

Danvers High School
Mid-Year Accomplishments
January, 2017

Our school council advisory met for the first time during the 2016-2017 to organize on October 17, 2016. The council reviewed the goals for the year, as established by the prior school council.

Goal 1: DHS staff and students will successfully prepare for an undergo a NEASC decennial evaluation visit in March, 2017. The resulting report will identify a greater percentage of commendations and few recommendations.

Goal 1 was written to focus on our upcoming (March 12-15) New England Association of Schools and College (NEASC) visit. The faculty has spent the entire fall and every professional development full and early release day in preparation for this capstone visit. Every faculty member has participated in one of 7 subcommittees labeled as follows:

- Core Values, Beliefs and Expectations
- Curriculum
- Instruction
- Assessment of and for Student Learning
- School Culture and Leadership
- School Resources for Learning
- Community Resources for Learning

Each subcommittee has written a report (self study) of their particular standard. A $\frac{2}{3}$ majority is needed from the entire faculty to approve each standard subcommittee's report. As of 1/31/17, all reports have been written, edited and approved to present to the visiting committee.

Logistical preparation for the 16 member visit is ongoing and underway.

Goal 2: DHS students and staff will fully implement the 1-1 Chromebook initiative at all levels and across all disciplines with 50% of the courses initially using Google classroom as their learning management system.

Goal 2 has been mostly completed. DHS provided access to Chromebooks for teachers as well as necessary professional development during the summer of 2016. Numerous emails and communiques were sent to parents to inform them of the 1-1 initiative. Digital writing experiences have, with varying degrees of implementation, been assigned to students. A student HELP DESK is up and functioning.

Goal 3: DHS administration will successfully mentor and evaluate and acclimate 100% of the newly hired teachers and administrators for the 16-17 school year, DHS welcomed 11 new staff members.

All new staff members have participated in New Teacher Orientation. We have had informal, ongoing (but not weekly) meetings. All were evaluated by 11/1. New staff members continue to participate in Off to a Great Start. As above, every new professional staff member served on an NEASC standards committee.