



LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341

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After reviewing the results of the 2011-2012 Impact Aid Questionnaire, four learning needs emerged as the highest priority to parents and patrons of the Lapwai School District.

- I. More exposure to career awareness & work experience, including better/more preparation for college or professional-technical training.
 - a. The BPA (Business Professional Association) and FFA (Future Farmers of America) also provide career awareness, work experience, and professional-technical opportunities for our students.
 - b. University of Idaho Upward Bound and Lewis-Clark State College Educational Talent Search have offices at the High School. Their college preparation services include ACT assistance, dual enrollment opportunities, campus visits, and financial aid assistance.
 - c. Gear Up is a grant awarded to the District serving students in grades 10-12. It provides tutoring, a four-year renewable scholarship opportunity, financial aid and ACT assistance, and campus visits.
 - d. There are several academic and professional-technical opportunities for dual credit.
 - e. For those High School students with a 2.8 or higher GPA there is an Introduction to College Studies class available first semester and Advanced College Studies class available second semester.
- II. Enhanced whole child educational P-12 programs that develop positive human relations, self-discipline, good citizenship, self-esteem and success.
 - a. The Elementary utilizes Second Step and Getting Along Together curriculum which encourages the development of strong social skills, problem solving, positive character traits, and bullying prevention, all which support academics.
 - b. The Elementary is currently implementing Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (P.B.I.S) with plans to implement it at the Middle-High School next year. P.B.I.S. is a best-practice framework for improving academic and behavioral outcomes for all students.
 - c. There are several clubs and associations at the High School level which develop social skills and self-esteem which include: Indian Club, Documentary Club, Book Club, Student Council, BPA, FFA, and our Athletic Program.
 - d. We have also increased our collaboration with Nimiipuu Health to provide services to students with the highest needs, including counseling before and after school. A community health nurse is also providing in-school services. This collaboration includes aggressively seeking grant opportunities which will increase counseling and support for students at all grade levels.

III. More academic challenges & competitions or advanced coursework.

- a. Dual enrollment courses and online classes through the Idaho Digital Learning Academy provide opportunities for advanced coursework with our High School students.
- b. BPA, FFA, and Nez Perce Language students are participating in academic competitions with great success.
- c. High School science students are also participating in competitions through the University of Idaho.

IV. More real-world experiences in and out of school and advanced use of technology.

- a. High school students can take an elective credit of work experience and get paid \$4.19 per hour for internships within the community. Students are currently working in various departments of the Nez Perce Tribe, Lapwai School District, Moccasin Flats, Lapwai City Hall, and Valley Foods.
- b. The Elementary classrooms have a goal of two community guests per year, many from departments of the Nez Perce Tribe.
- c. There is an Equine Science Class at the High School.
- d. Students district-wide are exposed to computer programs including PLATO Online Learning, Idaho Digital Learning Academy, and most recently the Idaho Education Network. Technology is an integral part of instruction in every classroom. The district recently ordered an additional 34 laptops for student use.

I would like to thank the Board of Trustees, Indian Parent Committee, Lapwai Education Association President, and our District Administrators for their input in creating this year's survey. The survey was widely distributed in the following ways:

- 1) Mailed to all patrons of the Lapwai School District
- 2) Distributed to all Nez Perce Tribe employees by email on two occasions
- 3) Clearwater River Casino and Nimiipuu Health Employees also received the questionnaire by email
- 4) Available on the District website at www.lapwaischooldistrict.org
- 5) Copies are available at the District Office at 271 B. St.
- 6) Available at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, November 16th

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