



Philomath District Special Education Newsletter

Benton County School District 17J, 535 S. 19th, Philomath OR 97370
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Dear Parents,

As you read this month's newsletter, you will see we have even more reason to be proud of our students. Philomath is also proud to have an outstanding group of education specialists who provide specially design instruction for our exceptional students, as well as general education teachers who apply individual accommodations to promote success for *all students* in their regular education classrooms. Hard work on both sides is clearly reflected in our data.

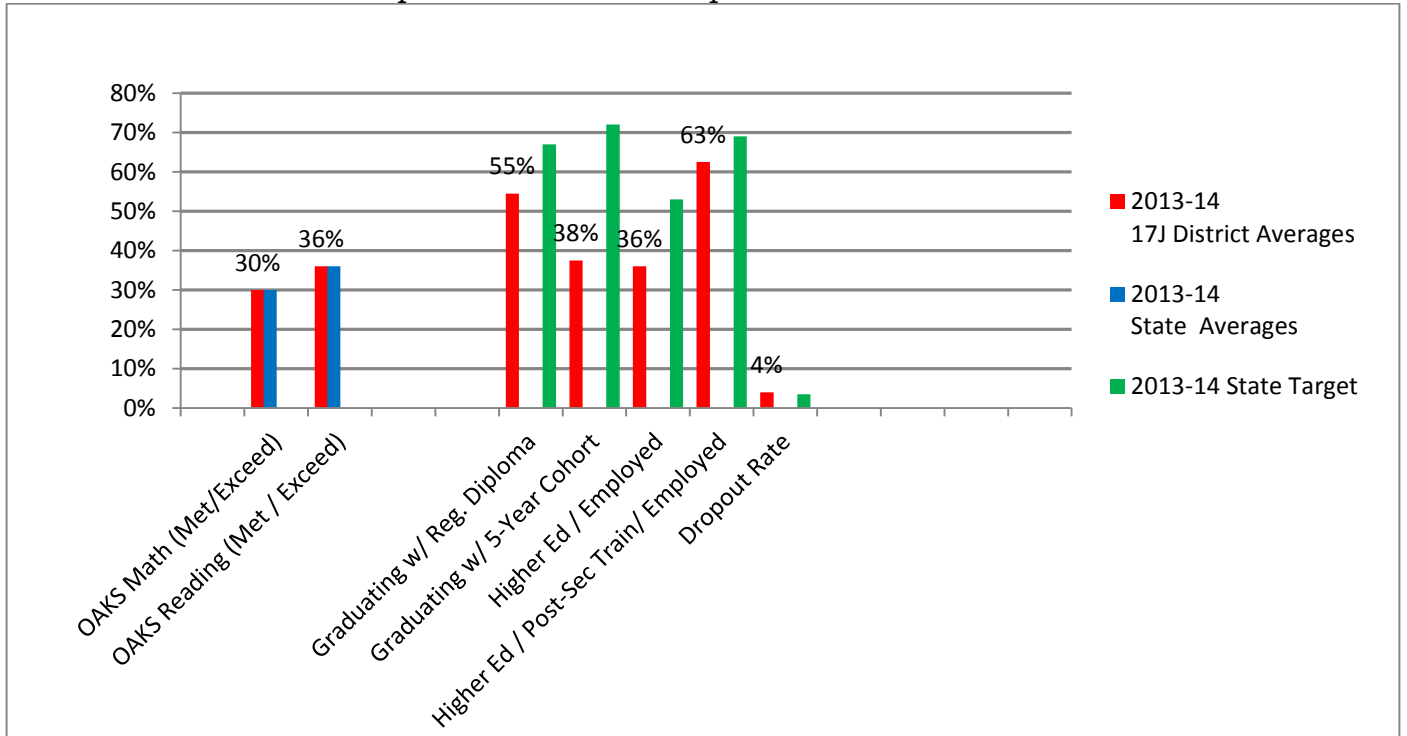
