

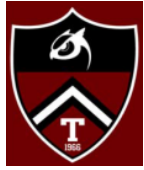
School Board Notes

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Timberlane High School Receives 2014 NH High School of Excellence Award



Principal Don Woodworth watched over the excited crowd of high school students as they attended the May 7th pep rally for academics and athletics. He eagerly awaited what many in the room were not aware of, the announcement that Timberlane Regional High School has been recognized as the 2014 New Hampshire High School of Excellence. The room exploded with jubilation as staff and students savored the moment of celebration recognizing their hard work. June 7th the Timberlane team received the coveted award at a dinner banquet.

Every year awards for the outstanding elementary, middle, and secondary school can be awarded based on criteria developed by the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards board of directors. Selection teams look for overall profiles of excellence. Each applicant is asked to provide a variety of evidence for student learning and progress.

Once the application has been processed and reviewed a select few schools make it to the next level of vetting where a presentation and site visit are required. The purpose of the presentation is to allow schools to expand on their application and to provide further information, support and evidence. The site visit gives each selection committee member the opportunity to comprehend the school culture and to observe school programs and practices firsthand.

Throughout the selection process Timberlane administrators, staff and students emphasized the many advances made over the last couple of years in rigor, accountability and evaluation. These three characteristics have become the top priority here at Timberlane, as directed by our Superintendent Dr. Metzler.

The Excellence in Education Initiative is an independent, nonprofit endeavor that is not a function of state government. A volunteer Board of Directors composed of educators and community members administers the program.

Bedford High School was the 2013 High School of the year.

Advanced Placement Courses at Timberlane High School



Advanced placement (AP) courses have very specific curriculum prepared by the College Entrance Examination Board (a non-profit membership organization that provides tests and other educational services for students, schools, and colleges). This curriculum is utilized to provide a one-year, college level course for high-achieving students. These are rigorous courses that require extra diligence and responsibility by students preparing them for the AP exam.

The AP exam, administered every year in mid-May, is also prepared by the College Board to help colleges judge a candidate's qualifications for college credit. High school students, depending on how they score, may receive college credit for their efforts.

Timberlane offers 14 AP level courses in Art, Computer Science, English Literature and Composition, Calculus, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, World History, US History, European History, Government and Human Geography. Before this academic year Timberlane did not require that AP students take the AP exam associated with their AP course. **Beginning with the 2013/2014 academic year all students who take AP classes are required to take the appropriate AP exam.**

The School Board is very excited about the potential of our AP students. Requiring them to take the AP exam allows them to take on the rigor of an AP course, the challenge of an AP Exam and the potential benefit of college level credit before graduating high school (the awarding of college credit is at the discretion of each college and university). This is an advantage we can't allow to pass them by.

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District to Conduct Community Outreach Survey

This fall, Timberlane residents will have the opportunity to share their opinion about the school district's parent and community relations through a Community Outreach Survey.

The survey is being conducted because of a recommendation by the School Board's Citizens Advisory Committee on Family, School and Community Engagement. The Board formed the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) in November of 2012 as part of its commitment to high achievement for all students. Research shows that when families and communities are involved in their children's learning students succeed and schools improve. The CAC includes members from each of the District's four towns and parents from each of the District's schools. Since it was formed, the CAC has worked to identify problems and come up with recommendations about the District's current level of family, school and community involvement.

With the support of the Board and the Superintendent, the CAC is planning to distribute the Community Outreach Survey in the Fall of 2014. The survey will be available on line and in paper format. Results of the survey will help the District incorporate family and community involvement into its plan for student success. The CAC will use the survey results to help with their examination of Timberlane's collaboration with parents and community members.

For more information about the CAC visit the District website at www.timberlane.net.

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Blizzard Bags – SUCCESS!

This year, Timberlane received approval to implement an “Online Learning/Blizzard Bag Day”. This option is used to help keep the instructional focus on those days when inclement weather prevents travel to school. Teachers and students interact with each other on the computer in completing class assignments. On Feb 13th the schools implemented their first “Online Learning/Blizzard Bag Day”.

Timberlane utilized several software solutions allowing students to remotely login to get assignments. The lessons were connected to educational standards that were being addressed in the classes. Student and staff participation exceeded the state requirements needed to qualify the snow day as a regular school day; 83% student participation and 96% staff participation.

After the first “Online Learning/Blizzard Bag” day a survey was made available to all parents to provide valuable feedback. Of the 506 parents who returned the survey, 86% of the parents had overall satisfaction with the day, and felt their child was adequately prepared. Administrators evaluated the results in order to improve the process for next year.

Using online learning is becoming another tool in delivering a quality education to our Timberlane students. Although it is not meant to replace every snow day, don't be surprised if Timberlane announces another “Online Learning/Blizzard Bag Day” when the snow flies next winter.