

Helping ALL Students Reach Higher!

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AUSD Counseling Goals

- Our school district counseling program promotes college/career, academic, and social/emotional success for **ALL** students in TK-12th grades.
- This presentation will highlight what we have done to promote college/career success for ALL students to encourage them to Reach Higher!

ASCA Mindset and Behavior Standards

- **Category 1: Mindset Standard M4**: Understanding that postsecondary education and lifelong learning are necessary for long term career success.
- **Category 2: Behavior Standard, B-LS 5**: Apply media and technology skills.
- **Category 2: Behavior Standard B-LS 9**: Gather evidence and consider multiple perspectives to make informed decisions.

Common Core Standards

1. English & Language Arts Common Core Standard 2: Speaking and Listening Standard.
2. English Writing Standard 8: Gather relevant information from multiple sources and integrate information into text.



REACH HIGHER

Complete your education. Own your future.

Why Reach Higher?

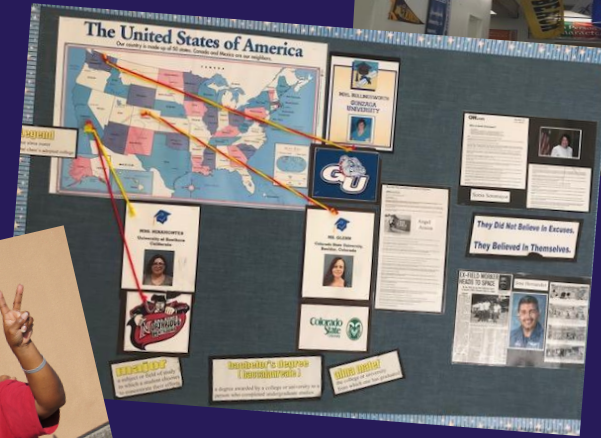
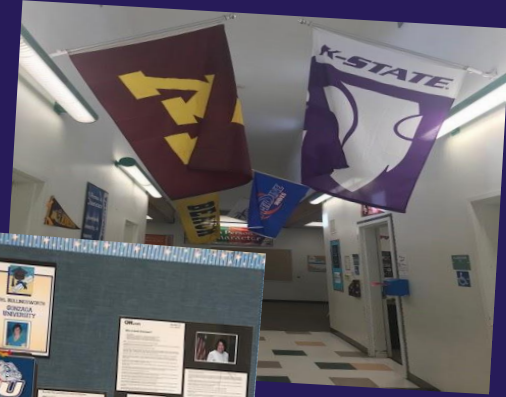
- Access to information about college depends on school resources
- School resources depend on the surrounding community.
- **45.5%** of Low-income High School Graduates enroll in postsecondary education
- 63.8% of Middle-income High School Graduates enroll in postsecondary education
- An educated workforce is a stronger economy

Reach Higher & Parents

- Presenting at Parent Meetings
 - Parent University, H.S. Counselor presentations, ELAC (elementary)
 - Action Team Partnership (ATP), Parent University, ELAC (middle school)
 - ELAC, Padres Unidos, NOVI Parent Group, ATP (high school)
- A-G and graduation requirements
- Post secondary options

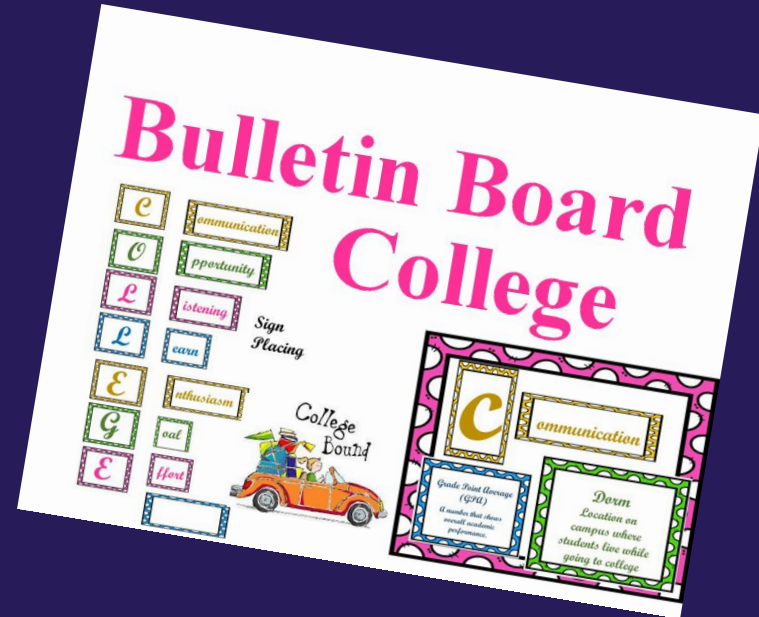
What do we do at the elementary level?

