

# Valley High School Land Trust Plan 2014-2015

**Goal #1 – Valley High is an alternative high school whose focus is on drop out prevention. Our main goal for our School Improvement Plan this year is to increase the amount of classes students pass which represents credit earned towards their diploma.**

**Measurement** – The Professional Learning Community here at Valley High is tracking the amount of students who pass classes, fail classes, or earn a NC or no credit in any class due to lack of attendance.

**Action Plan** - We are working as a faculty on increased student engagement and positive student /teacher relationships to help achieve our goal of increasing student learning and thus students earning credit in their classes. Activities that may need funding to support this action plan include:

- Tuition or admission to conferences /workshops for teachers to increase their skills.
- PLC support through conferences, books, DVDs, or other materials.
- Training for our teachers to better incorporate technology into their classrooms.
- Outreach aides for special education students to assist with the increased remediation those students require.
- To pay hours in the summer for an outreach aide to contact students who may have dropped out to invite them back into the school system. Their parents are also contacted when possible.
- To pay teachers at the in-service rate to develop a study skills curriculum to use with our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**Goal #2 - Our second goal is to increase the number of graduates this year. One way to do that is to offer quality credit recovery options for students to earn additional credits while they are also a full time student with us.**

**Measurement** – We will track the amount of recovery credits earned and compare that to last year

**Action Plan** – We are working as a faculty and within our departments to achieve our goal by first vetting all credit recovery packets through an outside committee of educators. This committee uses a rubric that was developed to assure alignment with the new Utah Core Standards in each subject, quality, rigor and also copyright licensing with all the packets students are using to recover credit while with Valley High. Activities that may need funding to support this action plan include:

- Department time to revise all packets to ensure equal rigor and to have the learning aligned to new Utah Core Standards
- Increase the program of Friday Field Trip Packets. This program allows students to participate in pre-reading activities, participate in a quality field experience on a Friday when school is not held, and then follow up with writing assignments about the trip.

Costs of the Friday Field Trip Program may include busing, Trax passes or wristbands, entrance/admission fees for students, snacks needed for some activities, and lunch for students on a few select field trips.

**Goal #3 - Our third goal is to expand our student's ability to give back to their community through our Service Learning Program.**

**Measurement** – We will track the amount of hours students donate each quarter earned and compare that to last year

**Action Plan:** The Service Learning Program allows students to give of their time on Fridays when regular school is not scheduled. Our three counselor's co-ordinate the Service Learning program at Valley High. Students are involved in guidance lessons about global citizenship and college and career readiness. The service projects vary each year but usually include, donating time to the Utah Food Bank, making scarfs for the needy, sewing and stuffing small toys into Christmas Stockings for the children at the Midvale Boys and Girls Club, cleaning up the Jordan River Trail, writing notes to veterans and soldiers deployed overseas, donating time to the Humanitarian Center, buying and compiling hygiene kits for the Homeless Youth Resource Center, and pen pals activities with children from Africa. Activities that may need funding to support this action plan include:

- Purchase consumable supplies for projects, yarn, felt, fleece, craft items, small toys, socks, mittens, note cards, paper, ribbon, beads, paint, shirts, shampoo, soap, tooth brushes, toothpaste, bulk trash bags, etc.
- Purchase durable goods to be used each year: looms, cutting boards, scissors, sewing machines, hand spades, rakes, gloves, shovels, etc.