

Principal's Report – Dryden High School
October Report

Student Achievement

2010 Graduation results attached
2010-2011 Enrollment data shared
2009-2010 EQAO Mathematics results shared
April 2010 OSSLT results shared

Student Success

Kristen Roulston, our student success teacher works closely with students who are in grade 9 and 10. She monitors student success by working with students and teachers to identify opportunities for students to recover credits and to help teachers in support of credit rescue for struggling students. We will continue to track student success in grades 11, 12 and 12+ through the guidance office. Kristen will continue to work closely with the guidance department and we hold student success round table discussions every three weeks. Our guidance office is already at work tracking our potential graduates to ensure completion of graduation requirements. DHS aims to reach a graduation rate of 85% by 2011.

Anecdotal reports for semester 1 went home with students on Monday, October 4th and Parent/teacher interviews took place on Wednesday, October 6th from 3:45-6:45 pm in the Gordon Wood Auditorium. Parents, as always, are encouraged to attend. Mid-term reports go home on November 15th. This year we are sending mid-term reports by mail.

Professional Development for Staff

We continue to provide opportunities for staff at Dryden High School to attend and participate in professional development to further improve practice.

- Teaching staff at DHS will be involved in job embedded learning opportunities. This is a self-directed opportunity for teachers to collaboratively meet with colleagues to discuss student work and apply effective teaching strategies to moving student achievement forward
- On October 7th a team of teachers met and gave their input into the School Improvement Plan. The four areas of focus for the plan will be literacy, numeracy, pathways and community/culture/caring.

Student Activity

DHS continues to be a very busy place. Sports programs are up and running along with club teams. There are opportunities for students to belong to a chess club and a math club that has just recently started.