Early College Report: McFarland High School

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Background

Community McFarland High is part of the McFarland Unified School District located in the small rural community of McFarland with a population of approximately 14,000 and beyond Bakersfield, California northerly by twenty-three miles. Incorporated July 15, 1957, the town was named for J. B. McFarland, who with W. F. Laird, established the town site in 1908.

McFarland’s motto is “Tradition, Unity, Excellence” because of its great traditions. McFarland is surrounded by agriculture land including almonds, grapes, pistachios, oranges, and much more. Many of our families are employed in these areas with the majority working in farm labor.

Currently, the district consists of one high school, one middle school, one learning center/adult school, and three elementary schools utilizing a K-5, 6-8, 9-12 grade level configuration. The student body is 97.3% Hispanic/Latino, 1.9% White, .5% Black, .1% Filipino, and .1% Other Asian.

School McFarland High is a comprehensive four-year public high school enrolling 920 students in grades 9-12. The school opened in the fall of 1927, graduating its first senior class in the spring of 1928. McFarland High School is accredited by the Western Association of Secondary Schools and holds a membership in the College Board.

California School Dashboard

School Performance Overview The 2018 school performance overview provided by the California School Dashboard displays following academic assessment of McFarland High School. The full report can be seen at https://www.caschooldashboard.org/.

Student Enrollment 929

- 91.7% are Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Students
- 18.1% are English Learners
- 0.6% are Foster Youth

2018 Graduation Rate 99.5%

- 100% of Students with Disabilities Graduated
- 97.9% of English Learners Graduated
- 99.5% of Hispanic Students Graduated
- 99.5% of Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Students Graduated

College & Career Prepared* 52.4%

- 8.3% of Students with Disabilities were "Prepared"
- 36.2% of English Learners were "Prepared"
- 52.2% of Hispanic Students were "Prepared"
- 52.5% of Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Students were "Prepared"

*For more information on the CA Dashboard’s College and Career preparation indicators, please visit https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/ccical.asp
Accountability Goals  Over the next four years of Early College implementation, McFarland administration hopes to see the following increases in dashboard indicators.

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Projections provided by McFarland High School.

Early College Development

Dual Enrollment  Over the last four years, approximately 340 McFarland High School students successfully completed a dual enrollment course offered on their campus during their school day.

Dual Enrollment Courses at McFarland High School 2014-2018

- Fall 2014-Spring 2015
  - COMP B5 Introduction to Microsoft Office  34 Students
  - STDV B6 Tools for College Survival        26 Students
    2014-2015 Total Enrollment: 60 Students
    2014-2015 Average Success Rate: 93%

- Fall 2016-Spring 2017
  - AGBS B6 Agriculture Sales and Communications 25 Students
  - AGRI B49 Agriculture Leadership Training    27 Students
    2016-2017 Total Enrollment: 52 Students
    2016-2017 Average Success Rate: 94%

- Fall 2017-Spring 2018
  - AGBS B6 Agriculture Sales and Communications 12 Students
  - STDV B3 Career, Life, and Education Planning 132 Students
    2017-2018 Total Enrollment: 144 Students
    2017-2018 Average Success Rate: 95%

- Fall 2018
  - ENGL B1A Expository Composition              45 Students
  - STDV B3 Career, Life, and Education Planning 65 Students
    Fall 2018 Total Enrollment: 110 Students
    Fall 2018 Average Success Rate: 89%

Concurrent Enrollment  McFarland High School students have also had access to many concurrent enrollment opportunities in the evenings on their high school campus, at the McFarland Learning Center, and at the Bakersfield College Delano Campus.
**Vision** Beginning with the incoming freshman class in Fall 2019, all 9th grade students will be on a pathway to complete between 12 and 60 college units counting towards Career and Technical Education Certificates, General Education Certificates, and/or Associate Degrees by the time they graduate from McFarland High School in Spring 2023.

**Pathways** The early college pathways will consist of a 60-unit Associate Degree for Transfer completion pathway, a 30-unit General Education Certificates Pathway, and seven Career and Technical Education pathways with a minimum of 12-unit completion towards a variety of certificates and degrees. It is projected that approximately 30-35 students will enroll in each of the nine pathways. For more information on the Early College pathways at McFarland High School, please visit [https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/earlycollege/mcfarland](https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/earlycollege/mcfarland).

**Moving Forward** With pathway designs in place, the next steps of Early College implementation at McFarland High School to be done throughout the Spring 2019 and Summer 2019 terms are:

- Matriculating incoming 9th grade students, as well as current students interested in dual and concurrent enrollment opportunities.
- Providing opportunities at McFarland High School for incoming and current students and parents to learn more about Early College.
- Working with BC departments to onboard dual enrollment faculty and to schedule after-school concurrent enrollment opportunities on the McFarland High School campus.
- Building relationships between McFarland instructors and BC departments and instructors to ensure collaborative and sustainable implementation.