

the iowa hawkeye

How our Garden GROWS

iowa school for the deaf
year in review • 2017 • 2018





Gaining academic ground

78% show growth in reading

→ 9% increase

81% show growth in math

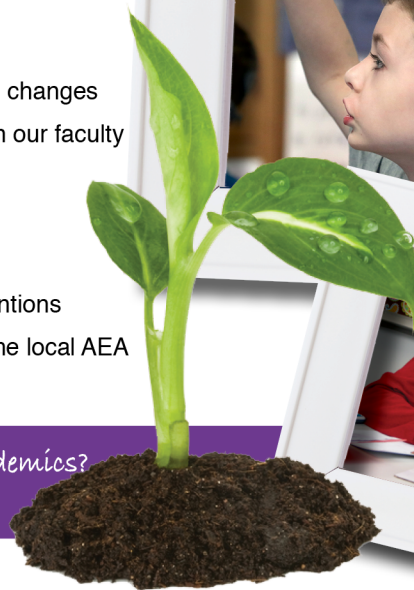
→ 14% increase

From fall, 2016 to fall, 2017, the number of students growing in reading increased by 9%. That means 78% of our 3rd – 11th grade students are gaining ground in reading. Students showing growth in math increased by 14%, which means 81% of these 3rd – 11th grade students are also improving their math skills. Results are from tri-annual Measures of Academic Progress scores.

Strategies for the success:

- ✓ Investing in staff positions & making instructional changes
- ✓ Utilizing professional learning communities within our faculty
- ✓ Increasing staff collaboration
- ✓ Focus on core instruction and interventions
- ✓ Setting achievement goals with students
- ✓ Aligning curriculum with assessment and interventions
- ✓ Working with other deaf education experts and the local AEA
- ✓ Implementing new programs

Need to schedule a school tour? Question about academics?
Contact rgaw@iowaschoolforthe deaf.org.



pilot program sprouts

Are two languages better than one? Iowa School for the Deaf preschool staff are working with Gallaudet University researchers in the field of American Sign Language (ASL) and English Bilingual Bimodal programming. The collaboration began fall, 2017 with plans to create a classroom environment that builds on the development of ASL and English. Components of the pilot program include individual, classroom and home plans, all of which are data-driven and research-based.

Favorable outcomes include:

1. Safeguarding language development in both modalities
2. Making best use of the young brain's capacity for language acquisition
3. Building upon a child's strengths and abilities

What's next? ISD continues to work with Gallaudet, slowly and carefully building, implementing and monitoring the bilingual bimodal program.



our year by the numbers

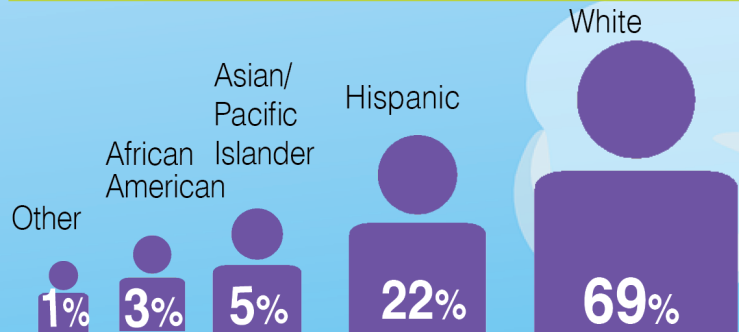
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5 PRESCHOOLERS
22 K-5th GRADERS
12 6-8th GRADERS
40 9-12th GRADERS
7 4PLUS*

on-campus students by the end
of the 17/18 school year

*Work and college transition program

student diversity



Iowa mainstream students
who are deaf or hard of
hearing enrolling into
ISD's American Sign
Language distance
learning classes

Number of counties where
on-campus students reside*

6

*Pottawattamie County has the
largest amount of students (32). Mills
County is the second largest (9).

