

# Vista Verde Middle School

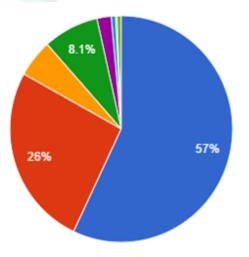
Home of the Cougars



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## Introductions & About VVMS



- Hispanic
  African American
  Asian
  White (not Hispanic)
  Two Races or More
  Native Hawaiin or Pacific Islander
  American Indian or Alaska Native
- Decline to State

- Schools-to-Watch
- National AVID Demo School
- AVID Site of Distinction
- NJHS
- GEAR Up 2012 to 2017



# Level of College-Going Culture (CGC) Implementation

## The "Sophisticated Survey"



4 = We can showcase our school on CGC

**3** = My school has implemented several strong CGC initiatives

2 = We are beginning and have come up with great ideas on CGC

1 = We are talking about it, but don't know where to start

0 = What is CGC?



## Challenges in MS to create a College-Going Culture

- Lack of expertise or Knowledge
  - teachers, counselors, admin, etc.
- No accountability
  - No Grad Rate
  - No FAFSA
  - No SAT
  - No A-G
- No motivation
  - MS do not get any credit





## College Components School-wide at VVMS





- 1. College-Going Culture Committee
- 2. School-wide Action Plan
- 3. Professional Development
- 4. Defined Counselor Roles
- 5. Family Engagement
- 6. Opportunities for ALL & School Spirit
- 7. Public Relations & Communication

College-Going Culture Committee	Family Engagement	
AdminClassifiedTeachersStudentsCounselorsParents	Annual Parent & Student Symposium Family Specialty Nights(ex. STEAM, PIQE) Program Info Nights (AVID, Jr.S, GATE)	
Professional Development	Opportunities for <u>all</u> & School Spirit	
A-G & District Completion FAFSA District Grad Rate SAT Scores CCGI	All programs participate All programs represent a college Thursday T-shirts, <u>College Spotlight</u>	
Defined Counselor Roles	Public Relations & Communication	
Ss, Ps, & Ts College Workshops CCGI Lessons & Monitoring Overall College-Info Communication	PeachJar Student-Led Conferences Tweeter Digital Portfol	
A-G Access for 8th Graders	Cougar News	

National Demons

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## School-Wide College-Going Culture ACTION PLAN at VVMS





Plan Action Going Culture **WMS College** 

Physical Environment and Structure of the School

- College Walls & Culturally Relevant Walls in every classroom
  - Interactive WICOR Posters in EVERY Class
- College Doors in every classroom (in progress)

Instructional Focus School-wide

- SAT, FAFSA, and A-G Mini-Lessons
- CCGI
- College Awareness Assessment (CAA)-3 per year

Raising Awareness School-wide

- CSU/UC STEAM Teams
- Incentives & Games
- Daily College Spotlight in Cougar News
- College-Going Activities (2 weeks and 3 days)
  - Programs that focus on college (ex. College Bound Cougars)



# College-Going Activities 2 weeks 3 days

Modified Schedule Google Classroom





#### **VVMS College Weeks**

#### College Kick-Off (October)

- Football Competition (Kicking or Throwing) in Advisory
- Door Decorating (A-G, or Selected College) in Advisory
- CCGI Lessons during the week
- Daily College Announcements on A-G, FAFSA, & SAT
- "Dress Like A Professional" Day
- <u>1 College Project</u>
  - Storybook or Storyboard
- P-PSAT for 7th & PSAT for 8th

#### March Madness (March)

- 3 on 3 B-Ball Competition in Advisory
- Advisory Competition
  - A-G Poster (last year)
  - College-Going Calendar
- CCGI Lessons
- Daily College Announcements on A-G, FAFSA, & SAT
- 1 College Project
  - o <u>Skits/Plays</u>
  - Poem
  - Song
  - etc.



#### College Days

1st Fri. of Semester 1	1st Fri. of Semester 2	Last Week of school
<ul> <li><u>3 Periods of</u> <u>Social Skills</u></li> <li>2 Periods of College Lessons</li> <li>1 period of Assessments</li> <li><u>CAA</u></li> </ul>	<ul> <li><u>3 Periods of</u> <u>Social Skills</u></li> <li><u>2 Periods of</u> <u>College Lessons</u></li> <li>1 period of <u>Assessments</u></li> <li><u>CAA</u></li> </ul>	<ul> <li><u>8th Graders</u></li> <li>HS Transition Assembly (4 year plan &amp; A-G Focus)</li> <li><u>All Students</u></li> <li>1 period of Assessments</li> <li><u>CAA</u></li> </ul>

The College Awareness Assessment is given 3 times a year!





## Parent Engagement and Community Involvement





















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#### "Working Together"

#### Parent and Student Symposium

For all 5th to 8th Grade Parents & Students

Workshops are in both English and Spanish



Date:

#### Schedule

8:00am **Registration & Breakfast** 

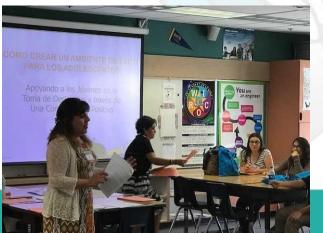
8:30am to 12:00pm Conference & Workshops

