

Dixie High School Mid-Year Report of

School Land Trust Funds

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This year, Dixie High received \$42,573.00 in State Trust Land Funds which allows us to implement several important programs at our school. We are required to use Trust Land Funds for one purpose: to improve student learning. In keeping with this requirement, we have dedicated Trust Land Funds for the following purposes:

Rebound Program. Students are referred to Rebound if they are at risk for failing class, or if their teacher determines they need extra instruction on important concepts. This year, Rebound has been restructured to occur during an extended lunch period, and students are referred to only one subject per day. This program allows students to work directly with their own classroom teacher as they receive additional help. Under our old format, student attendance at Rebound, when referred, was approximately 78%. With our new format, weekly attendance rates at Rebound have averaged 85%.

Sophomore Transition. Trust Land Funds allow us to organize and conduct five workshops that are designed to help 10th graders make a successful transition to High School. These Ambassador workshops occur at the end of the 9th grade year and the first day of 10th grade, as well as one day each quarter throughout the year. The content of the workshops includes success strategies, school involvement, GPA improvement, and goal setting. Our data indicates that 10th graders are adjusting well to high school coursework. The combined GPA of 10th graders at the beginning of the year was 3.13. At the end of first quarter, that GPA average had increased to 3.19. Our next Ambassador Workshop will be held on March 22.

ACT Prep Classes. In order to help prepare college-bound students to do well on the ACT tests, we offer free prep classes prior to the ACT testing dates. ACT classes were held during the week of October 17-20, and will be offered again on April 10-13. Interested students should register for the ACT and plan to attend the hour-long classes.

Math Tutoring. Teachers are available to provide tutoring to students in their classroom according to the following schedule: Mon, Tue, Wed Mr. Goodrich @ Lunch; Thur and Fri, Mr. Johnson @ Lunch; Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri, Mr. McConnell @ 7:15 a.m. Students are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to get extra help in math.

Academic Decathlon. This academic competitive event involves a year-long preparation to compete against high schools throughout the state in ten events that span all areas of learning at college levels. This year's competition will be held in March. Last year, Dixie High students placed 2nd in State Competition and received 32 individual medals.

Science Olympiad. Students are preparing for state competition in April. Last year, Dixie High placed 9th out of 36 teams, and is hoping to improve that performance this year.

Debate. State Trust Land Funds provide research materials for the Debate program at Dixie High.

Class Size. In order to keep academic classes as small as possible, a large portion of state trust land funds have been used to purchase class periods of instruction in Language Arts.