33



10,000

Number of miles ISD vehicles
travel each homegoing weekend



2

ISD students
took Advanced
Placement
English courses



Lewis Central High
School students
enrolling into ISD's
American Sign
Language and metals
technology classes



students served in the
Northeast Regional
Academy in Charles City



12 students enrolled into 27
off-site mainstream classes
ranging from health careers
to architecture.



4 students who are
blind or visually
impaired enrolled into
a separate 4PLUS
program on ISD
campus





bumper crop of friends



101 campers/2 locations/4 camps
115 participants/5 locations/6 events

Like peas in pods, friendships grow quickly across the state at Iowa School for the Deaf summer camps and Extended Learning events. When peers who are deaf or hard of hearing find each other, they burst out of their hulls and suddenly, don't feel so alone in the world. Iowa's activities are for preschoolers through high school seniors, and varied last year from bowling with a twist of science, fall fun day and movies.

For information on future programs,
email srolinger@iowaschoolforthe deaf.org.



deaf resource center



12

School districts and area education agencies received training and/or interpreter training resources



40

family members registered for 12 online and in-person American Sign Language classes



46

interpreters registered for a week-long ASL immersion event in June, 2018



21

individuals received training via online or archived workshops



3

interpreters were assisted in receiving permanent licensure



15

people accessed the resource library

Iowa School for the Deaf and Iowa Department of Education brought several national deaf culture personalities to campus the weekend of March 23. The experience was at no cost to the some 450 registrants, who were family members, educators, interpreters and students. Among the list of noted celebrities included Nyle DiMarco, Sheri Farinha (both at right), and CJ Jones. A variety of learning options were presented, ranging from the school carnival, to panel discussions, breakout sessions, children and teen activities and a comedy show.

For more information on the Deaf Resource Center,
email dcates@iowaschoolforthe deaf.org.



a sprinkle of service



Thinking about starting a scholarship or making a donation to ISD? Contact cangeroth@iowaschoolforthe deaf.org

Our students are thoughtful. Throughout the school year, teachers, dorm staff and club sponsors find creative ways to involve their students in hands-on volunteering. Not only do the service projects supplement learning, but students can find a meaningful connection to making a difference which they can continue in their home communities. Some of the volunteer activities benefitting local organizations and clients this year included:

- ASTRA Service Club donated to the Children's Square birthday closet, prepared and served meals at Bethlehem House, hosted Red Cross campus blood drives
- Pet food and money collected for Midlands Humane Society
- Canned food collected for those in need
- Made Christmas cards and distributed to deaf adults living in retirement homes
- Stocked shelves, bagged and distributed food for clients of Heartland Hope Mission
- Flowers planted around the science wing
- Campus grounds cleared of trash
- Volunteer work at the Micah House, Open Door Mission and Project Harmony
- Recycled 435 dried markers in the Crayola ColorCycle program.

planting the seeds

Thanks to positive role models, our students experience the difference kindness makes. Students benefit from dozens of local and state organizations and individuals who are altruistically minded, such as: Community Bike Project ■ Frontier Bank school supplies ■ Army Corps of Engineers holiday gifts ■ Raygun, Iowa Lions Clubs & Foundation donations ■ Silver Liners holiday party ■ Optimist Clubs oratorical contests ■ Hundreds of ISD Foundation donors and scholarship providers ■ Guest presenters ■ Numerous others



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bountiful Harvest



Pokemon Go and our 4PLUS students have a lot in common- they are both difficult to catch!

These students are always on the go- to college classes, jobs or field trips through the 4PLUS student center.

Some of the jobs 4PLUS students held during 2017/2018 were at Menards, AMC Theaters, HyVee, Kohls, Nebraska Furniture Mart, Best Quality Countertops, Grease Monkey, Goodwill, Ameristar, Olive Garden and Blue Beacon.

Classes both 4PLUS and high school students took through Iowa Western Community College ranged from information technology and design technology to accounting and workplace readiness.

