

VBHS's Summer Support for Advanced Classes

1.39- Develop a summer program to support and prepare African American secondary students for advanced courses.

Narrative

On June 8th, 2020, Principal O'Keefe, Assistant Principal David Erickson, and Guidance Counselor Jessica Wood met with Assistant Superintendent Richard Myhre and Executive Director for El. Ed. Kelly Baysura. At that meeting, there was discussion regarding the increasing of minority enrollment in advanced coursework. VBHS's goal is to increase African American enrollment in AP classes, Dual Enrollment classes, and CTE programs, and to support those students towards successful outcomes. Critical to increasing minority enrollment in these programs is the providing of academic support to African American students. With that in mind, and with the constraints placed on schools by the Coronavirus Pandemic, VBHS will be providing an online summer program to prepare African American students for Advanced Courses.

Data

- Prior to the 19-20 testing season, VBHS had fewer than ten African-American students pass an AP Exam. Data from 19-20 is not yet available
- 38 African-American students met the criteria set forth by the State for acceleration in a Dual Enrollment program
- Twenty-four African American students met the criteria set forth by the State for acceleration in a Career and Technical Education program

Action Plan

- Renew school wide access to ALBERT for students, and have incoming 9th grade class updated for access
- Work with core Department Chairs to identify lessons that will help African American students prepare for the work they will see in Science, Social Studies, English and Mathematics.
- Provide detailed instructions for completing assignments in ALBERT to students identified in action step 1.42.