

OREGON Small Schools INITIATIVE

North Eugene High School

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An Oregon innovator

North Eugene High School prides itself on pursuing reform and implementing best educational practices. Over a decade ago, North Eugene adopted a block schedule and a focus on project-based and cooperative learning. It has been a state leader in using computer technology for education. A challenge at North Eugene was closing the achievement gap between groups of students. Only one in three Hispanic students was meeting state reading benchmarks; one in four for math. Just more than 30 percent of low-income students were meeting math standards and less than 50 percent were meeting reading standards.

In 2001, the school district's "Schools of the Future" community engagement process encouraged personalization, rigor and high expectations for all students. North Eugene responded by launching the International High School, a school-within-a-school offering International Baccalaureate curriculum, and the Alternative School, serving at-risk students. These and other efforts laid the foundation for the launch of North Eugene's small schools.

Three rigorous schools

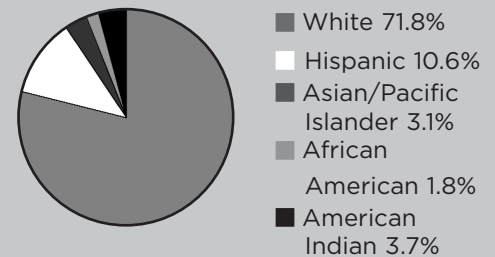
In 2006, North Eugene High School opened three new, rigorous small schools, all located in school-specific space within the high school building. The new small schools will serve 9th & 10th grade students initially and expand to serve 11th & 12th grade students by 2008.

- International High School offers an interdisciplinary study of global cultures, history, artistic expression, and political, economic, and belief systems. All students will receive instruction and support to be successful in an International Baccalaureate program.
Principal: Linda Vargas
- School of Invention, Design, Engineering, Arts and Science (IDEAS) integrates academics in a technology rich, project-based environment. Each IDEAS classroom provides a computer for each student to use to support learning, completion of projects, and exhibitions of work. IDEAS is a New Technology High School replication model.
Principal: Kay Graham
- North Eugene School of the Arts integrates the processes used to learn the arts—planning, rehearsal, production, assessment, performance and reflection—to support student success across all disciplines. Students work with professional artists both in and outside the classroom.
Principal: Gus Martinez-Padilla.

The following data reflects 2005-2006, unless otherwise noted.

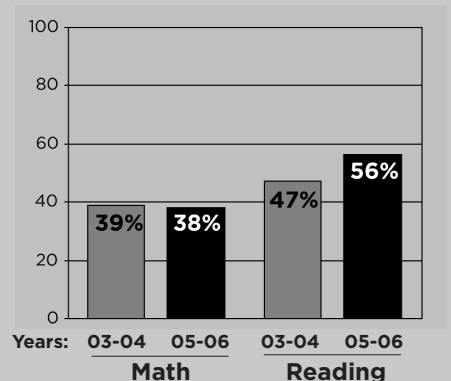
Student Population

Total enrollment	1,241
4-year drop-out rate* <i>(for 2002-2003)</i>	4.5%
Low-income students	31.8%
English language learners	3.5%



Student Achievement

10th grade students meeting or exceeding state benchmarks



Sources: Oregon Department of Education and North Eugene High School

* The 4-year dropout rate is calculated by the Oregon Department of Education using a formula developed by the National Center for Education Statistics.

