

Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections – Education Programs

Providing an optimum environment for learning for all students



Juniper Hills Schools

The Department schools, referred to as Juniper Hills Schools, are fully accredited for the transfer and recognition of credits and diplomas to other schools and colleges.

The average age of juveniles committed to IDJC custody has increased to 17 years old and has created the need for an expanded educational program to include post-secondary and career readiness certificates.

Achievements

- Parent involvement days occurred at the Nampa and Lewiston facilities. Parents met with staff, learned about the treatment and education programs their children are enrolled in.
- Juniper Hills Schools belongs to a twenty-one member consortium, Center for Educational Excellence in Alternative Settings (CEEAS), which is committed to improving educational outcomes for youth in confinement. Out of the 21-member consortium, Juniper Hills Schools continued to be one of the highest performing education programs according to the CEEAS 2014-15 School Climate Survey.
- IDJC schools received four new teacher positions in Fiscal Year 2016 which has strengthened education programming and career readiness.

Current Initiatives

- Education is working towards expanding the use of blended learning in all three schools to better meet the educational needs of the diverse population.
- Evaluation of existing vocational courses and career certificate offerings.
- Expanding post-secondary options for the students who complete high school.
- Newly added career certificate options include:
 - Microsoft Office Certification
 - Flagger Certifications

Competency Development

- 314 students were served during the 2014-15 school year
- 83% of students increased their reading scores
- 90% of students increased their math scores
- 73 students earned their GED
- 98 students earned high school diplomas
 - 47% of 17-year-olds completed a diploma or GED before release from IDJC custody
- 90 GED Vouchers were provided to students who had not completed their GED testing prior to release from IDJC custody
- 68 released students earned OSHA certifications
- 7 college courses were taken by students through Independent Study of Idaho
- 20 students completed Compass testing in preparation for applying to college
- 6 students applied and were accepted into college prior to release from IDJC custody
- One student at the Nampa facility began attending college courses at CWI prior to release from IDJC custody