- All classrooms adopt an university
- Perform Chants at Flag Ceremony
- Wear shirts once a week
- University Flags
- Bulletin Boards



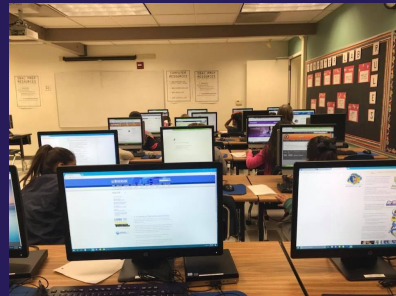
College Classroom Lessons TK-4th

- Vocabulary
- Brochure
- College Websites/Videos



College Classroom Lessons: 5th Grade

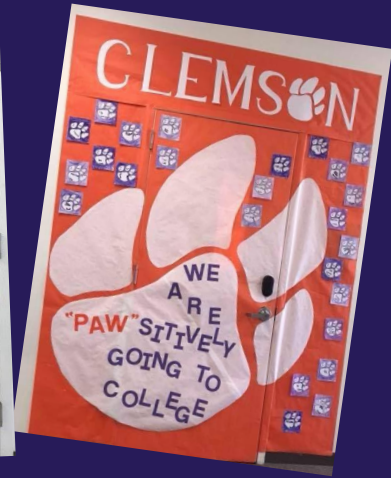
Project Based Learning
College Research Projects
Pendants, Posters, Presentations
Boards (Use these for College Fair)



College Week

Prep Rally with Mascot
Parade of doors
College Fair

Guest speakers- College Students/Athletes
Parent Workshop - H.S. Counselor Presentations
Classroom Lessons





COLLEGE FAIR



College Clubs 4th-5th Grade

Guest Speakers - Alumni, H.S. Seniors, DREAMers
University Shirts

Field Trips -funding-PTO/PTA - grants



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What do Middle School Students Receive?

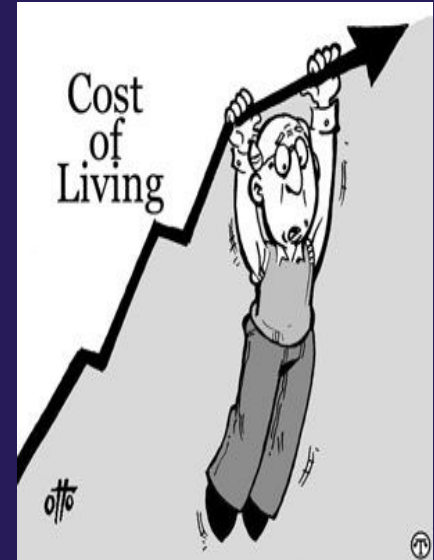
- Multi-tiered curriculum that targets each grade level with focus on the future
- Exposure to college and career goals
- Exposure to applicable resources and workshops
- Field trips to college campuses and college expos.
- College and career events with community members
- Continue college push with college days and flags

Middle School: 6th Grade

Exploration of Colleges and Careers

- Wells Focus: What's most important: money, values, skill?
- Connections to a person's future
- Educate students on
 - Types of colleges to get to career
 - Public, private, community, vocational
 - Various paths that can be taken to get to career

[2018 Best Trade Schools in America](#)



Middle School: 7th Grade

Interest Inventory and Future Plan for Success

- Focus on the road to a career
- Interest survey assessment & career exploration
- Education on preparation, wages, outlook for specific careers



