

Basin School District

"Educating Today's Children for Tomorrow's World"



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Introduction

The Basin District has made tremendous progress over the last few years in terms of the *rigor* of our core curriculum and the implementation of key academic support programs. Together, along with an increased emphasis on the *relevance* of our coursework, these changes have resulted in increased student success as is indicated by the data found in this brochure. Additionally, a commitment to small class sizes and a family atmosphere foster *relationships* that provide students with the individualized attention necessary to maximize growth.

District Goals

It is not enough for a rural district such as ours to strive to be the best small district it can be. To do so would limit the options our students have available to them once they leave Idaho City. Our goal is, and always will be, to help students develop the skills and confidence necessary to successfully compete with the best and brightest anywhere. To that end, we will continue to improve our curriculum, instruction, professionalism and communication to the direct benefit of our students. [Note: If you would like to see a more detailed description of our goals, refer to your summer mailer or our website - www.idahocityschools.net]



Academic Highlights

We have an excellent staff that is honored to work with the youth in our community. Our goal is to educate the whole student and help each individual become a successful, contributing member of our global community. The highlights below are just a few of our most significant accomplishments:

Graduation Rates:

Year	Graduation Rate
2006	97%
2007	93%
2008	97%
2009	97%
2010	96%

Post Secondary Education Rates:

Year	4-YR College	Prof/Tech	Military
2006	21 (64%)	7 (21%)	2 (6%)
2007	13 (50%)	5 (19%)	2 (8%)
2008	21 (60%)	5 (14%)	2 (6%)
2009	10 (33%)	5 (17%)	1 (3%)
2010	12 (43%)	7 (27%)	0

Performance on Idaho State Achievement Tests

- For the past few years, the district's ISAT scores have exceeded the state averages. The district has made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) three years in a row and four out of the last five.
- 96.1% of students scored Proficient or higher on the 2010 Spring Reading ISAT with 48.4% of those students scoring Advanced.
- 87.7% of students scored Proficient or higher on the 2010 Spring Math ISAT.
- 84.1% of students scored Proficient or higher on the 2010 Spring Language ISAT.



Notable Graduates and Scholarships

Our focus on academic excellence, character and service is producing students who have the skills and confidence to take their education to the next level. In the fifteen short years the high school has been open we have outstanding graduates who are pursuing careers in law, medicine and government service. Together they serve as an inspiration to those who will follow.

A Few Notable Graduates Include:

Name	Year Graduated	Post-Secondary Education	Current Career
Christina Barfuss	1997	B.S. Criminal Justice, California State University - Hayward	Special Agent, Homeland Security Counterterrorism
Libby Campbell	1998	M.F.A. Theater/Performing Arts, Univ. of Illinois	Actor, Communications for ACLU
Ben Roeber	1998		Boise County Sheriff
Charlene Lidyard	1999	Doctoral Student, Information Systems	
Serah Stetson	1999	M.A. Public Administration Evergreen State College	Fiscal Analyst for the Washington State House of Representatives
Samantha Shoemaker	2000	B.A. Biology, WSU	Captain/Flight Instructor, USAF
Melissa Starry	2000	Juris Doctorate, American Univ. Wash. DC	Attorney
Elizabeth Hunter	2001	Doctor of Pharmacology, ISU	Pharmacist
Tyler Rice	2001	Second year law student, U of I	
Sarah Lemmer	2002	B.S. Aviation, San Jose State University	Commercial Airline Pilot
Kate Allen	2003	Doctoral Student in Chemistry, Univ. of Wash	
Bracken Armstrong	2003	4th year Medical Student, Georgetown University	
Charles Hope	2003	Masters Student in Civil Engineering, BYU	
Jennette Rice	2003	M.S.W. Social Work, BSU	
Pam Ward	2005	Masters Student, Electrical Engineering, U of I	

Scholarships

Our graduating students are well supported through community scholarships. When compared to other districts around the state, our district allocates a significant amount of scholarship money each year. Below you will find totals given for the past few graduating classes with approximately 35 students in each class.

Year	Local Scholarship Total	Initial Given From All Scholarships	Potential Over 4 Years (including renewals)
2006	\$16,500	\$52,650	\$344,1580
2007	\$16,500	\$64,750	\$353,450
2008	\$21,000	\$98, 10	\$381,182
2009	\$18,000	\$49,950	\$136,950
2010	\$23,250	\$69,500	\$195,500

Student Quotes

"The small size of Idaho City High School and the rural area from which the students come is deceiving. The student body I knew was rich in both heart and intelligence. They have become lawyers, doctors, nurses, engineers, chemists, teachers, environmentalists, pilots, policeman, and members of each of our country's branches of the military. Those who have done well did so in the presence of a group of teachers and coaches that were dedicated to their students. Every student there benefits from this small school presence because they get a more personalized experience than they would at a larger school."

~Bracken Armstrong, Class of 2003, Fourth year medical student – Georgetown University

"As a student, Basin embraced academic excellence and taught me to do my best in everything. The staff encouraged individuality and setting personal goals that required hard work and determination to accomplish. I can confidently say that Idaho City prepared me for college and life on my own."

