

Land Trust Final Report for 2018-19

We used the \$32,429 awarded to us by the State Land Trust to pay up to 12% of teacher salaries and benefits for 15 teachers who were assigned an advisory class of 12 to 22 students. We added time to advisory in order to implement a schoolwide nonfiction reading program called Newsela, in addition to our existing advisory objectives.

We measured the success of the advisory program as follows:

- 91% of the 35 graduates completed a FAFSA application. 80% of the graduates completed a college application. These high rates are about the same as previous years.
- The four-year graduation rate for the class of 2019 was 41.3%. The five year graduation rate for the class of 2018 was 63.3%. The four-year rate is down but the 5-year rate is up compared to last year.
- 7.5% of grades awarded were Ds. 5.5% were Fs. This is a little higher than last year, and higher than our average.
- The overall attendance rate was down to only 88%, the lowest rate we have had. Chronic poor attendance was up: 9.1% had attendance less than 80%, 31.4% had attendance less than 90%. We made MORE efforts to address poor attendance, but we had an influx of older students with attendance problems, and we are no longer able to make juvenile court referrals for truancy.
- We have not yet received any growth data from the state for the new standardized tests.

In future years we will add growth data from the Reading Inventory, which we implemented last year to track the success of the nonfiction reading program and a personal choice reading program that takes place outside of advisory.