Middle School: 8th Grade

Transition to High School

Crs-ID	Course Title	Mark	Att/Cmp	Crs-ID	Course Title	Mark	Att/Cmp	Crs-ID	Course Title	Mark	Att/Cmp
Grade 6 Fall 2015-2016											
Loma Vista Middle School											
0970	6 Math CC	C	5.00	6075	7/8 Art	B	5.00	Credit Att: 30.00 Cmp: 30.00 AGPA: 1.25			
1018	6 Language	D	5.00	Grade 6 Fall 2017-2018							
1509	6 History	C	5.00	Loma Vista Middle School							
2765	6 PE	A	5.00	1211	8 Language	D	5.00	Credit Att: 30.00 Cmp: 30.00 AGPA: 1.25			
3008	6 Science	C+	5.00	1811	8 History	F	5.00	Loma Vista Middle School			
5010	6 Enrichment	A	5.00	2111	8 Math	C	5.00	Credit Att: 30.00 Cmp: 30.00 AGPA: 2.20			
Grade 6 Spring 2015-2016											
Loma Vista Middle School											
0970	6 Math CC	F	5.00	2780	8 PE	C	5.00	Credit Att: 30.00 Cmp: 30.00 AGPA: 1.25			
1018	6 Language	C+	5.00	3511	8 Science	C+	5.00	Loma Vista Middle School			
1509	6 History	C	5.00	4500	7/8 Comp Lit	C	5.00	Credit Att: 30.00 Cmp: 25.00 AGPA: 1.25			
2765	6 PE	B+	5.00	--WORK IN PROGRESS--							
3008	6 Science	B	5.00	Loma Vista Middle School							
5010	6 Enrichment	B	5.00	1211	8 Language	5.00	0.00	Credit Att: 30.00 Cmp: 25.00 AGPA: 2.00			
Grade 7 Fall 2016-2017											
Loma Vista Middle School											
0971	7 Math CC	C	5.00	1811	8 History	5.00	0.00	Total Credit: 30.00			
1011	7 Language	F	5.00	2111	8 Math	5.00	0.00	Credit Att: 30.00 Cmp: 25.00 AGPA: 1.00			
1511	7 History	D	5.00	2780	8 PE	5.00	0.00	Loma Vista Middle School			
2770	7 PE	B+	5.00	3511	8 Science	5.00	0.00	Credit Att: 30.00 Cmp: 25.00 AGPA: 2.00			
3011	7 Science	D	5.00	4500	7/8 Comp Lit	5.00	0.00	Loma Vista Middle School			
6075	7/8 Art	C+	5.00	Total Credit: 30.00							
Grade 7 Spring 2016-2017											
Loma Vista Middle School											
0971	7 Math CC	D	5.00	Course Tags: * = Non Academic + = Honors (weighted) p = College Prep r = Repeated							
1011	7 Language	C	5.00	Academic GPA: 1.59 1.59							
1511	7 History	D+	5.00	Total GPA: 1.90 1.90							
2770	7 PE	B	5.00	Credit Attempted: 150.00							
3011	7 Science	D	5.00	Credit Completed: 135.00							
Sublet Area											
Class Size: 369											
Class Rank: 288											
Ranked by Non-weighted Total GPA											
District Enter: 8/8/2011 CAHSEE											
School Enter: 1/13/2015 ELA: Not Taken											
Math: Not Taken											

- A-G Requirements for High School
- How to read transcripts
- How to calculate a GPA
- Interpretation of PSAT
- Link Kahn Academy to College Board

CollegeBoard
+
KHANACADEMY
+
YOU

PROVIDING WORLD-CLASS
FREE SAT® PREPARATION
TOGETHER.

Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score

380

160 to 760

Your Nationally Representative **18th** Sample Percentile

160 760

1 Your scores indicate you are close to being on track for college readiness, but you need to continue to strengthen your skills.

Let's get you back on track, so you won't have to take noncredit courses in college. You have free, personalized recommendations waiting for you on khanacademy.org/sat

Your Total Score

860

320 to 1520

Your Nationally Representative **28th** Sample Percentile

320 1520

Keep in mind, the PSAT/NMSQT® and SAT are on the same scale.

Your score shows you how you would have scored that day on the SAT®. How well you do depends on what you do next!

Your Math Score

480

160 to 760

Your Nationally Representative **47th** Sample Percentile

160 760

✓ You are on track for college readiness.