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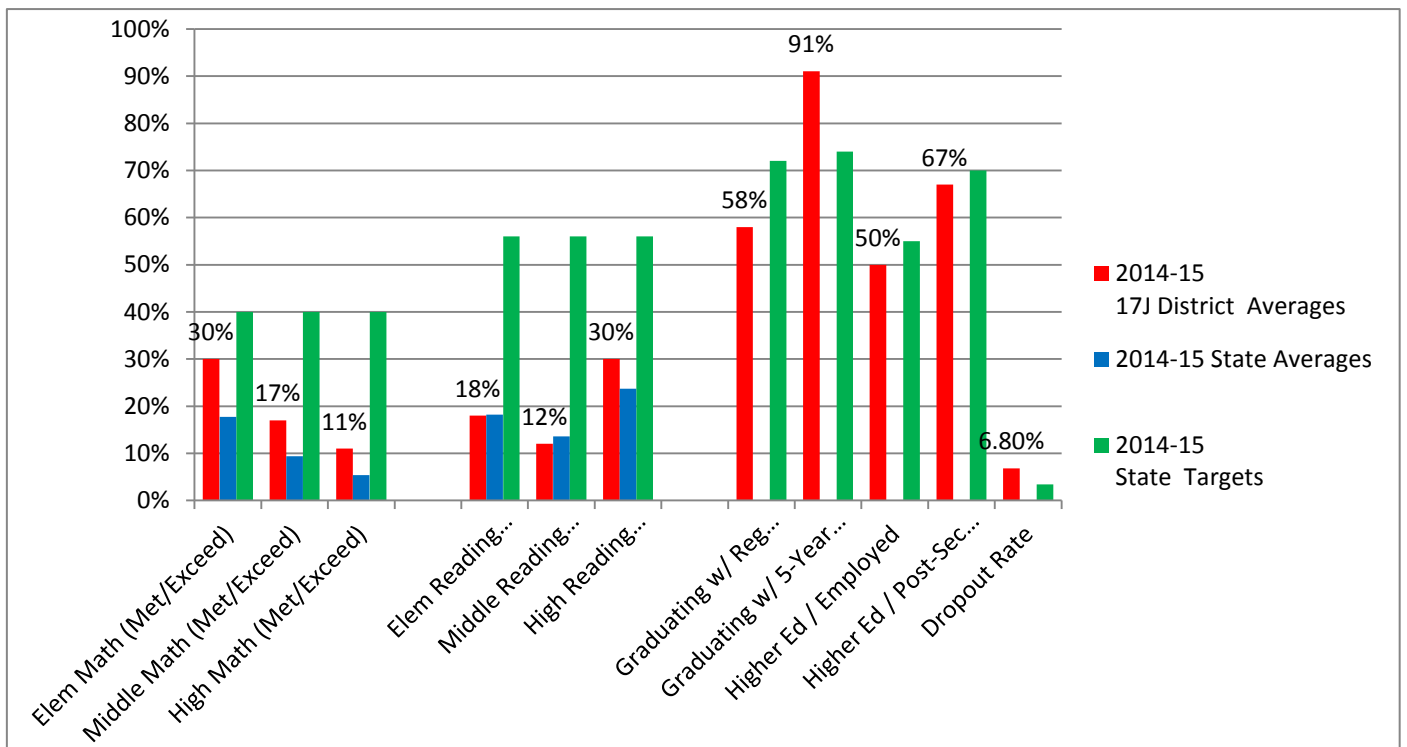
Within this month's newsletter you will find a link to the 2014-2015 Philomath District Special Education Report Card from the Oregon Department of Education. I am also including two graphs illustrating how our students compared to the Oregon performance averages in 2013-14 and the state performance targets in 2014-15. The two graphs appear different because the first reflects achievement on the OAKS statewide assessment, and the second reflects achievement on our first year of the new Smarter Balanced Assessment. Following the graphs is a short data summary of comparative achievement.

