

Additional Questions Submitted from December 4, 2015 BVPAGE Meeting

1. Where is the information about the videos that parents can watch about college readiness?

The 4+4 College & Career Readiness Video Series can be found at this website: <https://district.bluevalleyk12.org/ParentsAndStudents/Pages/CollegeCareerReadiness.aspx>. Also, parents can simply type, "college and career readiness" into the search window on the district's website, and the page is listed as the first option. Finally, counselors will email the link to this site to parents when they want families to be sure to review specific videos.

4. Does College Now create a college transcript? (I think the answer to this is yes, but transcript comes from JCCC or Baker depending on who you do CN through – is that right?)

When students complete courses for which they are concurrently enrolled in a college course (JCCC, Baker), they will begin building a college transcript with the respective college. Counselors can explain more about this aspect of taking high school courses that have the potential to earn college credit.

5. Do we have to submit AP scores when applying for college? (I think the answer is no but since I haven't done this I didn't know the specifics of NOT submitting an AP score)

It depends. Most often, students want to submit their AP scores; however, the testing companies provide different options for sending scores to schools. This page on the College Board website (<https://apscore.collegeboard.org/scores/score-reporting>) explains AP scores and how the College Board handles student scores and the options for sending scores to colleges. Remember that it is always up to the individual colleges whether they will award credit for the AP tests/scores.

9. How do parents advocate academic competitions like Science Olympiad & math counts at school? (My answer is to get involved, connect with sponsor and offer help organizing, registering, or anything they need. Let them know your kid is interested and willing to join.) Anything else to add? Who would you recommend they talk to if their school doesn't have one of these teams?

In high school, most student competitions/teams are part of the department that connects to the specific competition. For example, a math competition would likely be advertised by the teachers in the math department. Teachers frequently sponsor these activities as part of a supplemental contract (a coaching/sponsorship contract). It ultimately depends on the school and the interest level of the faculty to engage in these options. Parents can share their interest in specific competitions being offered by the school with the assistant principal for activities, but teacher interest in sponsoring the activities is needed. Depending on the activity, parent sponsorship could be an option.

12. What are the advanced technologies being implemented at BV schools? (OK, huh? Broad question – I can give basics as some classes use ipads, digital bridge, access to online assignments, grades, blogs, virtual ed classes, uh....jump in here anytime!—I wouldn't recommend trying to detail technology you've seen in the schools your kids go to because there is so much flexibility in the technology each building chooses to purchase.)

There are a wide variety of advanced technologies embedded in Blue Valley Schools and integrated into classroom instruction. The district provides standard technologies for all schools (i.e. computers, projectors, Smart Boards, and other tools.), but schools can also spend some of the building's budget on technology tools, so the principal is most knowledgeable about the technology available in a specific school