Stay on track and continue your progress. Start now with your free, personalized recommendations waiting for you on khanacademy.org/sat

Middle School Field Trips



CTE Showcase

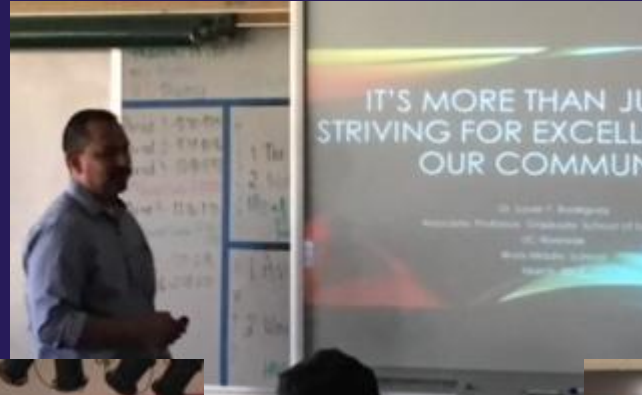


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College & Career Community Events



Middle School College and Career Centers

- Lunch-time Visits
- Workshops
 - Important websites
 - How to choose a school
 - Budgeting
 - Student checklist
 - Parent checklist
 - Assessments
 - College dorms
 - Specific College presentations



What do high school students get?

- Individual student-counselor consultation meetings for post high school plans and graduation plan
- All students receive a financial aid/scholarship presentation
- Weekly College/Career Thursdays (students dress for success or wear college/military gear)
- Monthly 10 Year Plan Days
- Open access to all students to ensure equity

AND MORE.....

Cash For College

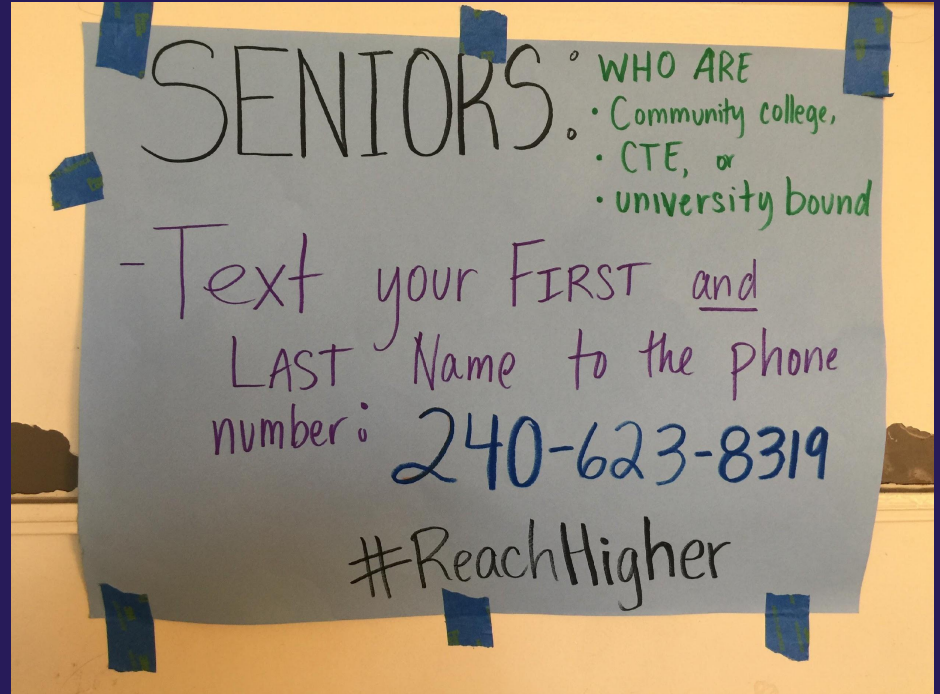


During October/November- Financial Aid/College Connection Wednesdays



- FAFSA Workshops changed to Financial Aid Workshops to promote equity. Students file FAFSA/Dream Act and know the term Financial Aid

"Up Next" Decor



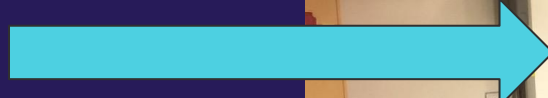
Road Trip Nation

- NVHS was 1 of 75 schools nationwide that was selected for the Road Trip Nation College/Career Education Experience.
- Partnered with the community and staff from other sites (RMK)
- Students got to experience videos from celebrities encouraging them to go on for more education or training; received powerful testimonies from guest speakers



College/Career Exploration Program was implemented bringing professionals to present on careers and college throughout the year!

