

Hoxie School District 2017-18 Annual Report to the Public

Hoxie High School

Mission Statement

Hoxie High School believes in success for all students and shares the responsibility with the community for high expectations, a positive and safe environment, and the promotion of life-long learning.

Accreditation

As a member of AdvancEd, Hoxie High School has the highest level of accreditation offered by the State Department of Education. We offer over ninety-eight units of credit in grades 9-12 and are in compliance with all state standards. The faculty is fully certified and is dedicated to accomplishing the mission stated above. Teachers attend many hours of professional development training, several of which are held on campus, in an effort to learn how to become more effective and engaging in their classrooms.

Parental Involvement

Parents and patrons of the school district have many opportunities to participate and be involved in the education process. Hoxie Back to School Bash and orientation for the seventh grade students and parents is held each year. Job shadowing opportunities are encouraged so students can learn about various careers, and at the same time, parents and community members can share their vocation and knowledge. A monthly newsletter is distributed to parents containing important information regarding the counseling department, testing, and various activities. Financial aid information sessions are offered to parents of juniors and seniors each year in October and February. Parent-teacher conferences are held twice a year. Various committees are formed each year where parents' input is welcomed and needed. Home Access Center (HAC) is available for parents and students to access student grades, attendance, and discipline from their home computer and through an app that can be installed on cell phones. Hoxie High School has their Facebook page dedicated to keeping parents informed on school announcement and activities. The district also utilizes a talk and text notification system to quickly get information to parents for important events.

School Programs

Students at Hoxie High School have a wide variety of programs available to help them be successful. Such programs include, but are not limited to, well-equipped science and computer labs, SmartBoards or 72" televisions in classrooms, career exploration tests, Trio opportunities, after-school tutoring for math, science and English, remediation provided during the school day, Advanced Placement classes, 27 college hours are offered through concurrent courses for college credit, Virtual Arkansas online classed, access to Jonesboro Vocational Center, ACT tests given on-site, college representatives who meet with seniors on campus, career mentoring for students through GT, career seminars, and career Expo's to provide career awareness, Jobs for Arkansas Graduates (JAG) program to guide students through the steps of getting a job, and community involvement for students in preparation for college scholarships, admission, and college classes taught on campus. The school recently added an EAST program to allow students to explore problem-based learning in a technology rich environment. Students in grades 11 and 12 have opportunities to participate in Technical Opportunities and Pathways for Secondary Students (TOPSS) at Black River Technical College to participate in an industrial or health pathway to allow transition into other courses or become certified in a trade. A resource officer, T.J. Marlin, was added to serve the school district. The school also participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) to allow ALL student in the school district to eat breakfast and lunch FREE.

Extra-curricular Activities

There are many extra-curricular activities available to students at Hoxie High School. Some of the activities are football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball, golf, cross county, cheerleading, dance team, choir, flag corps, and track. Students may also involve themselves in other clubs and activities such as Beta Club, Student Council, Library Club, FFA, FCCLA, FCA, FBLA, HOSA, Robotics Club, and Art Club.

New Personnel

New personnel for Hoxie High School includes Matt Anderson (Math), Loretta Potts (FACS), Carletta Stinson (Special Education), Nicholas Weber (Choir), and William Vassar (Instructional Assistant).

Testing

Students at Hoxie High School take all required state assessments annually. The tests include the ACT Aspire in Literacy, Math and Science for grades 7-10 and the ACT for grade 11. We also require Advanced Placement testing to obtain college credit.

Title I

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Upon request of parents, opportunities for meetings will be arranged to allow parents to give suggestions in decisions regarding their child's education

Hoxie Elementary School

Accreditation

Hoxie Elementary School is in compliance with all state educational standards. The facility is fully certified and accredited by AdvancEd. Teachers are focused on improving student learning and ensuring that all students reach their fullest potential.

The faculty and staff at Hoxie Elementary strive to provide all students with a wide variety of educational experiences. Our main goal is to give each student every possible opportunity to succeed in their academic endeavors. Our curriculum consists of the core subjects, along with classes in keyboarding, music, library, physical educational, speech, art, special education, guidance and gifted and talented.

Students in grades 4-6 participate in peewee athletics. This includes football, volleyball, and basketball. Boys in the third through sixth grades may participate in football. Hoxie Elementary is a member of the Northeast Arkansas youth Football League. The basketball teams compete in a county-wide competition culminating in the Lawrence County Pee Wee Basketball Tournament. Hoxie Elementary also hosts the Annual Lawrence County elementary track meet for grades four through six. Band and choir are optional classes offered to sixth grade students. Students in fifth and sixth grade may choose to participate in a variety of mini-course offerings. Students in K-6 are eligible to receive the honor of being chosen student of the month for extracurricular offerings of physical education, music, keyboarding, art, and library.

