

# Skyline High School

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As you all know, Skyline continues to produce some of the highest student achievement results amongst high schools in the state. It is wonderful to see this data for this purpose, a celebration of the success of students, teachers, and the community. However, the data means a lot more to us as educators as we strive to effectively provide meaningful educational experiences for everyone. Assessment results are a key piece of the collage of data that describes what we are doing and defines areas we target for improvement. The truth is, we rely on assessment results a great deal to measure the effectiveness of instruction and the overall success of the teaching and learning process. Grades, attendance, citizenship, discipline, college applications, college going, ACT, AP, IB, Concurrent Enrollment, growth and finally proficiency all come together to help us define the success of our program overall. Each piece of data is used to describe the current reality and helps to measure the effectiveness of what we have been working toward.

At the end of the year, the state of Utah administers a series of assessments in the areas of Mathematics, English Language Arts and Science. These assessments are what is used to define Skyline's levels of growth and proficiency. These data drive the school improvement plans created by the school community council in conjunction with the school administration. For example, last year the SCC (School Community Council) determined that the school should work to improve the proficiency levels in science. We hired an instructional coach and targeted specific professional development throughout the year. The teachers worked closely with their students through targeted instruction to help increase science proficiency. On the assessments given in 2022, the science department boasts a 13% point gain from the previous administration of the assessment in 2019. This kind of data helps inform areas of focus and works to define our progress as we monitor for effectiveness.

My hope is that parents and students understand the benefits of this data to our efforts to improve learning outcomes for students. We are anxiously engaged in working to increase our effectiveness and help more students reach even higher. We value all data that informs the process of teaching and learning so that we can adjust and be more impactful for the positive.

We want to hear from you about our great teachers. We will honor a staff member each week based on your feedback. Please, take a moment each week and tell us about the great things happening in the classrooms of Skyline High School. We created a new link for this year starting today. This is a link for this: <https://forms.gle/ucQADTDhwRXkFvD2A>

Sincerely,

Dr. Mitch Nerdin, Principal

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