

Nauset Regional High School

Mission Statement

Our goal, in partnership with its member communities, strives to develop responsible and educated citizens by providing an environment that expects and encourages respect for each other and the community.

We uphold rigorous academic standards through a variety of teaching and learning strategies so that all students may acquire the skills, the knowledge, and the work ethic to become contributing members of an evolving society. We provide diverse extra and co-curricular activities to complement the academics, creating a rich variety of valued and supported offerings.

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2013-2014 Budget Overview

Accomplishments in 2011-2012

- U.S. News & World Report America's Best High School 2012
- College Board Advance Placement (AP) Achievement Award
- Highest MCAS scores on the Cape. One of the top performing high schools in the state of Massachusetts
- Honors Chorus performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City
- A large school garden was created on the land where the portables once stood. Community, student and staff work have harvested vegetables to be used in Culinary Arts and the Cafeteria Lunch Program
- Established the Virtual High School (VHS) and Education 2020. These programs provide online courses not available at our high school.
- Participant in Educatius International. It provides tuition students with high quality programs at NRHS. These are highly motivated students from foreign countries.
- All American Wrestler, All American Swimmer

Goal for 2013-2014

- Plan for and implement a four year Advisory Program. This program needs to be in place for the upcoming New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- Move from the Intent to Apply for the International Baccalaureate Program to a full application
- Expand the Educatius International Student Exchange Program
- Curricular development on the Atlas Online Curriculum system
- Expand and utilize academic data to improve student learning

Priorities

- Continue the building improvements beyond new windows and new roofs
- Prepare the campus for a wireless campus. Develop a plan for a personal technology device in the hands of each of our students and staff
- Find the funding sources to maintain the existing educational programs and new programs that are planned
- Pre-planning for the NEASC reaccreditation visit in 2016
- Complete the variety of Capital Improvement Projects

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Goals for 2013-2014

Advisor/Advisee Program Budget (2013-2014)

I hope to expand the current Advisor Program to include the freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors next year. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges has for the fourth time requested a special progress report on our failure to move forward on a plan for a four year Advisor Program. Developing a four year program will demonstrate our commitment to the NEASC requirement over the next few years. Failure to follow through on this initiative could have some adverse findings from the Association.

Financial Literacy Class Requirement

The complexity of the financial world leaves a great challenge for our students' future. I envision a nine week finance course that will cover interest rates, borrowing money, investments, expenses, etc. This proposed requirement will replace the current Technology Lab in the sophomore program. I envision a 20% position hopefully staffed by a financial planner. The cost would be offset by a reduction of 20% in our current staffing.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math Academy (STEAM)

The academy will be designed as a project based, hands on learning experience. Proposed projects will include robotics, environmental problems, and designing an engineering project. Each student or student team will research a real world problem and develop/invest/engineer a solution. Student work could be presented at regional/national competitions.

Wireless Campus Capital Budget 2013-2014

If we want our students to succeed in the 21st century, then we must truly provide them the tools to do so. The classroom of the future will be a virtual world where students are active learners. Instruction is research driven and students are engaged. Portability of technology and being able to use the technology anytime anywhere helps improve efficiency and effectiveness in teaching and learning.

International Baccalaureate (International Student Tuition Program)

