

**County Line High School  
Annual Report to the Public  
October 16, 2012**

County Line High School is off to a great start this year. For the first time in several years we do not have any new staff members. 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 4 classified staff members that serve 220 students in grades 7-12.

County Line High School had several academic and wellness goals for the future. The school continues to work to improve literacy scores in all grades. The school is currently in Needs Improvement Status in literacy based on the spring 2012 literacy testing data. In the 2011-2012 school year, all grades did not meet AMO (annual measurable objective) on their end of course exams. County Line High School scores were comparable to or above many area schools in literacy on both the benchmark literacy exams and the end of course literacy exam. County Line High School is proud of its test scores in literacy.

Our goal is to be removed from this Needs Improvement Status in literacy and to have all students meet AMO in either performance or growth by 2014 in all grade levels. We are using Target Assessment testing to identify weak areas across the curriculum. Literacy scores have improved in some grades and subgroups and we are continuing to use data analysis to target specific weak areas. We are specifically working to improve written response to open-ended questions in reading and to improve writing expression across the curriculum. All students who were not at least proficient on the benchmark and/or EOC exam are required to complete a computer assisted literacy remediation program. We are striving to improve use of context as well as improving transfer of reading skills and strategies to practical/functional reading. All identified students in the TAGG (targeted achievement gap group) subgroup that scored below proficient in literacy are also receiving weekly one on one pullout literacy instruction. County Line High School has employed a literacy coach for the 2012-2013 school year that will assist in a variety of ways to improve literacy instruction and identification of weak areas. The literacy coach will be involved in co-teaching, pull out programs, professional development presentations, data analysis, and team planning.

County Line High School did not meet AMO in mathematics, but have continued to improve each year. Our focus is continued improvement in Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry EOC exams. We are also focusing on the 7th & 8th grade benchmark and the norm-referenced exams. We are striving to raise both proficient and advanced scores in the all student group and the TAGG. We will continue to improve multi-step problem solving, test taking skills, and ability to respond to open-response items. We will continue to purchase new technology that will enhance the student's ability to receive immediate feedback. Target Assessment testing will also provide teachers with the needed information to identify specific need areas. In addition, County Line High School also strives to ensure our students have every opportunity to be healthy and productive citizens throughout their lifetime.

Enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year is currently 220 students 7-12 compared with an ending average of 215 students for the 2011-2012 school year. This is an increase of 5 students. According to the 2012 Arkansas AMO School Improvement Report, County Line High School did not meet AMO in literacy, math, or graduation rate.

Academic Improvement Plans have been developed for all students who did not score at the proficient level on the state mandated assessments in mathematics, literacy, and science. Parents reviewed the plans at the first Parent Teacher Conference of the year, and the plans will be signed by the parent, teacher, and principal. Documentation of student progress is made throughout the school year. Each student's progress is based upon the student's classroom work, observation, computer generated enrichment assessments and tests, state assessments, and other relevant information.

In addition to and part of the Academic Improvement Plans, County Line High School monitors student progress throughout the year by utilizing common assessments known as Target Assessment Testing. Students are tested five times per year in mathematics, literacy, and science. The results are used by teachers to identify strong and weak areas in order to better align instruction and improve state mandated test scores.

Students at County Line also benefit from new 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.

Students who are in need of additional remediation are offered mathematics enrichment courses in Algebra I and Geometry, as well as English enrichment courses in English 9-12, built right into their daily schedule. This allows the enrichment focus to be maintained on a daily basis and in a consistent manner with a highly qualified certified teacher giving direct instruction in the area of student difficulty.

Any student who requires or requests additional help and study time may also take advantage of County Line High School's after school tutorial program. This program is designed to meet the needs of any student who desires additional instruction. A fully certified teacher is on hand each day after school 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 2012-2013 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. There are 4 students enrolled in AP AB Calculus, 10 students enrolled in AP Biology, 9 students enrolled in AP English Language, 7 students enrolled in AP English Literature, and 12 students enrolled in AP Government. All students are expected to take the Advanced Placement exams in May. For the 2011-2012 school year, 18 % of students scored a 3 or higher on the exams.

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 2011-2012 school year. The data is as follows: graduation rate-83.72%, attendance rate-96.37%, and dropout rate-3%.

In addition, the number of students transferring for the 2011-2012 school year pursuant to the Arkansas Opportunity Public School Choice Act of 2004 was twenty students transferring to County Line High School and ten 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 25 students 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.

For the 2011-2012 school year, 27 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 2012-2013 school year include Introduction to Finance/Economics, Survey of Fine Arts, Photography, ACT Prep, Spanish I and Spanish II.

County Line High School students continue to take advantage of the Western Arkansas Technical Center. For 2012-2013, 4 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 a wide variety of areas.

Parental involvement is very important to a student's school performance. The school has two scheduled Parent/Teacher conferences each year. 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.

The Home Access Center (HAC) provides parents and guardians with access to a web portal in order to see your 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.

County Line High School is a school wide Title I campus. This entitles our campus to federal money to offer many services, materials, and programs to all students that 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 Act (NSLA) funds were used to provide a computer lab assistant, fund one-half of the high school librarian, and part of the high school counselor and nurse positions. Title VI funds were used to support various technology needs throughout the campus.

### **2011-2012 County Line High School Test Score Data (% Proficient)**

<b>Literacy</b>	<b>Performance</b>	<b>Growth</b>
All Students	78.95%	81.03%
Targeted Achievement Gap Group	71.15%	75.76%

<b>Math</b>	<b>Performance</b>	<b>Growth</b>
All Students	82.17%	75.86%
Targeted Achievement Gap Group	75.68%	66.67%

<b>Graduation</b>	
All Students	83.72%
Targeted Achievement Gap Group	80.95%