

# OREGON Small Schools INITIATIVE

## Invention, Design, Engineering, Art & Science IDEAS

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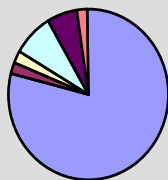
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IDEAS, the School of Invention, Design, Engineering, Art & Science, is designed to bring curriculum to life in a high school designed for the modern world. IDEAS is modeled after a nationally acclaimed demonstration school, New Technology High School. IDEAS is a place where a serious learning environment engages students to be active learners; project-based curriculum is the norm; and learning is not limited by traditional subject boundaries. In this technology-rich environment, there is a computer for every student.

The following data reflects 2008-2009, unless otherwise noted

### Student Population

Total Enrollment	398
Low-income students	30.6%
English language learners	1.8%

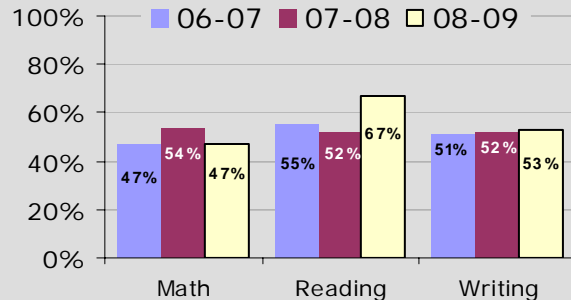


2007-08

European American - 79%
Asian/Pacific Islander - 2%
African American - 2%
American Indian - 9%
Latino, Hispanic - 6%
Other - 2%

### Student Achievement

10<sup>th</sup> grade students meeting or exceeding state benchmarks



Sources: Oregon Department of Education and IDEAS at North Eugene Campus

### An Oregon Innovator

North Eugene Campus prides itself on pursuing reform and implementing best educational practices. A challenge at North Eugene has been to close the achievement gap between groups of students. Only one in three Hispanic students was meeting state reading benchmarks; one in four for math. Just over 30 percent of low-income students were meeting math standards and less than 50 percent were meeting reading standards. In 2001, the school district's "Schools of the Future" community engagement process encouraged personalization, rigor and high expectations for all students. North Eugene responded by launching the International High School, a school-within-a-school offering an International Baccalaureate curriculum, and the Alternative School, serving at-risk students. These and other efforts laid the foundation for the launch of North Eugene's small schools. Then, in 2006, North Eugene High School converted to three new, rigorous small schools.