Gifted and talented students compete in competitions such as Quiz Bowl, CASS chess tournaments, Knowledge Master Open, Math Fair, Project Fair, and Odyssey of the Mind. The fifth and sixth grade science club take various educational field trips throughout the year including a trip to the C.A. Vines 4-H center at Ferndale. The district's science department will be collaborating to offer Science Nights for our students throughout the school year.

Various educational assembly programs are being planned throughout the school year. The assemblies will address issues such as drug free living, bullying, authors, nature studies, and academic motivation. All students will be taking educational field trips throughout the school year to enrich the academic programs in the classroom.

Many Classrooms have seen the addition of technological improvements. Smartboards or interactive televisions are installed in these classrooms to enhance teaching effectiveness and student learning. Classrooms also have document cameras to enhance the learning experience.

Awards

The elementary school utilizes a "Pony Power" awards program to reward students for high achievement in academics, good behavior, and perfect attendance. Award programs are held throughout the year and parents and other family members are invited to attend. Our Accelerated Reading program continues to have a positive impact on motivating students to broaden their reading horizons. Rocket Math is a math fluency program for all elementary students. Students are given math facts to learn each week and receive incentives for achieving their goals of math fact fluency.

Staff Development

Our staff continues to show their dedication to improving the education of our children. They have attended workshops throughout the summer and will be receiving additional training during the school year. All classroom teachers in grades K-3 continue to implement the Comprehensive Literacy Model in their classroom. All classroom teachers K-6 are implementing the Eureka Math program. The program is aligned to the Arkansas State Math Standards. Teachers have gone through training to implement this curriculum. Teachers receives Specialized Science training offered through the Northeast Arkansas Education Cooperative throughout the school year.

Literacy Lab

Fourth through sixth grade teachers are implementing the Literacy Lab program in their respective grades. The program increases fluency in literacy by motivating students to read young adult novels on their independent reading level. Parents are also encouraged to participate by reading with their children at home.

Reading Recovery

Our Reading Recovery teacher supplements the reading instruction of students in the lower grades. The program continues to serve student in grades K-2 that are below grade level in reading. The selected students will receive one-on-one and small group instruction in order to overcome deficiencies in their reading skills.

Safe Room

Hoxie Elementary School is a safer place for our children in the event of inclement weather. The safe room is located at the west end of the second and third grade wing. The safe room is a tornado proof reinforced concrete structure with a capacity in excess of 600 students. The middle school building is also a safe room with a capacity in excess of 600 students.

ALICE Training

All faculty and staff were trained in Alert, Lockdown, Counter, and Evacuate emergency preparedness from the ALICE Training Institute. Teachers were given resources to train their students. Materials and resources were added to the elementary library. The plan was coordinated with local fire and police officers.

Mustang Camp

Before and after school daycare services are offered on the elementary campus for our students. The children have an opportunity to do homework during this time and tutoring is provided in the afternoons. Mustang Camp continues through the summer as a full day care service, providing field trips and other fun and educational activities to participating children.

After School Library Program

Hoxie Elementary offers an after school library program that is free of charge to our students. Students are given access to books, the computer lab, and small group homework help. The library is also open before school for early morning checkouts.

Personnel

Hoxie Elementary School is pleased to announce the addition of new members to our faculty and staff: Lauren Curtis (music), Chelsea Flemon (second grade), Elizabeth Robinson (fourth grade), and Marleigh Sitibaldi (kindergarten).

Instructional Interventions

The federal funding at Hoxie Elementary School provides academic interventions in math and literacy for students K-6 who need additional support. Instructional assistants are employed to work in the classrooms under the direction of the classroom teachers. Our school continues to implement a parental involvement program. The program objectives are to provide better avenues of communication and increase opportunities for parents to become involved in their children's education. Information concerning programs and upcoming events will be communicated to parents through our school social media page, monthly newsletter, local newspaper ads, students' parent communicator folders, school phone reminder system, and the school's webpage. Parents may also access the HAC system to view their child's grades.

Character Education Program

Hoxie Elementary School is continuing a character education program for the 2017-2018 school year. A character word is displayed throughout the school and posted in each classroom reinforced for students to learn. One student per semester is chosen from each classroom to be recognized for demonstrating character traits that represent the character words.

A character Education assembly will be held each semester to recognize the winners and those students will receive a certificate and t-shirt. Pictures will be taken for the newspaper and the schools social media. Students are rewarded with a field trip at the end of the school year.

Remediation Programs

Hoxie Elementary School is implementing a remediation program that is organized and delivered by the core subject teacher. The instruction focuses on deficiencies from the previous year's test as well as current grade level deficiencies that are determined by our interim tests. Classworks is an online computer program that is also used to supplement teacher instruction.

H.O.P.E. Preschool

H.O.P.E. (Hoxie's Opportunity for Preschool Education) is a three and four-year-old, state frameworks based program designed to meet the educational needs of our students through a developmentally appropriate approach. Our center is accredited at the highest Level 3 Better Beginnings Quality Rating. We are licensed for sixty students. Transportation is provided for all preschoolers enrolled.

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