ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL

2011-12
TONIGHT’S PRESENTATION

Academics
- English
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Academic Enrichment
- Sports Medicine
- Technology

Student Life
- College and Career Center

Community
- Parent and Staff Newsletters
- PTSA/SSC
ELA: INQUIRY BY DESIGN

- 9th grade English classes
- Critical Thinking
- Socratic Discussion
- Rigorous Writing
Curriculum created in collaboration with high school ELA teachers and CSU Professors to prepare 12th grade students for college level English.

AHS 12th grade ELA teachers engaged in Professional Development.

Curriculum focuses on reading non-fiction and technical text, summarization and expository writing and critical thinking and discussion skills.
In a recent editorial essay, a working mother of four laments being made to feel guilty for not “being there” every minute for her children. She notes “The school nurse has taken me to task for not being immediately accessible, and my kids---who live in a world where instant gratification has become the norm—complain about my intermittent unreachability.”

The excerpt continues…Here’s the prompt
EXAMPLE EXPOSITORY WRITING PROMPT

- Explain the author’s argument and discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with her views. Support your position by referring to the passage and by providing reasons and examples from your own experience, observations, or reading.
Aug. 2011, ELA teachers set a goal:

- Refine Literary Analysis Instruction
- Score essays in common
- Identify exemplar essays for staff professional development and to aide student instruction.
Focus on Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2.

AHS Math teachers working with math coach and professional developer throughout this spring and possibly summer.
Aug. 2011, Biology teachers set a goal:

- Attend SIM professional development workshops.

- Implement SIM instructional strategies to aide student understanding of essential Biology content.
ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

- Supports at-risk learners in grade 9 and 10
- Explicit instructional strategies, goal setting, college and career and mentorship
- College and Career Fieldtrips
SPORTS MEDICINE

- Career Technical Education
- After school internship working as student trainer at AHS athletic events.
- Students are learning first aide, injury assessment and prevention, ankle taping, etc.

New This Year:
- AHS has contracted with Children’s Hospital to bring a certified athletic trainer to campus.
21st Century Technology

Coming Soon… IMac Lab for Multimedia Arts and Yearbook

Media Academy Chromebook Mobile Lab
21st Century Technology

Measure A Funded Library Computer Lab

PTSA Donation Funded SMART Board
Newly purchased IMac lab will provide multimedia arts students with equipment to create digital designs and animation.
AHS STUDENT LIFE

Activities
Leadership
Service
AHS students visit the college and career center to learn about scholarships, college visits and trade programs.

Measure A funded 5 new computers.
4 Counselors serving 1900 Students, 475 students each.

Each counselor has an assigned focus area, conducts classroom visits, student meetings and provides intensive support:
+ AVID
+ Academic Enrichment
+ ELD Program
+ Master Scheduling

On-line Course Selection with grade level meetings and parent evening presentations.
4-year academic planning meetings with students.
Crisis Intervention Meetings.
SST and 504 Meetings.

Grade Level Presentations:
+ 9th grade- credits, transcripts, graduation requirements.
+ 11th grade- College and Career Center presented on SATs and college admissions process.
+ 12th grade- College application process.
+ PSAT/SAT- review and explain scoring process.
New this year:

- Weekly Parent Newsletters
- Weekly Staff Newsletters
- Department presentations at PTSA and SSC