~Grace Anderson, Class of 2009, Molecular Biology Major, Montana Tech

Athletic and Extra Curricular Highlights

Athletics and extracurricular programming are an integral part of our educational program. We offer a variety of athletic programs including: cross country, football, volleyball, basketball, track and cheerleading. Additionally, students have opportunities to participate in after school art, music and drama programs. Two thirds of our secondary students (grades 7-12) participate in at least one sport.

Notable accomplishments of our athletic programs include:

- Football
 - 2000 W.I.C. 1A Champions
 - 2001 W.I.C. 1A Champions, 1A State Champions, Place
 - 2005 District Playoffs
 - 2007 District Playoffs
- Boys Basketball
 - 2004-2005 W.I.C. 1A Champions
- Girls Basketball
 - 1998-1999 W.I.C. 1A Champions
- Boys Cross Country
 - 1999 Place 1A State Champions
 - 2000 Place 1&2A State Champions
 - 2003 Place 1&2A District III Champions
 - 2005 Place 1&2A District III Champions
- Girls Cross Country
 - 1998 District III Champions
 - 2003 Place 1&2A District III Champions
 - 2004 Place 1&2A District III Champions
- Boys Track
 - 1998 W.I.C. 1A Champions
 - 1999 W.I.C. 1A Champions
 - 2000 W.I.C. 1A Champions and 1A State Champions, Place
 - 2001 District III Champions and 1A State Champions, Place
 - 2002 District III Champions and 1A State Champions, Place
 - 2005 W.I.C. 1A Champions
 - 2010 District III Champions, 1A State Champions, Place



Support Programs and Opportunities

Basin School District offers a variety of supplemental programs, which extend and enrich our educational programs. The following is a short list of these types of programs and opportunities:

- **Class Sizes** – While our class sizes are slightly higher than previous years, we are committed to keeping class sizes under 30 students and most are in the low 20s.
- **Elementary Leveled Reading Groups** - Provide opportunities for students to either review missed content and skills or be challenged with material that is beyond their grade level.
- **Leveled Math Groups and Math Labs** – Provide students an opportunity to take coursework at their instructional level and take accelerated coursework from grade levels ahead of them.
- **Dual Enrollment Options** –Secondary students are able to take college level coursework by utilizing the dual credit option.
- **Night School** – Provides opportunities for students to make up credits needed for graduation or work ahead toward early graduation.
- **National Honor Society** – ICHS/MS is a member of the NHS and JNHS. Members are selected on the basis of academic achievement, citizenship, leadership, and faculty recommendations. The elementary school will be joining during the 2010-2011 school year.
- **After School Tutoring** – Available to all students in grades third through twelfth grade.
- **Lunch Club** – Three days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) during lunch, faculty members and student tutors are available to give 7th and 8th graders additional support with their class work.

Additional School/Community Programs

- **Prime Time** – After school program for 1st through 6th graders that includes homework support, character education and arts/crafts.
- **Tae Kwon Do** – Martial Arts instruction open to all students that stresses discipline, perseverance and self control.
- **Little League** – A chance for youngsters to play “America’s Pastime.”

School Culture

At Basin School District, students are expected to behave in accordance with four guiding principles: responsibility, citizenship, respect and integrity. These principles are modeled and expected throughout our daily routines. Additionally, we have specific events and programs designed to build and strengthen strong character. The elementary school has weekly assemblies that recognize exemplary contributions as well as provide problem solving and community building activities. Secondary students participate in weekly P.R.I.D.E (Personal Responsibility in Daily Endeavors) groups, which emphasize academic performance and relationship building. Over the past few years, Basin School District has worked diligently to create an atmosphere that encourages students and staff to be our very best in all ways.

Student Quotes Taken From Spring 2010 Elementary Student Survey

When asked, **“Tell us what makes Basin Elementary special,”** students responded with...

“Basin Elementary is a great school. I love the fact that we can actually sit down with one of the teachers and talk with them if we have a problem.”

~Sixth Grade Student

“The bonds we develop with the teachers and the friends I make.”

~Fifth Grade Student

“They always try to make it better each year.”

~Third Grade Student

Parent Comments

"Coming from the Boise School District, I was nervous about the opportunities and experiences that my children might have in a small school district. However, our experience here has been wonderful and I feel fortunate that my children have the opportunity to go to school in Idaho City. My daughters are receiving an excellent education in the Basin School District. Both are learning all they need to go on to a good university and to succeed in life."

~Monica Cockerille

"I believe that the small class sizes at both the elementary and high school level benefited my children immeasurably. The teachers knew them as individuals, not as numbers. This greatly enriched the whole educational experience."

~ Peter M. Desler

"...we feel as though our kids get a personal, high-level range of academic, sports, and liberal arts choices and experience without the "big city" problems or getting lost in the numbers.

"... the overall quality of our kids' education has been excellent, and suitably prepared them for their collegiate experience and life in general. Three of our kids have since gone on to the college of their choice, and we have the same expectations for our fourth when she graduates in 2014.

~Steven Mesia

"Basin Elementary is a positive learning environment with caring teachers. There is excellent communication between staff and parents. The Love and Logic program is very effective for helping kids make positive choices."

~Angela Neiwert

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