

EL Students Graduating High School with an Associate's Degree



East Allen County Schools are Making it Happen!



WE ARE East Allen County Schools located in Northeastern Indiana in Allen County east of Fort Wayne, IN serving approximately 9,400 students in rural, urban, and suburban school settings.

OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES come from varying backgrounds, socioeconomic status, and ethnic groups with a 50% Free/Reduced lunch status in EACS. Demographics for EACS students are as follows: White (65.2%), Black (13.5%), Asian (8.4%), Hispanic (7.9%), and Multi-racial (4.9%).

OUR TEACHERS at East Allen County Schools (585 teachers) have all participated in extensive training in data disaggregation and use of data to inform instruction. Each school utilizes a War Room that includes student, grade, department, and school level data to inform instructional decision making on a weekly basis.

IN OUR OWN WORDS

"The environment at EAU lends itself to the benefit of our EL students who get regular one-on-one time with our staff, but also with our master qualified Vincennes University tutors." –Nichole Decker, ELA Teacher at EAU

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE

The partnership between East Allen County Schools and Vincennes University will allow students to achieve a minimum of a Core 40 diploma and will give students an opportunity to earn an associate's degree while still in high school. The core principles of EAU will revolve around relationships, relevance and rigor. This includes building relationships between students, parents, and staff; teaching a rigorous curriculum where students will earn up to 60 transferable college credits; be exposed to skills and careers of the 21st century; provide job-embedded professional development for all staff with continuous monitoring of our process as an early college academy.

OUR STEPS

The first graduating class of 77 students from EAU in the spring of 2016 included 9 EL students (11.6%). All 9 EL students graduated with his/her high school diploma with 7 of them also earning their Associates degree. Each class of students thereafter has the same or higher percentage of EL students enrolled and participating in East Allen University. With the use of the War Room data, EAU is able to track students' grades, credits, and achievement testing data starting their freshman year in order to ensure success!