

Murray High School Charter School Report for 2008-09

Staffing, Budget, and Enrollment:

Our staffing at Murray for 2008-09 was 10.83 instructional staff (plus 1.0 FTE for ISAEP) and 1.67 FTE for special education. The building budget for Murray HS for 2008-09 was \$72,348 plus \$8,000.00 for intervention services. The ten-day enrollment for 2008-09 was 105 students. In addition, we added seven students second semester.

School Improvement Plan for 2008-09

Our School Improvement Goals for 2008-009 and our progress in meeting the goals are included below:

SIP Goal 1: We will reach or maintain a 95% SOL pass rate or higher in all subject areas for all students.

Our SOL pass rates for 2008-09 were:

English--97% Math--95% Science--97% Social Studies--92%.

SIP Goal 2: We will improve student attendance to at least a 95% attendance rate.

Our attendance declined from 93% the previous year to 91% in 2008-09. This goal remains an SIP goal for 2009-10.

SIP Goal 3: We will provide additional rigor in our courses to challenge and engage our students. Teachers developed orbitals to accompany selected units to increase rigor and provide more student choice. Teachers shared FQL units, associated orbitals, and student work in PLC/faculty meetings.

SIP Goal 4: We will strengthen our school community through 1) a celebration of our twenty-year history and 2) Community Connections projects.

On December 18, Murray High hosted a 20th Year Celebration at the school. Graduates and staff from Murray's past returned to celebrate the school and to reconnect with each other. Graduates traveled from as far away as Canada to attend, and representatives from every graduating class were present.

Community Connections projects included Murray students mentoring and working with students from the Community Charter School, Murray students making presentations in classes for pre-service teachers at JMU and UVA, and Murray students and staff travelling to Ireland to lead workshops at two international conferences.

Murray Graduates

Thirty-seven seniors graduated in 2009. From the Class of 2009, approximately 70% were planning to go to college with the other 30% planning on other postsecondary education, travel, military service, and/or work. Recent Murray graduates are attending colleges and universities including VCU, UVA, JMU, PVCC, George Mason, ODU, East Carolina, Guilford College, VA Tech, and MIT. The Murray on-time graduation rate for 2008-09 was 88.6 which exceeded the state average of 83.2.