

Newport Independent Schools
Director of Pupil Personnel and Student Services Report
February 23, 2022

Madame Chair and members of the Board, Newport Independent Schools have completed six instructional months as of February 16, 2022.

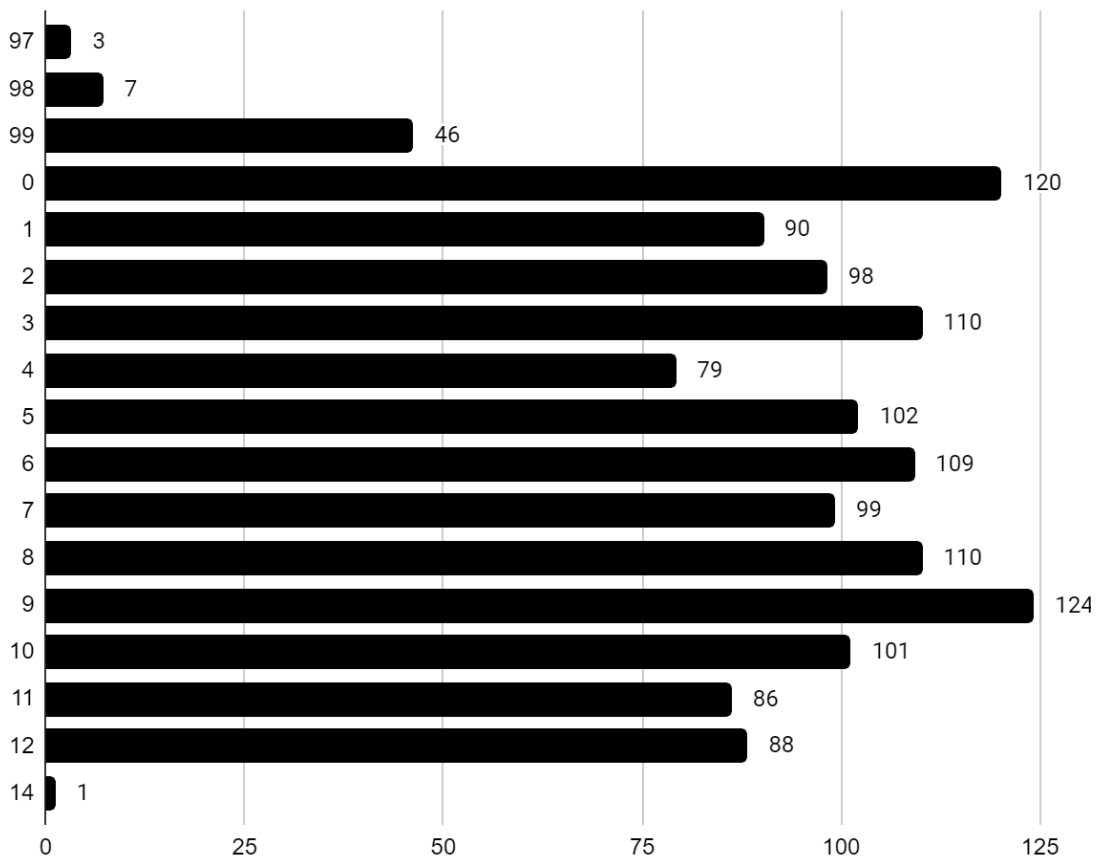
Pupil Personnel Reporting

Enrollment

As of January 18, 2022 Newport Independent's total enrollment stands at 1,373 students in grades 97 through 14. Newport High School currently has 557 students enrolled, Newport Intermediate has 394 students enrolled, Newport School of Innovation has 56 students enrolled, and Newport Primary has 367 students enrolled.