**Congressman
Takano**



Reach Higher/Better Make Room Student Led Video

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This. Is. Epic. 🙌😎 #Lovelt
#BetterMakeRoom

NVHS Counseling @NVHSCounselors
#ReachHigher #BetterMakeRoom
#MannequinChallenge Norte Vista High School
Reaches higher!!! 🙌 @dyu663 @ewwaldo
@FLOTUS 11/7/16 @ReachHigher



Reply to Better Make Room, Don Yu, Eric Wald...

Home Notifications Moments Messages Me

<https://www.alvordschools.org/Page/8783>

Reach Higher Ambassadors

- Our Advisory Board (like Better Make Room)
- Consists of AVID student leaders that help with our college fairs
- Advertise workshops, events, Reach Higher Thursdays, and important college/financial aid deadlines (social media, posters, word of mouth)
- Work towards a vision that sees every student at NVHS enrolling in and completing their education past high school whether that's a professional training program, a community college, or a four year college or university

Reach Higher Club

- The club supports the Reach Higher Initiative and Better Make Room Campaign
- 1st RH Club in nation; partnered with College Club to promote equity in encouraging students to go on for more education or training
- Takes college trips



Reach Higher Certification

- Students learn what the Reach Higher Initiative and Better Make Room campaign is to promote campus wide
- Students are taught A-G's, financial aid, scholarship, college, CTE, and military information
- Students are taught strategies that are used to help their peers reach higher
- Students were recognized by Reach Higher and received awards

Motivating Students To Reach Higher!

- Local College Fair- Riverside-Keeping the motivation going every month throughout the school year
- Local colleges, CTE programs, and military branches bring activities, informational handouts, incentives/gifts
- Staff post Reach Higher flyers in classrooms/offices
- Students get house points for participating in weekly College/Career Thursdays
- Students and staff get a chance to win gift cards to local food places for participating in monthly Reach Higher Thursdays
- 1 of 200 schools nationwide that received the Reach Higher Grant for Signing Day

Reach Higher Thursdays!!!



Implemented Monthly Reach Higher Thursdays (mini college/military fairs and activities)

Raise Me Scholarships

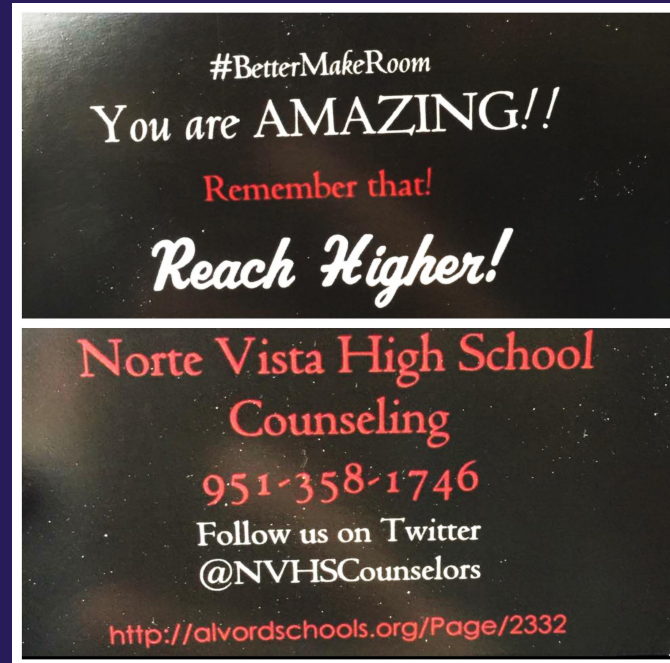
<https://www.raise.me/>

Community & School Partnerships

- AVID Program, Freshmen Focus, Leadership classes on campus, admin/school wide support
- Senior English teachers - require senior exit project
- Local Community Colleges/CTE (SBVC, RCC, Norco, Moreno Valley)
- Public and Private Universities (CBU, La Sierra U, UCR)
- Wells Fargo Education Financial Services
- The US Military (Air Force, Marines, Navy, National Guard, Army)

