

VBHS Course Failure Monitoring

1.20 Monitor identified students for course failures, concordant scores for ELA and Algebra 1, GPA, and advanced coursework.

Narrative

Vero Beach High School identified all seniors and underclassman with a failing grade during the fourth nine weeks.¹ With three weeks remaining in the school year, VBHS Administration led a charge to examine grading and teaching practices schoolwide.

Data

- As of May 12th, 2020, VBHS had 3,570 failing grades for the fourth quarter
- African American students made up 30% of the total course failings
- As of May 22nd, 2020, VBHS had 2,297 failing grades for the fourth quarter
- African American students made up 27% of the total course failings

Action Plan

VBHS Administration will continue to work with teachers to find creative ways to evaluate student performance during these unprecedented times. Several plans and ideas have already been shared via email, phone conversations, and Microsoft Teams. The Guidance Department at VBHS is continuing to reach out to teachers and students to enroll African American students in Edgenuity in an effort to recover credit for graduation. Administrators, Department Chairs, and Teachers will continue to monitor data and work together as a team to reduce course failures among the African American population.

¹ It should be noted that this was during the Coronavirus Pandemic, and the school had transitioned to distance learning.