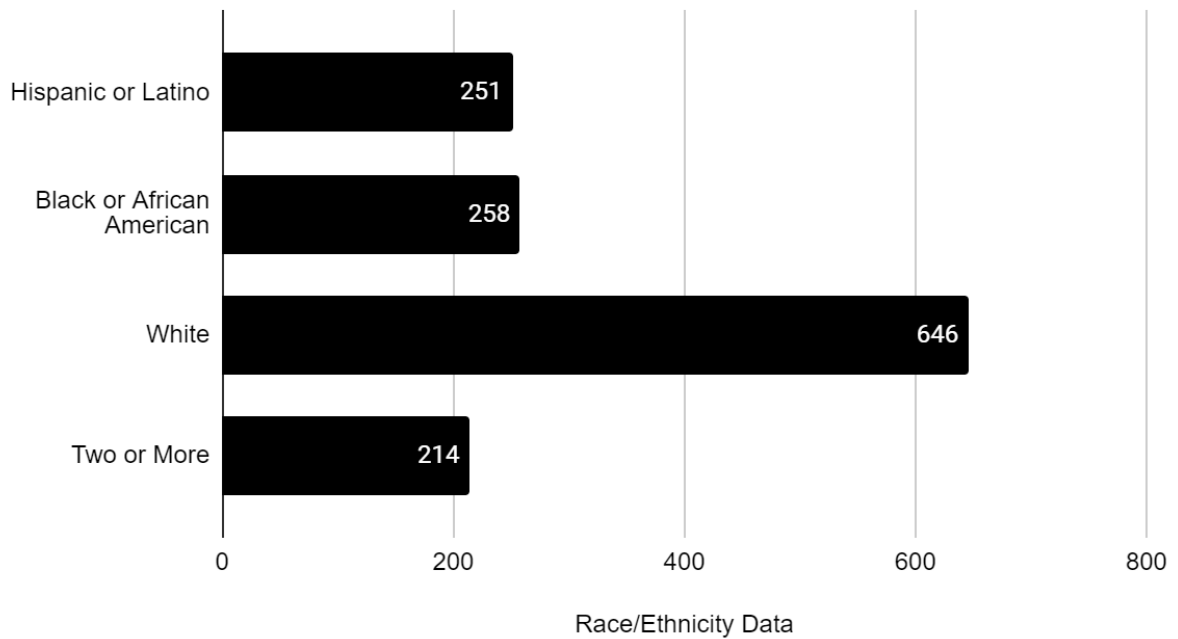
Student Demographics Analysis

Grade Total Count: 1, 373

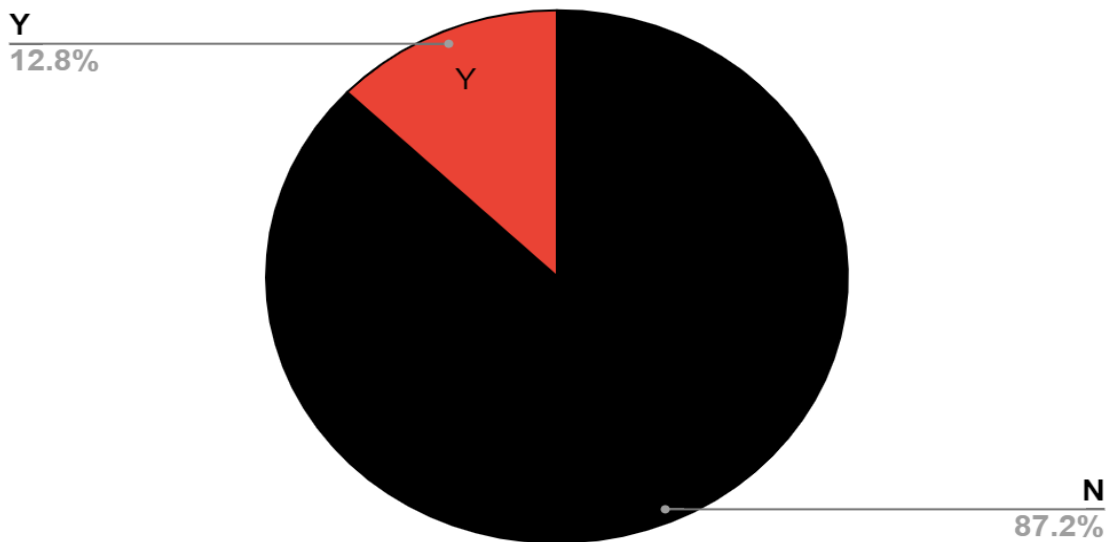


Student Demographics

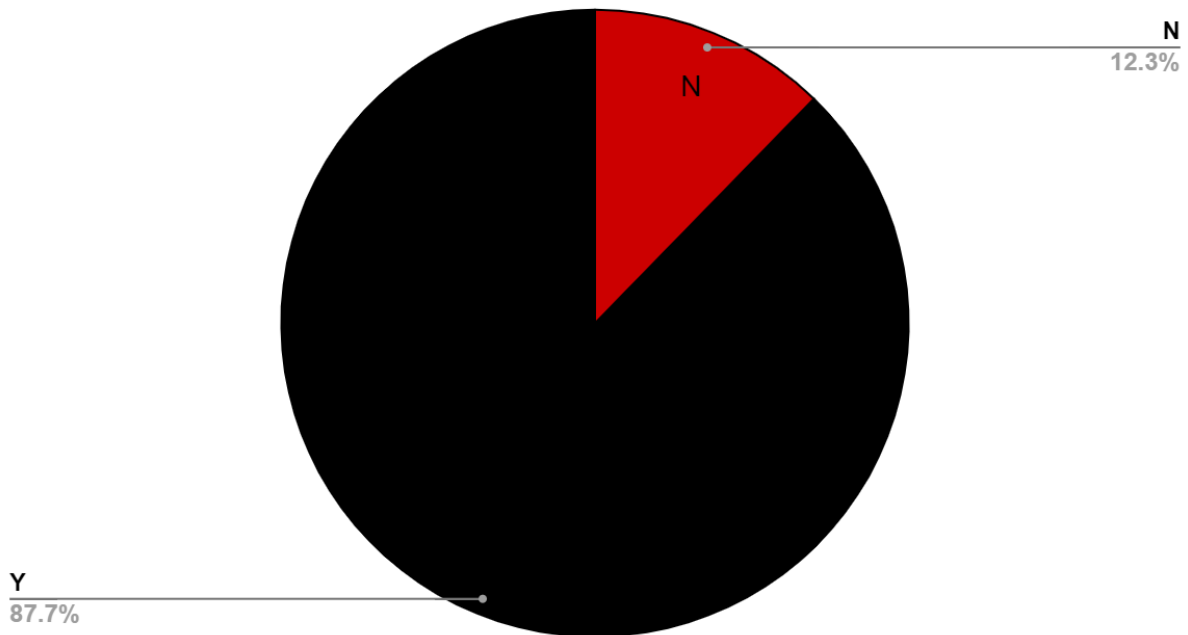
Race/Ethnicity Data



Homeless Comparison



Economically Disadvantaged



Attendance Data

Chronic Absenteeism

Kentucky Chronically Absent (CA) and FTE Attendance							
Group			Student Count	# CA	% CA	FTE Absent	FTE Present
State of Kentucky			661,119	239,875	36.29%	10.36%	89.64%

Chronically Absent (CA) and FTE Attendance							
District	Level	School Name	Student Count	# CA	% CA	FTE Absent	FTE Present
Newport Independent (as of Feb 17, 2022)	Elem	Newport Intermediate School	286	34	11.89%	4.25%	95.75%
		Newport Primary School	303	38	12.54%	5.19%	94.81%
	Middle	NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL	192	45	23.44%	6.99%	93.01%
		Newport Intermediate School	105	17	16.19%	6.21%	93.79%
	High	NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL	344	122	35.47%	8.59%	91.41%

2021-2022 Attendance Rate (YTD)

Newport Primary

				School Year
Level	School Name	Grd	SchName	2021-22
Elem	Newport Primary School	00	Newport Primary School	95.22%
		01	Newport Primary School	95.48%
		02	Newport Primary School	95.75%

Newport Intermediate

				School Year
Level	School Name	Grd	SchName	2021-22
Elem	Newport Intermediate School	03	Newport Intermediate School	95.67%
		04	Newport Intermediate School	96.46%
		05	Newport Intermediate School	96.97%
Middle	Newport Intermediate School	06	Newport Intermediate School	94.54%

