students from those identified graduating classes for their input.

Because of the constraints of the inquiry, the reader is cautioned regarding the drawing of any conclusions pertaining to the quality of the District's program or the preparation of the students in the graduating classes of 2003, 2004, and 2005. This inquiry leads to the possible need for consistent follow-up work to identify indicators of success for former District students who enrolled in colleges/universities and their continued enrollment in institutions of higher education for the next four years after leaving high school as compared to state and national norms. It would be of interest to track how many students remained in their original declared major and reasons for movement, if any, using state and national data as a reference for comparison. With an implementation plan containing these and other components, the results could be very meaningful in terms of the improvement of academic preparation of the District's students.

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