

Valley Alternative Learning and Transitioning School

ESU #13 Scottsbluff

ESU #13 - Harms Advanced Technology Center (HATC)



The beginning.....

In 1997, Scottsbluff, Gering and Mitchell recognized a need for an alternative school in the valley. After a year of planning, VALTS was established and was housed at the Carpenter Center in Gering.

VALTS expansion

VALTS has grown from the original three districts to nine. Bridgeport, Kimball, Bayard, Minatare, Banner County and Morrill all purchase spots for students at VALTS.

Goals

- Provide alternative ways for students to achieve high school graduation resulting in increased graduation rates
- Increase career/vocational exploration
- Increase student productive behavior
- Increase student recognition of relevancy between education and employment

Requirements

- Students must meet their home districts graduation requirements. Students are then eligible to graduate with their peers from their home district.
- Students are still required to take state assessments.

Target Population

- Students at risk of dropping out and/or not meeting cohort graduation date
- Students whose educational success is, in part, dependent on non-academic support, i.e., flex scheduling, counseling, child care, work, etc
- Students wanting a second chance to complete their education

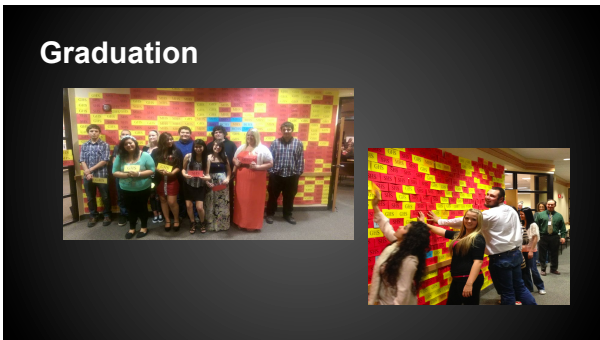
Philosophy

- **Build Relationships!!!!!!**
- Most of these kids will never leave our community. Make their last experience in school positive.....They will be sending their own kids in the near future!

Philosophy

- In the last 2 years we have not suspended a student. Students have been sent home .
- No ISS
- We try to make graduation at VALTS memorable.
- Expose kids to as many different things as possible.

Once they buy into what we are cooking they feast.

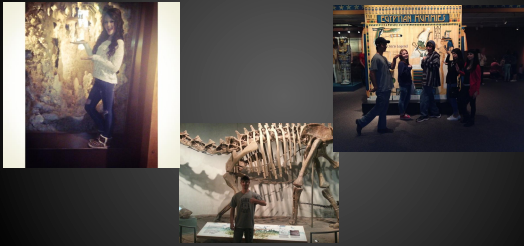


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Total VALTS Graduates									
2015-2016									
2014-2015	6	12	2	2	0	0	0	4	2
2013-2014	8	11	2	1	0	1	0	3	0
2012-2013	19	7	3	1	0	1	0	0	1
2011-2012	8	7	5	0	0	0			
2010-2011	13	5	3	1	1	0			
2009-2010	13	11	0	1	1	0			
2008-2009	17	9	0	1	0	0			
2007-2008	17	8	2	0	2	1			
2006-2007	12	7	0	1	0	0			
2005-2006	18	9	4	0	0				
2004-2005	22	10	2	0	0				
2003-2004	28	9	4	0	0				
2002-2003	28	12	5	0	0				
2001-2002	21	14	5	0	0				
2000-2001	14	14	1	0	0				
1999-2000	21	6	6	0	0				
1998-1999	23	10	2	0	0				
1997-1998	15	8	2	0	0				
Total	303	173	48	8	4	3	0	4	2
Total VALTS Graduates									545

Exploratory Fridays

- Portfolio Development
- Occupational Safety and Health
- Manufacturing
- CPR Certification
- Small Business Ownership
- Allied Health Careers
- Alternative Energy
- Trucking
- Interviewing Skills - City of Scottsbluff
- Visit to the Waste Water Plant
- State Patrol - Internet Safety
- Veterans Home Visits

Denver Museum of Nature and Science



Space – Thematic Unit 3rd Quarter

Space Projects

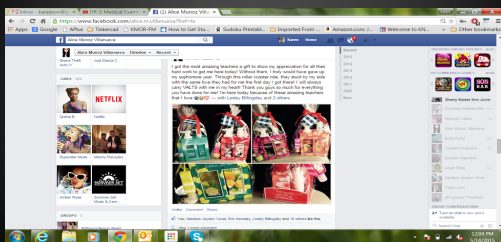


Quarterly Newsletter/Facebook

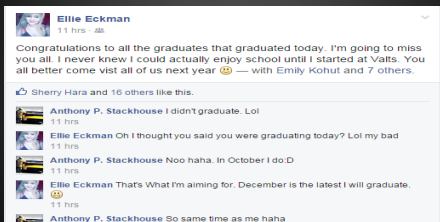
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What do the kids say...



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What parents say.....

I am Kyle's mom. I understand there was an issue yesterday with Kyle and his math teacher. I was wondering if you could provide me with some feedback and let me know if the issue is resolved. Kyle seems very happy with schooling right now so I was taken back a little by his interaction. This is the first time in two years I have heard anything about his classes from him, he is learning and sharing outside of school. I feel this was a good move for him.

What is on tap for this year?

"Forensics" – 1st quarter

- Charlie Starkweather
- Death Penalty
- Weekly labs and discussion with the Nebraska State Patrol
 - Finger printing, blood splatter, etc.

Thank you!