Newport High

					School Year
DistName	Level	School Name	Grd	SchName	2021-22
Newport Independent (as of Feb 17, 2022)	Middle	NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL	07	NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL	93.98%
			08	NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL	93.61%
	High	NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL	09	NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL	91.93%
			10	NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL	91.77%
			11	NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL	92.81%
			12	NEWPORT HIGH SCHOOL	93.24%

MTSS Attendance

Newport High

Truancy Diversion Program				
Month	Number of students referred	Number of students who withdrew from NHS	Number of students who transferred to <i>Virtual Scholars</i>	Lack of progress (truancy filed)
November	12	2	1	2
December	16	0	5	2
January	19	1		1
February (2/25/22)	9			
Total	56			

- 8.9% of students did not make progress with Tier I, II, and III interventions. Students referred for Tier IV interventions
- 91.07% of students made progress with Tier I, II, and III interventions. Students will continue to receive interventions and support for a period of 6 months from the start date of Tier III service.
- 40.43% of November - January School Based Truancy Diversion program students have had zero unexcused absent or tardy events since entering MTSS

Newport Primary

Students Tier II Service	Students Tier III Services	Students with no less than 1 DPP Home Visit
34	22	22

- 100% of students within MTSS have made progress. Students will continue in Tier III services through the end of the academic year.

Newport Intermediate

Students Tier II Service	Students Tier III Services	Students with no less than 1 DPP Home Visit
44	24	24

- 83.3% of Tier III students within MTSS have made progress. Students will continue in Tier III services through the end of the academic year.
- 16.7% of Tier III students are being provided with Tier IV services.

Attachments:

3 Calendar Options for the 2022-2023 School year

Student Services Reporting

Family Resource and Youth Service Center

Newport Primary School Family Resource Center

Molly Wesley, Coordinator

January 18, 2022 - February 15, 2022

Support to Students (the following were distributed to students):

44 items of clothing from the FRC clothing closet

3 backpacks

3 students are matched with Lunch Buddies through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati, and share an hour together each week during the students' lunchtimes. Two additional applications were received by students, to be on the waiting list.

82 PowerPacks are distributed weekly to students

Molly conducted 15 home visits to deliver quarantined students' work packets and devices

Molly conducted a home visit to deliver special education paperworks for one of Kelli Kagey's students

13 students "shopped" with Miss Nancy in the school-based Care Closet

Molly delivered a twin frame, mattress, and box springs to a family on 2/9/22

The FRC paid \$200 toward a student's family's Duke Energy bill

The Lion's Club approved free eyeglasses (at Opticare) for a NPS student

Ms. Molly assisted Ms. Kristy (McKinney-Vento) with transporting 3 Newport School students to school each morning for 3 weeks.

Ms. Molly assisted with the Brighton Center Adopt-a-Class visit to Ms. Rougraff's Kindergarten classroom on 1/25/22.

The FRC gave an infant car seat to a NPS family with a new baby

Ms. Molly transported a NPS student to see Liz Tanner in the SBHC, for her to check his ears. The student was diagnosed with an ear infection and prescribed medication.

Phone conversation with a NPS family in a housing crisis - referral to Stable Families at Brighton Center.

Phone conversation with NPS parent - referred to Mrs. Hayden

Phone conversation with an NPS parent about her child's hygiene.

Phone conversations on 5 occasions about attendance.

Office meeting with 2 NPS parents about parent engagement

Donations received since last report

Busken doughnuts for staff on 3 occasions

2/8/22 - PowerPacks from Freestore Foodbank

Community member donated 2 bags of gently used down winter coats, snow pants, hats and gloves

Professional Contacts/Community Collaborations

2/10/22 - 21 infants associated with Newport Primary School received diapers from Care Closet

1/21/22 - Molly participated in a Trauma Team "Peer Network" call

1/28/22 - Kentucky Association of School Social Workers (KASSW) Board meeting

2/10/22 - Two NKU early childhood education students met with Ms. Molly to learn about the FRC.