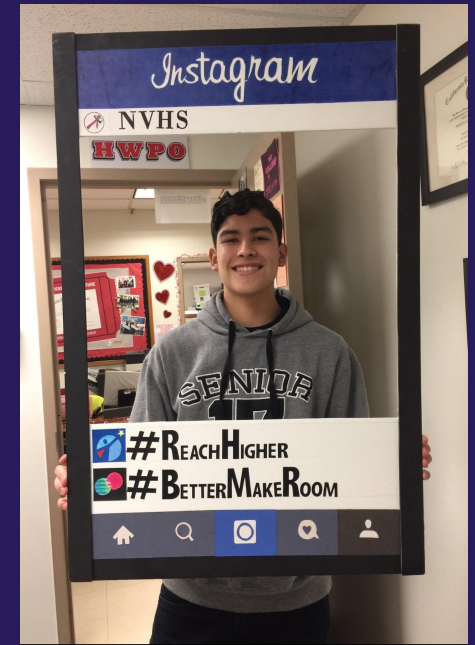
“You are AMAZING” cards!

Getting the word out using Twitter, Remind, and a business card to encourage and celebrate student achievement!



Instagram #ReachHigher #BetterMakeRoom Prop

Incorporated student interest in social media with Instagram #ReachHigher photos when a student commits to more education or training, receives a scholarship or attended the Cash for College Night



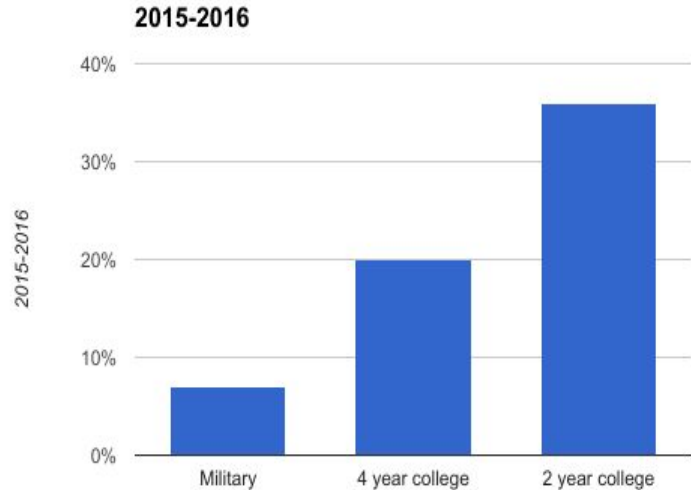
Reach Higher 10 Year Plan Signing Day



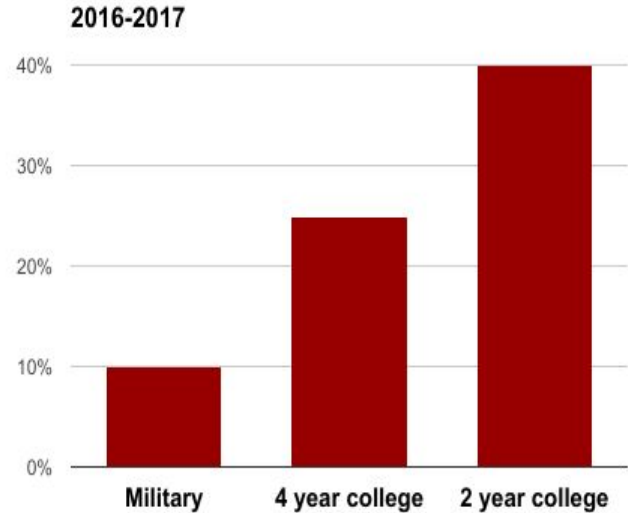
Why did we teach and implement these lessons and activities?

- To decrease dropout rates
- Financial Support for students
- Increases the likelihood that students will pursue post-secondary plans
- Removes financial barriers that prevent students from attending a postsecondary institution
- Helps students in making post-secondary decisions
- Reduce the cycle of poverty

Reach Higher Data



Class of 2016: 61% Reached Higher



Class of 2017: 75% Reaching Higher!

Up Next Text College

NVHS ranked 6th in the nation for most students enrolled in Up Next Text College!

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Resources for starting

NEA Foundation Grants

The NEA Foundation awards grants of up to \$5,000 exclusively to NEA members to enhance teaching and learning:

Student Achievement Grants support initiatives that improve academic achievement.

Learning & Leadership Grants support high-quality professional development.

Application deadlines are: February 1, June 1, and October 15. www.nea.org/grants

Reach Higher Grant

\$500

THANK YOU!

The school counseling program is contributing in a meaningful way to the academic achievement of all students while assisting them to be college/career ready.



Thank you for your support of the school counseling program!

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