Youth Opportunities Unlimited: Creating a Culture of Success

New Lexington High School
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About New Lexington

- New Lexington is located in Perry County in Appalachia Ohio.
- Approximately 1950 students in the school district.
- Approximately 80% Free or Reduced lunch.
- Approximately 30% of NLHS graduates begin attending college after graduation.
- High School graduation rate has been increasing each year by was in high 80% range until the last 2 years.
- High School has had issues in the past with students dropping out of school due to feelings of "no hope" of graduating.

What is Project Y.O.U.?

- Program was created to help:
- increase standardized testing scores
- provide assistance to students for homework
- increase attendance & graduation rates
- increase family engagement
- create a summer camp for our students to experience a college & career ready environment

Financing

- Funded through 21st Century Learning grant.
- Local educational service center hires the employees for the programs.
- Coordinator for both MS & HS programs.
- Lead teacher located at MS.
- Hired licensed teachers, counselors for at-risk students, nurse
- All positions paid through the grant.

Afterschool Homework Help

- Takes place right after school.
- Staffed with HS & MS teachers who assist students with homework, online classes, & enrichment activities.
- Intervention Specialists for students with IEPs.
- Daily "round-up" of assignments, projects, etc. that classes are working on.
- Relaxed setting for students to work on homework & ask questions.
- Not like the regular classroom.

Homework Help

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Alternative School

- Operates from 2:15-5:15 pm.
- Gives students at NLHS who have attendance and/or behavorial issues a different academic setting and an opportunity for success.
- Students complete online classes to earn academic credits.
- Teachers assist students during the classes.
- Students recovered credits to attend vocational schools.
- 2 computer labs with over 20 computers in each lab.
- Students follow the NLHS Student Handbook (with minor adjustments)

Clubs

- Teachers advise Clubs each day.
- Variety of clubs such as fishing, flag football, archery, basketball, cooking, movie club, fitness club, game club
- Clubs interests came from student surveys.
- Students who participated in clubs were both in the afterschool program and alternative school.

Clubs

Benefits of the programs

- Increase in OAA scores at the MS level.
- Increase in student engagement in the classroom.
- Increase in teacher communication with students.
- Increase in parental involvement in student classwork.
- Teacher - student relationships are established.
- Students earned credits to graduate while maintaining full time jobs during the day.

Project Y.O.U. Summer Program

Summer Program

- Established a summer school & summer college & career ready program.
- Partnered with Hocking College in order to offer students the opportunity to take advantage of learning more about college.

Summer School

- Looks a great like Alternative School.
- Students attend class in the morning.
- Teachers facilitate online classes.
- Students earn advanced credits and/or credit recovery classes.
- Students participate in Clubs.

Summer Camp Programs

- Wanted to create a summer program where students would travel to different places and see what different careers & colleges can offer.
- Teachers from New Lexington & instructors from Hocking College would host activities for students.

Summer Destinations

- Students visited different places to learn how STEM plays a big role in their everyday lives.
- Students visited places such as COSI & Kings Island.

COSI & Kings Island

Activities in the High School

- Surveyed students to see what they would be interested in during summer.
- Students had some different activities that helped them with real-world applications.
- There were classes based on need for our students like babysitting, sewing, & cooking.

Clubs for Real-Life Applications

College Trips

- Students visited Hocking College Perry Campus for different activities such as Heavy Equipment.
- Students were also able to take a college visit to Hocking College, Main Campus and experience different topics covered in classes, everything Hocking has to offer in their rec center, and dorm life.

College Visit

Heavy Equipment & GPS Training

Hocking College

- Working with Hocking College and their staff was definitely a plus.
- Easy to work with and wanting to help our students to experience what college has to offer.
- Multiple meetings and correspondance via email to schedule and plan the program.

Family Interaction

- Another goal of Project Y.O.U. is to increase family engagement.
- We were able to do this by taking trips and inviting parents into the school buildings for different activities, like Thanksgiving Dinner.

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Project Y.O.U. - Embedded in our Culture

- Great program that continues to grow.
- Gives students opportunities to experience life.
- Allows parents to see what is out there and that the school is doing what it can to help students.