17J Special Education Achievement: 2-Year Comparison

2013-2014 Special Education Report Card: OAKS Assessment



2014-2015 Special Education Report Card: Smarter Balanced Assessment



17J Special Education Achievement Summary:

- The 2013-14 Special Education Report Card did not disaggregate achievement scores by Elementary, Middle, and High as in the current 2014-15 report.
- Two years ago our Special Education students achieved scores equal to the state average in both math and reading. Last year, in our initial Smarter Balanced Assessment, 17J students exceeded the state average in both math and reading in nearly every level.
- 17J students still have great opportunity for growth to meet state targets in math and reading.
- 2014-15 post-high school outcomes were near or above state targets, and our district achievement significantly improved over a single year.
- Paradoxically, the Special Education dropout rate rose by nearly 3% across the same year.

Post-High School Outcomes

	Graduated with Regular Diploma	Graduated with 5-Year Cohort	Higher Ed or Competitively Employed	Higher Ed, Competitively or Other Employed, or Post-Secondary Training
2013-14	55%	38%	36%	63%
2014-15	58%	91%	50%	67%

Click on the link below to view the 2014-15 State Report Card for our district:

[Philomath Special Education Report Card English](#)

[Philomath Special Education Report Card Spanish](#)

SUMMER CAMPS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS YOUTH

Camp Scholarships are available!

Contact the camps directly for scholarship application information.

Also, contact your DD Services caseworker about possible K Plan Funds.

NOTE: County Parks & Recreation Departments offer affordable, non-therapeutic summer camp options. They must provide accommodations at **NO EXTRA COST**. Most require at least 2 weeks advance notice. Contact your local Parks & Rec Dept for details.

City of Corvallis Parks & Recreation

1310 SW Avery Park Drive
Corvallis, Oregon 97333
Phone: 541-766-6918
parks.recreation@corvallisoregon.gov

City of Albany Parks & Recreation

333 Broadalbin Street SW
Albany, Oregon 97321
Phone: 541-917-7777
Fax: 541-917-7776
linda.booth@cityofalbany.net
debbie.little@cityofalbany.net

SPECIAL NEEDS CAMPS IN OUR REGION

CORVALLIS:

Old Mill Center

1650 SW 45th Place
Corvallis, OR 97333
541-757-8068
Therapeutic Summer Camp Program

FALLS CITY:

Camp Odakoda

Misti Moxley
Falls City, OR
503-320-3103
Email: misti@asdoregon.org
Website: www.asdoregon.org
Overnight camp (4 nights) for 10-15 year olds with HFA or Aspergers.

FLORENCE:

Kindtree Retreat / Autism Rocks

Florence, OR (near Eugene)
Website: www.kindtree.org/retreat
Held in late August yearly from Friday-Sunday. The whole family is welcome. All ages - children through adult. The retreat is designed around the needs of those living with autism to make a safe and nurturing environment.

FOSTER / SWEET HOME

CAMP ATTITUDE

PO Box 207
45829 S Sanitam Hwy
Foster, OR 97345
541-367-3420
Email: campinfo@campattitude.com
Website: www.campattitude.com
Eight 1-week overnight camps for campers with a physical or developmental disability and their families. All ages welcome. "Dedicated to providing a unique Christian camping experience for families in the disability community."

LINCOLN CITY:

B'nail B'rith Summer Camp

Ben Charlton
503-452-3443

Website: wwwbbcamp.org/kehila

A one-week residential program. "Kehila provides children with special needs the opportunity to experience Jewish camping, find meaning in Jewish life, and make connections with other children. In a full inclusion model, Kehila campers will have a chance to participate in all that BB Camp has to offer.

SALEM:

Arc of Marion County

PO Box 12474
Salem, OR 97309

Website: www.thearcmarion.org/programs/summer-day-camp/

Summer day camp for girls & boys, ages 12- 16, with developmental disabilities. Campers go out into the community and to learn and experience things with their peers.