2/10/22 - 6:00 - Ms. Molly attended a Trash Bash Challenge planning committee meeting

The FRC staff scheduled Kids on the Block child abuse puppet show to perform virtual performances for all NPS students on March 23 & 24

2/14/22 - Ms. Molly attended a meeting with Brighton Center staff representing a new grant that aims to pair Seniors (over age 55) with students who are lagging, following the pandemic, for

tutoring/mentoring.

Molly posted on Facebook about: NPS Bengals Spirit Week, Title 1 parent survey, school attendance, Esperanza Latino Center tutoring program, VFW Teacher of the Year, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Building Community Well-Being Advisory Council, FRYSC Week in Kentucky, Stock the Kitchen

Other tasks that occupied significant time for the FRC Coordinator:

The FRYSC Continuation Program Plan and Needs Assessment

VFW student contests: National Anthem, Art

Recruiting parents to serve on the FRC Advisory Council

Planning Family Fun Night (Self-Care) for February 24th

Newport Intermediate School Family Resource Center

Marshelle Watkins- Blackwell, Coordinator

24 - Students were signed up for the NIS Care Closet

1- Families received emergency food and cleaning supplies

2- Mental Health Referrals for students

8- Students were supported with emergency clothing

55- students received food support

3- backpacks for students

3- New students were added to weekend food support list

1 -5th grade student was awarded – Family Great Attitude Award

2 -Students were awarded – Writing Contest Awards

7- Parent Meetings- Basic needs and mental health supports

Donations (the following donations were received)

10 Coats – Community Member

50 Packs of socks -Campbell County Library

52 packs of basic needs items for young children- Campbell County Library

96 snack packs- Free store food bank

Professional Contact/Community Collaborations

Anthem Health Care- Health education supports

Bev Holiday - City of Newport

Polly Page- Parents as Partners

Becca Taylor- Brighton Center

Debbie Mollette- Big Brothers and Big Sister

Marie R. - Adopt A Class

Newport FRYSC

Freestore Food Bank

Community Engagement Team – Wellness events

School Collaborations & Contacts

Dennis Maines- NIS Family Resource Center updates and Parent as Partners
Cassandra Patterson- 21st Century – Cooking Club supports
Amanda Johnson- Schoolwide Writing Policy
Kristy McNally- Family Supports and basic needs request
Amber Onkst- students in crisis and FRYSC Supports
Sarah Cornett- Student Supports Terrace Metric data supports
Mrs. Watts - Adopt a Class Follow-up/ Rematches
NIS Mental Health Worker – Parent engagement ideas and community mental health
NIS Staff meetings
Writing Contest Awards – Presented awards to “Who is your hero” winners
Dawn Schoo- Attendance referrals and follow-up
Mrs. Smith- FRYSC Supports
Ms. Torres- NIS Book Fair Family Literacy Night Planning Meeting
Mr. Bolan- Student’s behaviors
Mrs. Padgett- Vision supports
Ashley Himes- Parent Education
6th grade self- love activities and self- love talks(Terrace Metrics Data driven)
5th and 6th grade classroom hygiene kits
Donna Watts- Newport Schools Wellness fair
NIS Staff Surveys and analysis

Meetings & Training Participation

Nurse Liz: Family Supports for hygiene project
CPP updates and new requirements – (Betty Pennington)
EL Families Support Meeting
Drug Free alliance
FRYSC Training
Live Well Newport
Brighton Center Youth Risk survey evaluation
Community Supports Planning Meeting
GEER Grant Spending Meeting
Engagement training
Community Advisory Board Meeting
Passport: Mental Health Conference
ReNewport - Grant supports for family mental health and health equity

Newport High School Youth Services Center

Donna Watts, Coordinator

January 18 – February 15, 2022

Support to Students (the following were distributed to students):