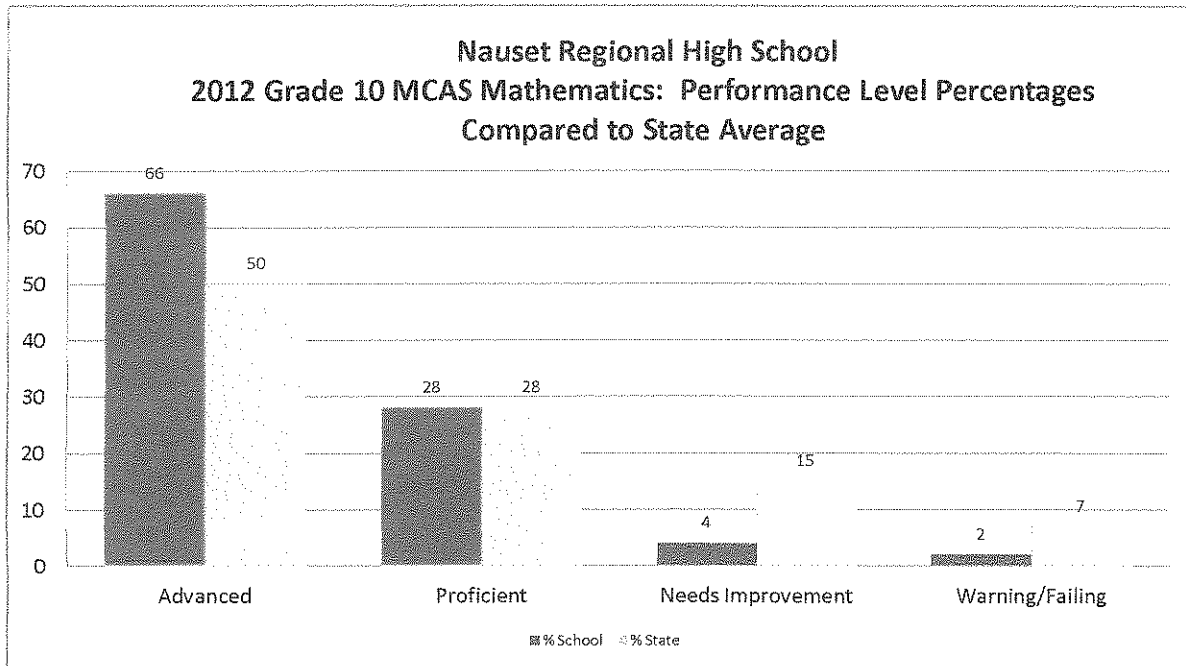
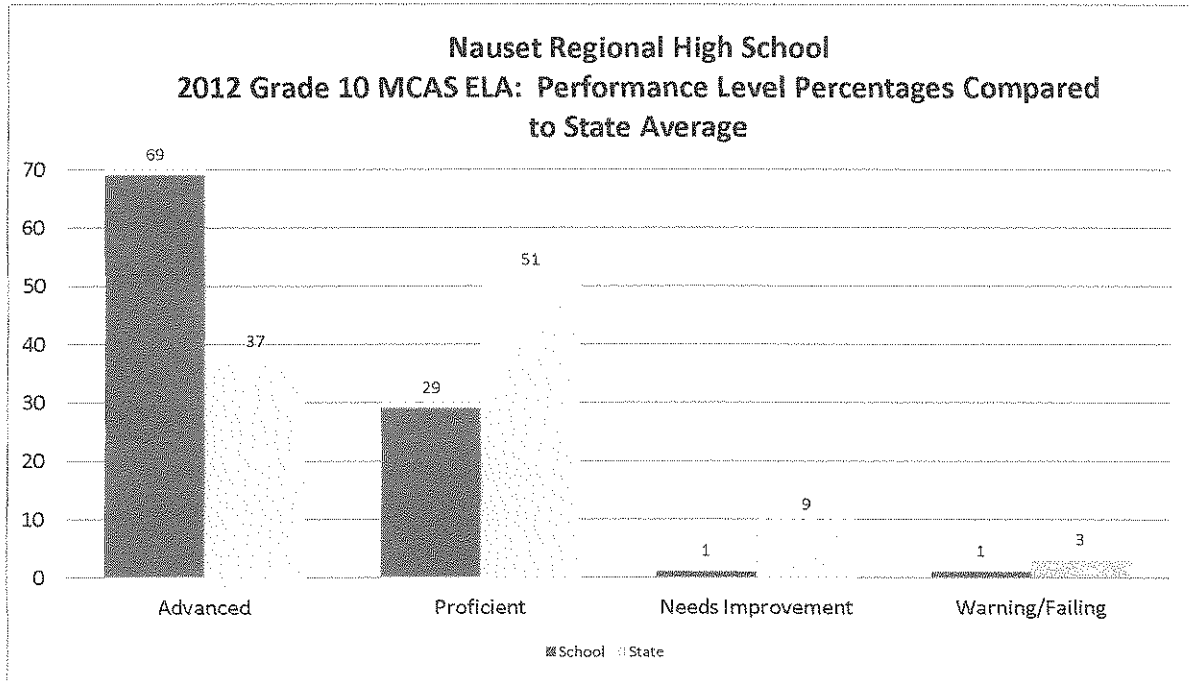
We currently have a well respected Advanced Placement Program. AP can have a very demanding in depth exposure to content. Nauset currently has 18 AP courses, with students taking at least one Advanced Placement class. IB focuses less on content but goes much deeper into the "why" and "how" of the subject. The IB Program gives students skills in problem-solving and critical thinking.

A team of Nauset educators has visited Sturgis High School to observe their IB Program. We have moved forward with an in-depth study of the program's requirements and course work. Professional development opportunities will have to be developed to train teachers in this new approach to teaching. We have filed a letter of intent to apply.

In the future, students would be able to choose between the Advance Placement Program or the International Baccalaureate Program. Depending upon the student learning style, this should match them up well.

2012 MCAS Scores: Nauset Regional High School Level of Performance

In 2012, Nauset Regional High School earned a Composite Performance Index (CPI) of 99.6 in ELA for all students and 98.6 for students in the High Needs group. The CPI for all students rose by 1.5 percentage points to 97.7 in math and by .9 percentage points in science for all students. These scores result in "Above Target" ratings. Nauset Regional High School also achieved a Cumulative Progress and Performance Index of 89 for all students and 83 in the High Needs category. These scores exceeded the required target of 75, resulting in Nauset Regional High School earning a Level 1 performance rating. In addition, Nauset Regional High School received extra credit points in ELA, science, and math for increasing the percentage of students scoring Advanced by 10% or decreasing the percentage of students scoring Warning/Failing by 10%. Student Growth Percentages are "On or Above Target" in science, math and ELA as well. The school's overall performance relative to other schools in the same grade span falls in the 87th percentile. Compared to 348 similar schools, we rank 33rd in 10th grade science, 51st in ELA and 44th in math. Our staff will engage in data analysis and dialogue to plan and implement strategies to address areas requiring growth. Our long-standing commitment to advancing education ensures a continued focus on student success and achievement.



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2012 Grade 10 MCAS STE: Performance Level Percentages Compared
to State Average

