

OREGON Small Schools INITIATIVE

Crater High School

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History of innovation and excellence

Crater High School recognized the need for small schools in the 1980s and '90s, and received widespread recognition for its innovation and excellence in establishing four schools-within-a-school.

Today, this school of more than 1,500 students, serving the rural communities of Central Point and Gold Hill, is re-invigorated to continue on its path of smaller, more personalized and more rigorous schools with the support of E3's Oregon Small Schools Initiative. Crater's vision is to institutionalize an environment whereby all students have the same opportunities and support that its schools-within-a-school students received for the past 14 years.

"At Crater, we need to expand the training, research and resources to take our small school programs to an even higher level," said Kirk Gibson, principal of Crater High School. "Crater has a long history of innovation and excellence. Our staff is excited to provide students with a truly state-of-the-art educational program."

Ensuring student success

In the fall of 2007, Crater will convert to four small schools. The school and community know that with less than half of its students progressing to post-secondary education, more of its students deserve to benefit from a small school format. Crater's own experience with small learning communities demonstrates that the school can provide all students with the skills and inspiration to continue their education and vocational training.

The school boasts strong community support, including:

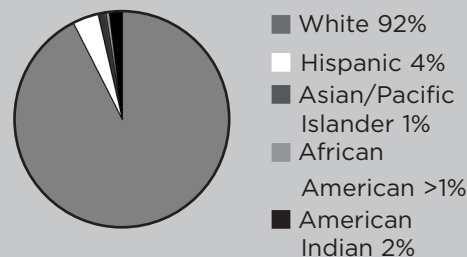
- The Crater Foundation, created in 1992 and led by an 18-member community-based board, has awarded 500 scholarships totaling more than \$570,000.
- The mentorship/internship program has placed more than 3,400 students for experiences with more than 500 businesses.
- The Crater School-Based Health Clinic was the first of its kind in the state.

Crater developed several effective small schools in the 1990s, and now E3's Oregon Small Schools Initiative is the catalyst to rekindle the staff's innovative spirit. Crater High School will benefit from the expertise and resources of the Small Schools Initiative to continue its dream of realizing small schools where all students succeed.

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

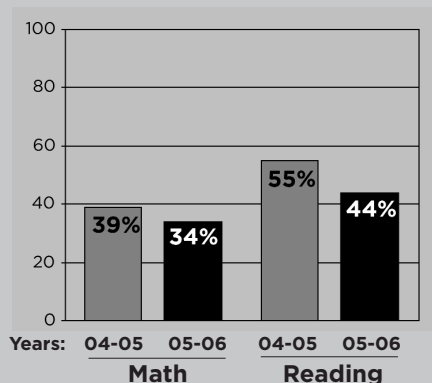
Student Population

Total enrollment	1,523
4-year drop-out rate* <i>(for 2002-2003)</i>	16.5%
Low-income students	26%
English language learners	2%



Student Achievement

10th grade students meeting or exceeding state benchmarks



Sources: Oregon Department of Education and Crater 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.

