

County Line High School
Annual Report to the Public
October 26, 2015

County Line High School is off to a great start! We have two new staff members. Ms. Tammie Clifton is our Business Education teacher and FBLA sponsor. Coach Chris Vigil is teaching PE, health and 8th grade mathematics. He will also be coaching our Lady Indians' softball team.

All high school teachers are Highly Qualified for the area they are assigned or have the appropriate documentation from the Arkansas Department of Education on file. County Line High School has a total of 18 certified and 3 classified staff members serving our 223 students in grades 7-12.

We were again awarded the "Free Breakfast Grant." This grant provides a free breakfast to all students before school and during a breakfast break between 1st and 2nd period. Research shows students who eat breakfast are better able to concentrate on learning. We were also awarded three AP grants valued at \$1000 each.

We have several academic and wellness goals for the year. The school continues to work to improve literacy scores in all grades. County Line High School has employed a half-day literacy coach for the 2015-2016 school year who will assist in a variety of ways to improve literacy instruction and identify weak areas. The literacy coach will be involved in co-teaching, pull-out programs, professional development support, data analysis, and team planning. Our goals for mathematics include improving multi-step problem solving, test taking skills, and student responses to open-ended items. We are continuing to use the curriculum purchased two years ago (Carnegie); this curriculum aligns consistently with the Common Core State Standards. In addition, County Line High School strives to ensure students have every opportunity to be healthy and productive citizens.

Students also benefit from A+ learning software. This software is used in all core academic areas and allows students to gain needed remediation and enrichment in various academic courses, offers credit recovery when needed, and keeps high-risk students on task and in school. We also utilize this software in our summer school program to keep students on track for graduation.

Students who are in need of additional remediation are offered mathematics and literacy enrichment courses at both 7th and 8th grade; these are built into their daily schedule. This allows the enrichment focus to be maintained on a daily basis and in a consistent manner. A highly qualified teacher provides direct instruction based on student's individual academic deficiencies.

Any student who requires or requests additional help and study time may also take advantage of County Line High School's before/after school tutorial program. This program is designed to meet the needs of any student who desires additional instruction. A fully certified teacher is available before and after school each day to address any academic need a student may have. Students simply notify the teacher or office of a tutorial need and a teacher is ready and willing to help.

For the 2015-2016 school year, County Line High School serves a number of students in five Advanced Placement courses. At County Line, all Advanced Placement courses are offered on site by highly qualified teachers who attend specialized training for the AP classes they teach. We have a total of 45 students enrolled in AP classes this year compared to 33 last year. There are 3 students enrolled in AP AB Calculus, 10 students enrolled in AP Biology, 13 students enrolled in AP English Language, 12 students enrolled in AP English Literature, and 7 students enrolled in AP Government. All students are expected to take the Advanced Placement exams in May. For the 2014-2015 school year, 48% of students scored a 3 or higher on the exams this is up from the 37.5% last year.

For the 2015-2016 school year, County Line High School is excited to offer concurrent English credit on campus. Mrs. Porter is teaching Comp I and Comp II to seniors who are interested in receiving college credit while in high school. Comp I fulfills a senior's 4th English requirement while Comp II gives a student extra English credit that can be applied toward a career focus credit. This is a partnership between County Line Schools and ATU at Russellville. This is provided at no cost to the student.

Pursuant to act 6-15-206, Arkansas high schools are required to report certain information. The latest data released by the Arkansas Department of Education and available to report in these required reporting areas is for the 2013-2014 school year. The data is as follows: graduation rate-91.67% compared to 86.67% the previous year, attendance rate-95.3%, and dropout rate-1% compared to 3% last year.

In addition, the number of students transferring for the 2015-2016 school year pursuant to the Arkansas Opportunity Public School Choice Act of 2004 was one student transferring to County Line High School and no students transferring from County Line High School. There were no students transferring pursuant to the unsafe school provision.

County Line High School has an active Gifted and Talented program to meet the needs of our special populations. Currently, there are 38 students in grades 4-12 being served in the Gifted and Talented program. Students are served in grades 7-12 in core academic areas through enrichment programs and content-based activities. Students in grades 10-12 are served not only in regular classes, but also in high-level advance placement courses. Based on evaluation results from last year, the program goals for this year are:

- To continue to enhance opportunities for students at the secondary level
- To further incorporate technology in classroom activities
- To Increase visibility of program through social media and other means

For the 2015-2016 school year, 23 students are served through the Special Education program. All students have benefited greatly from these services. County Line High School employs two fully certified Special Education teachers that oversee and provide these services.

In addition, County Line High School offers mental health, speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy services to identified students. All services are provided by licensed professionals. The school is in compliance with all state and federal guidelines that pertain to these programs.

Courses offered through distance learning for the 2015-2016 school year include Abnormal Psychology, Human Behaviors, Sports Marketing, Fashion Merchandising, Criminal Justice, Photography, Spanish I, Spanish II and Spanish III, German I, French I, Computer Programming, Health, and Medical Terminology.

County Line High School students continue to take advantage of the Western Arkansas Technical Center (WATC). For 2015-2016, 7 students are enrolled in one of several occupational areas offered at the campus in Fort Smith. This program has certified teachers and for County Line High School constitutes one of the three occupational areas in vocation as required by the Arkansas Department of Education.

The goal of County Line High School is to inspire all students to reach their maximum potential. To reach this goal, all staff is committed to being lifelong learners and are always searching for new and innovative ways to improve academic performance of their students. Professional development is an important part of working towards this goal. All staff complete at least 60 hours of professional development in focused areas based on their professional growth plans.

Parental involvement is very important to a student's school performance. The school has two scheduled Parent/Teacher conferences each year along with an Open House and 7th grade orientation. Parents are encouraged to keep in regular contact with the school throughout the year. In addition to our web-based computer grading and attendance system, the school offers a Home Access Center (HAC) component that will allow parents greater access to student information. HAC provides parents and guardians with access to a web portal in order to see their child's attendance record, class work assigned, progress reports, and other relevant information. HAC also provides email links so parents can easily communicate with the school and teachers. All teachers focus each year to increase parental involvement and teacher-parent communication. Several teachers use e-notes, a service offered through our website, to send notifications to parents about upcoming classroom events.

County Line High School is a school wide Title I campus. This entitles our campus to federal money used to offer many services, materials, and programs to all students; these services are above and beyond the requirements established by the state standards. Title I funds provide tutorials, software, parental involvement activities and other materials and supplies to support literacy and math improvements. In addition, National School Lunch funds (NSLF) were used to purchase chromebooks, fund .5 FTE salary and benefits of the high school librarian, and a portion of the high school counselor's salary and benefits. Title VI funds were used to support various technology needs throughout the campus.

County Line has a joint agreement with Paris School District to offer an Alternative Learning Environment (ALE) for County Line students. ALE is designed to assist students toward better social, behavioral and academic performance. We have two seats available to us each year.