

High School Principal Board Report
January 12, 2015

1. Students have successfully begin 2nd semester and all schedules changes have now been made. Report cards were sent in the mail on January 9th. Parents were informed with this report card that the next semester's grade report will be available online along with other official documents such as transcripts and attendance report. We encourage parents to use this venue and asked those without internet access to contact us to send paper copies of reports.
2. 8th grade registration is on the horizon. We are currently working on scheduling date with the middle school and St. Joe's to register their students. This helps us determine what staffing is needed for next year. Immediately after this process, Mrs. Kipp will begin working with classes of students 9th-11th grade on registration. Our goal is to have this process done by the end of February.
3. Building administrators will be visit Grant Wood AEA this month to explore standards based grading. This is just one step in moving forward with project based learning. Please take some time to explore the Deeper Learning video segments on www.teachingchannel.org to learn more about project based learning.
4. We continue to work on exploring and connecting to careers and business and industry in the community. The CTE teachers have the opportunity to connect with business on a PD opportunity through Career Learning Tours. They will spend a day learning about local businesses and the career opportunities they offer while networking with professionals from other schools. NICC and Keystone AEA are sponsoring this by providing a Hawkeye Stages bus and paying for substitutes. Teachers have three days to chose from in February.
5. Student continue to amass college credit, many of which put them ahead of their peers entering college. I spoke to a student in a business class who will have 33 credits when he enters college next fall-- that is more than two semesters of a normal college course load! We continue to look for opportunities to offer college credit courses that transfer well. We are currently exploring college credit in the History and science departments of our own staff and have moved back to offering more NICC instructor courses during the school day.
6. We currently have 2 student teachers and 2 shadowing college students in the building. They represent Iowa State, UNI, and Luther College. We hope to continue to foster the relationships with our surrounding institutions to keep our teaching talent pool available and give our veteran and master teachers a chances for further collaboration.

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