YSC continues to provide snacks for students provided by donated food and funds
YSC continues to provide Face Mask every Wednesday for front office & cafeteria entrance
YSC provides candy bucket for SRO and Mr. Hunter’s office – (Purpose: Friendly Social Interaction)
Gave 5 – \$50 gift card to Kroger for food to families
2 Parents won a prize for attending Simple Cyber Safety Training for Parents
2 families received a \$25 Speedway Gas gift card
107 students received Basic Need, Hygiene items and Snack Food from NHS YSC
20 students received Cincinnati Bengal’s T-shirt - printed by NHS NewGraph class
22 students received clothing from the YSC clothing closet

6 students received a TANK Bus vouchers
12 contact with a parent regarding their student's grades, attendance and extracurricular activities
Coordinator made 15 Home Visits
12 home visits to discuss attendance concerns or 5 or more unexcused attendance events
3 home visits to deliver food, coat, clothing to students with an emergency
15 home visit for Well Care check
13 Upward Bound students attend NHS meeting
12 Upward Bound students attended NKU Saturday meeting
26 students participate in Young Life meeting every Monday.
3 Teen Coalition & Youth Leadership Development students attended Zoom discussion
1 senior will received graduation cap, gown and tassel paid for with NHS YSC Grant
YSC Participated in Spirit Week
YSC Hosting Black History Month Door Decorating Contest
YSC donated items for Senior Basketball Night, Football Awards and Cheer Awards
Shared with staff information regarding Simple Cyber Safety for Parents, Family Engagement,
Shared with staff Department of FRYSC Survey
YSC sent out 40 letters inviting community partners to Career Fair and Hiring Event
YSC sent out 30 letters and 6 emails inviting community partners to Wellness Fair

Donations received since last report:

Crayons to Computers \$368.20
Professional Contact/Community Collaborations
Eric Brose – Upward Bound
Betty Pennington – FRYSC Region 4
Diane Beach - Care Closet
James Peters – CCC Regional Network Team
Sarah Olliges – Campbell County Drug Free Alliance
Blake Scott Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity – Newport/Covington Chapter
Michelle Bullis, Becca Taylor-Freihoff and Yovani Velasquez – Brighton Center
Terry Fornash – City of Newport
Jordan Goodpastor – Ludlow FRYSC
Susan Isaacs – PBIS
Hanna Lowen - New Riff
YSC promoted via social media: Social Media and Cyber Safety training
Rebekah Moore & Ronnie Dahn – Greater Cincinnati Urban Young Life
Amy Sammons & Anquinette Ward – Mentoring Plus
Joy Theetge – Every Child Succeeds
Kim Schmahl – Boys and Girls Club

School Collaborations and Contacts

Kia Gearding, Staci Paff and Kristy McNally – NHS Wellness Rooms
Attend Faculty and Staff meetings
Attend PBIS meetings
Attend Truancy Diversion Family Meetings
Ongoing efforts to collect data for 22-24 FRYSC Grant
Uploaded Budget Amendment to FRYSC Counts
Ongoing efforts to refer students for counseling or special education services
Ongoing collaboration with AmeriCorp rep Benjamin Wehrle, College Coach
Ongoing collaboration with 21st Century Director, Torrie Watkins and Cassandra Patterson
Ongoing collaboration with Newport FRYSC Coordinators – Molly and Marshelle
Ongoing collaboration with NSTEP Director – Kristy McNally

Every Wednesday the UpSpring and NSTEP Groups meet in the YSC office during lunchtime

NHS YSC CLUB Meetings and Training Participation
Mentoring Lunch Talk
Young Life Club Meets

Work on Both Grants (YSC and GEER II)

February

February 1 – Wellness Fair Meeting
February 1 – Newport Continuation Program Grant Meeting
February 3 – Young Life Group Liaison Meeting
February 8 – Every Child Succeeds Meeting
February 8 - NHS YSC Advisory Council Meeting
February 9 – Campbell County Drug Free Alliance Meeting
February 9 – Dave Pelgan – Bellevue High School
February 10 – FRYSC CPP Training
February 15 – Boys and Girls Club Recruitment meeting
February 15 - bornlearning Academy workshop #5
February 16 - Safety Net Alliance Meeting Noon-1:30p
February 17 – Upward Bound Meeting
February 17 – Prom and After Prom Meeting
February 18 – North Key Meeting
February 22 - Student Support Team Meeting
February 22 – Young Life Banquet
February 24 – Trauma Informed Story Book Workshop
February 25 – Truancy Diversion Meeting
February 25 – PBIS Team Work Meeting 8a-4:30p

21st Century

Cassandra Patterson

Newport District Director

NPS: Total number of students served: 65. Total number of regular attendees (30+ days): 31

Glows: We have a thriving after school program. We currently provide services for roughly 45 students daily.

