

**Nauset Regional High School**  
**Goals for 2014-2015**

**Expansion of Technology Course Offerings**

We have fallen behind with current technology needs of our students. We want to develop coursework in computer programming, development of computer applications, advanced graphic arts, and computer repair. These additions will dovetail with more advanced coursework in a number of current computer courses.

**International Baccalaureate**

We currently have a well respected Advanced Placement Program. AP courses have a very demanding in-depth exposure to content. Nauset currently has 18 AP courses, with many 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 and the International Baccalaureate Program. Depending upon the student learning style, this should match them up well.

**Educatus International Program**

We will be entering our third year of recruiting foreign students to our high school. In the first two years, we will have hosted seven students in year one and eleven in the current year. I hope the expansion will reach fifteen students in 2014-2015. The integration of foreign students into our student body is so important from a global perspective. The additional revenue helps with the high school’s overall budget.

**Expand After School Programs**

Students travel from Sandwich to Provincetown to attend Nauset Regional High School. A large number of students must catch their school bus back home after school. To assist students who have fallen behind we must find alternative ways to provide this support.

## **Technology**

Refer to the region's technology plan for more information

## **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.