4PLUS at Iowa School for the Deaf (Post-senior Learning for Ultimate Success) is Iowa's only transition program exclusively for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Students benefit from tutoring for their college classes, job skills and activities of daily living. Students exit the program when they turn 21 or have met their transition goals. 4PLUS is open to Iowa's high school students who are deaf or hard of hearing, who will pursue independent employment, and have completed their senior year. Prior enrollment to ISD is not required.



Is 4PLUS right for you
or someone you know? Contact
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\$25,550
scholarship awards



2018 Grads

- 14 graduates
- 3 plan to enter college independently
- 8 plan to enter 4PLUS
- 2 plan to work independently
- 1 plans to return home

Areas of study: Business, general studies, animal health, finance, computer programming, robotics, social work, radiology, nursing.

Both the academic and dormitory programs hosted new social and cultural activities, inviting students, teachers and families across the state. Pumpkin chucking, ice skating, spring celebrations, canvas creations, game night and national presenters were among the offerings.



blossoming success



■ Junior Shayla Dobias wrote the poem, Flashbacks, earning her a spot into Lyrical Iowa 2018, the annual publication of the Iowa Poetry Association.

■ Cory Jacobson's drafting plans for one-story and multi-story houses, earned places at the Industrial Technology Expo in Des Moines. The junior was enrolled into architectural drafting classes at Lewis Central.

■ In the Optimist Iowa Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, juniors Hannah Kohl and Shayla Dobias placed first and second.

■ Senior Elizabet Topete earned a certified nursing assistant designation at Council Bluffs School District's Tucker Center for career preparation.

■ ISD hosted the Great Plains Schools for the Deaf conference triathlon (American Sign Language, oratorical contest and academic bowl). Additionally, ISD hosted the Gallaudet University Regional Academic bowl for nearly 20 schools.

■ The Sound Futures foundation fundraiser featured Nyle DiMarco while he was at ISD for Deaf Cultural Celebration. The night netted \$12,000 for scholarships and the foundation.

■ High school students began producing daily video announcements, which were viewed on two digital screens made possible by a grant from Diamond V.

■ Senior Autumn Winter and 4th grader Izzy Schon both placed in their respective categories in the annual Marie Jean Philip art contest, based in Massachusetts.

■ Numerous campus renovations took place, including new work areas for traveling staff and records storage in the administration building basement.

■ ISD administration began working with outside agencies to expand its emergency operation plans. A national school crisis prevention and intervention training curriculum continues to be implemented.

■ Although the pilot Northeast Regional Academy did not receive funding after the 2017-2018 school year and was discontinued, the professional learning communities the academy established for teachers of the deaf will continue.

■ The 4PLUS program, located on campus for Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, expanded to 4 students. Dedicated classroom space was renovated for IESBVI students.

For future ISD social and cultural activities, contact tapeterson@iowaschoolforthe deaf.org or rgaw@iowaschoolforthe deaf.org.





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CULTIVATING bobcat spirit

Win or lose, it's how you play the game. Our athletes are consistently honored for their behavior on the court, field and in the stands. Both girls and boys basketball teams won the sportsmanship trophies at this year's Great Plains Schools for the Deaf (GPSD) basketball tournament held in Kansas. Season record was girls: 0-20; boys: 1-20.

History was made during the volleyball and football games held at Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf. For the first time, both Bobcat teams defeated the Trojans on the same day. Season record for football was 2-5 and volleyball: 2-16. Senior Layne Guerrero was named to the GPSD all-tournament basketball team, awarded All American honors from Deaf Digest and received honorable mention status by National Deaf Interscholastic Athletic Association.



Freshman Henry Zlando (above) advanced to district track in 2018, where he medaled in the 100-meter dash and earned 8th place.

ISD 2017/2018 Budget

Expenditures: \$10,971,603

Salaries: \$8,859,666 • Supplies: \$1,500,870 • Utilities: \$337,045
• Building Repairs: \$175,245 • Auditor: \$42,626
• Equipment: \$55,059 • Library: \$1,092

Resources: \$10,971,603

General Fund: \$9,897,351 • Federal Funds: \$51,254
• Sales/Services: \$779,074 • Other: \$243,924