12:00pm-Lunch



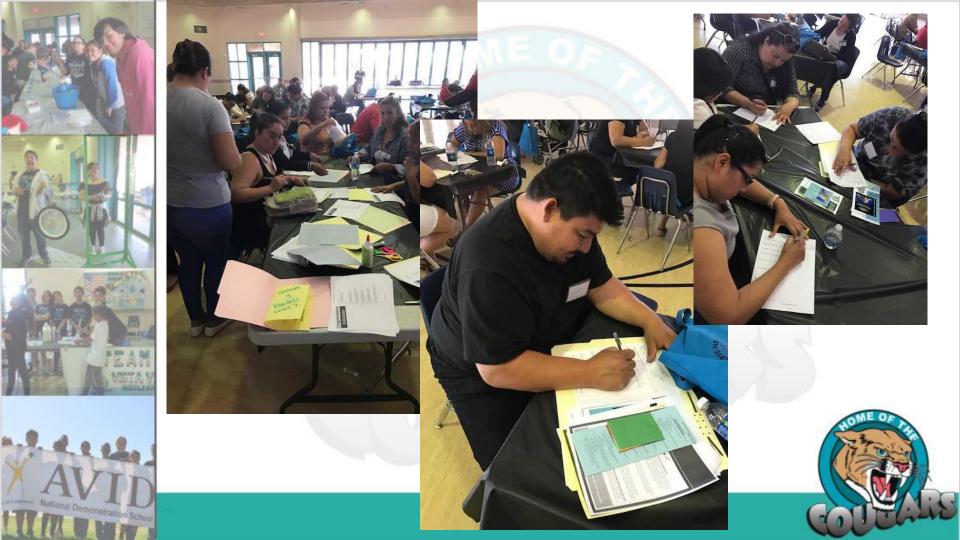


























## Opportunities for ALL and School Spirit















### **Cross-Curricular STEAM PBLs**



















Alternative Learning Spaces







## College Field Trips





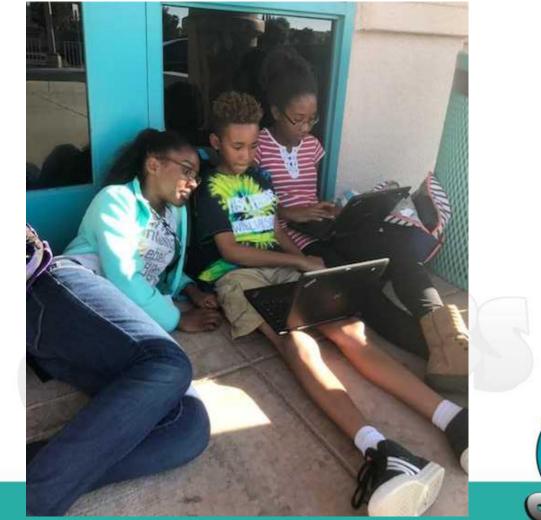






















## **Professional Development**



6h Grade-UC Design loth Grade CSU 75 Mr Grade - UC 100 250 7th Grade KCSU 250 100 1100 Sth Grade US 120 Ø Ø 8th Grade Care 25 0 100 Private Univ. Ø P.E. 0 60 1,20 ELECTIVES

















#### **Student-Led PD**





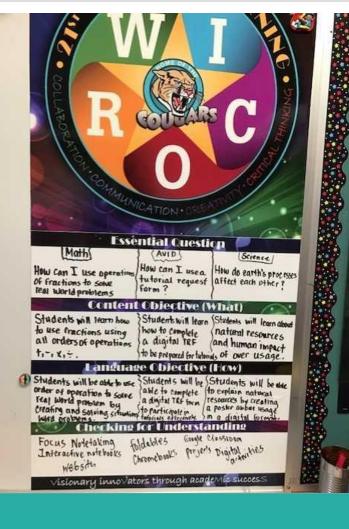




# School-Wide College-Going Culture ACTION PLAN







#### **Physical Environment**





**INTS** 

### College Walls





## **Raising Awareness**













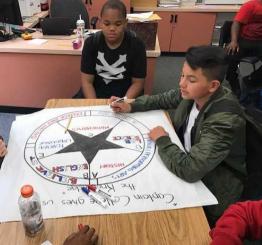






# **A-G Poster Competition**







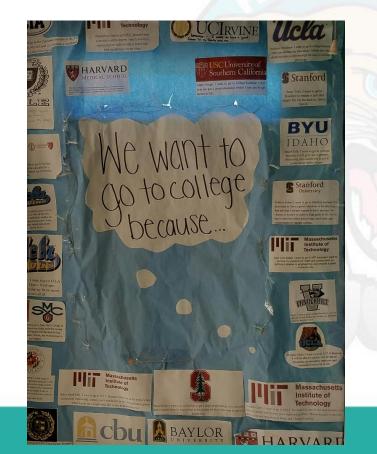






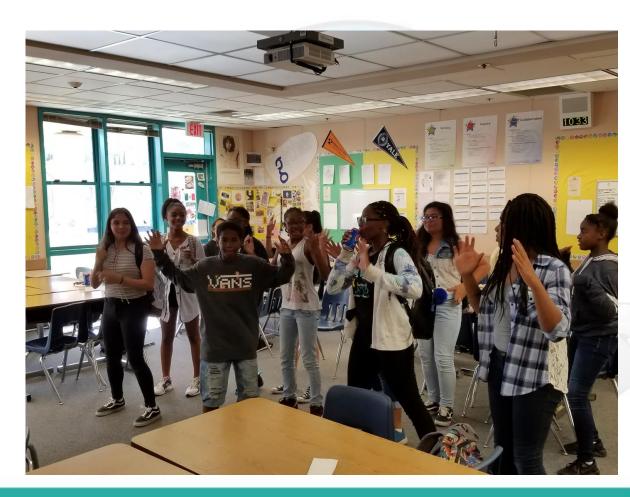


### Door Decorating













# Questions and/or Comments?

