

Summer 2018 Woodside High School Program Review

Program Name: Woodside High School Compass Program- Summer Bridge Program for incoming freshmen.

Staff Leader:

Staff Names/Positions:

Theme: Spirit of Adventure: Explore, Dream, Discover

The Eight Conditions were introduced and nurtured through the Spirit of Adventure. The theme became the thread that connected the decorations in the hallway, the passports that each student received upon their arrival, the field trip to Boys and Girls Club, the activities for the Aspirations Elective, and the final field trip to the Ropes Course at La Honda Y.M.C.A. Students earned stickers for their passports when they demonstrated one of the Eight Conditions during the Compass day; teachers, aids, and other students could give a student a sticker for their passport. Weekly, students were selected by the staff and given awards for demonstrating the Eight Conditions. Finally, guest speakers added to the adventure from Build, AVID, College and Career, Student Council, and San Mateo County Mental Health. The parents of Compass students participated in a four-week parent boot camp that was hosted by Maricela Lopez on Wednesday nights. About 30 parents participated in the camp and are beginning to regularly meet outside of Compass and starting a support system to help each other navigate Woodside High School.

Budget (total and funding source):

Student Enrollment #s and Demographics: 110 students initially signed up for Compass and 105 students gleefully appeared on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. There were two instructional aids to help three students and one ASL interpreter for a student in the program. About 70% of the students who are scheduled for the English Intensive Class in the fall attended Compass and over half the students are taking advantage of Math/English intensive classes offered by the Boys and Girls Club Program daily after Compass lets out. Six students committed 121 hours as mentors for the Compass program who were former Compass students; they wanted to give back to the program that helped the incoming students make a smooth transition to Woodside High School.

Objectives:

1) Introduce students to the Woodside way, 2) Work on building English and math skills, 3) Build relationships both with peers and faculty, 4) Assist students with AVID applications, Free and Reduced Lunch applications, testing for Reading Inventory, BUILD, and fall Boys and Girls Club Tutoring so that students are successfully prepared for the first day of school as a Wildcat.

Outcomes:

The students celebrated the completion of Compass with a Ceremony on Friday, July 13, 2018. Ninety-six students walked across the stage and received a certificate and their "Compass Class of 2022" shirts. Students also celebrated their accomplishments by earning prizes for their passport stickers. Prizes included movie tickets, Cold Stone Certificates, Starbucks Certificates, and free Subway sandwich certificates. The program ended with an ice cream social on the veranda outside the I-wing. It is important to note that the effects and outcomes of the Compass program are felt for many months and even years after the program. Those who participate in Compass are changed forever.

Report Submitted by:



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