Needs: We are working to grow our morning program. We have identified students that are in need of extra support and will be contacting parents to tell them of this additional learning opportunity.

NIS: Total number of students served: 97 Total number of regular attendees (30+ days): 27

Glows: Our students are really enjoying Dungeons and Dragons as well as Video Game Design this semester. Some days we see as many as 70 kids after school

Needs: We are working to grow our morning program. We have a lot of students that are in need of extra support. We are also striving to retain 5th and 6th graders. Most of these students have the option to walk home.

NHS: 7th and 8th total number of students served: 35. 9th-12th total number of students served: 38 Total number of regular attendees (30+ days) 0

Glows: We now have a full time site coordinator at the high school. Torrie Watkins has been a great addition to the 21st Century staff. We have also grown the program from 6 students since October. We are gearing up to start a credit recovery class after school Monday through Thursday. We will also be offering study tables daily for student athletes that need extra support to remain eligible to play.

District wide: We are gearing up for Summer School and have met with all three buildings to work together to offer an amazing program. The staff have been polled to see who is interested and willing to work the summer programs again this year. Our summer action plans are due to KDE on March 11th. We are also waiting to hear if we received the two continuation grants that we applied for this year. If granted they will cover the intermediate school and the entire high school, meaning we will have one grant for every school in the district.

School Health Center

Pam Pedigo, Health Center Coordinator

Covid cases are declining in our school community, as well as the wider Newport community, and nationwide. That's the good news. In the health arena we have stepped back into more routine pursuits such as vaccine compliance, as well as compliance with state requirements such as school physicals, vision screenings and dental screenings.

Our dental partner, Big Smiles, returned to our facilities a couple weeks ago to finish up some dental needs for the kids.

We held 12 vaccine events in conjunction with our lab partner, Ethos. Very poor participation from both students and staff. I will say that one of the issues was with the sign-up process set up by Ethos whereby folks had some difficulty making vaccine appointments.

We have begun to make a big push to complete 6th grade school physicals and vaccines at NIS. At NPS, Rebecca is making inroads on kindergarten requirements (entrance school physical, vision screen, dental screen) that are delinquent. At NHS, Nadine too, is working on vaccine compliance with a focus on the requirement for 16 year olds #2 meningococcal vaccine.

LifeVac is a new choking rescue device we have approved to be placed in each building cafeteria. We will be reviewing the use of the device with key staff members when they come in and are installed.

We have another idea we would like to launch as well. Liz, NP does a number of the 6th grade physical evaluations that are required by KY law. We notice that a number of these kids have poor hygiene and sometimes poor dental care is noted as well. We would like to prepare a bag/container that we give to the students that Liz sees for school physicals that includes trial size deodorant, toothbrush, trial size toothpaste, maybe pads for girls, bar soap, hand sanitizer, hair brushes and combs. We have not looked into possible funding sources yet. I plan to email Big Smiles to see if they can assist with the dental items.

Student visits to nursing office in January:

NPS: 221 visits, one daily urinary cath procedure.

NIS: 324 visits, one diabetic management, one daily urinary cath management.

NPS: 312 visits, one diabetic management.

The School Based Health Clinic (SBHC) is being increasingly utilized by both students and staff! That, too, is great news! We have made efforts to increase the profile of our services and we are showing some results for that effort. Liz frequently sees both students and staff for sick visits. At the same time, we are leaning in to having the entire 6th grade meet the state health requirements before they leave the NIS building.

Nurse Rebecca has the NPS building well under control and Nurse Nadine is settling in nicely at NHS.