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ACP for Undocumented Students

This session will highlight the various ways high schools can support undocumented students on the path to college or other post-secondary options. Presenters will address the importance of student identification and the need to create opportunities for self-disclosure. By supporting students, providing a safe zone, and promoting parent engagement, high schools can help undocumented students explore and realize their post-secondary goals.

DESCRIPTION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To understand that undocumented students can attend college, but need additional support to do so.
- To understand that undocumented students want a safe zone to disclose their status and seek ways to make postsecondary education/ training possible.
- To understand that community and post secondary institution relationships are vital to student success.

VOCABULARY

- DACA
- DREAMER
- Undocumented
- Mixed Status
- Latino/a/x vs Hispanic
- EL/ELL/ESL/ELP code

ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS

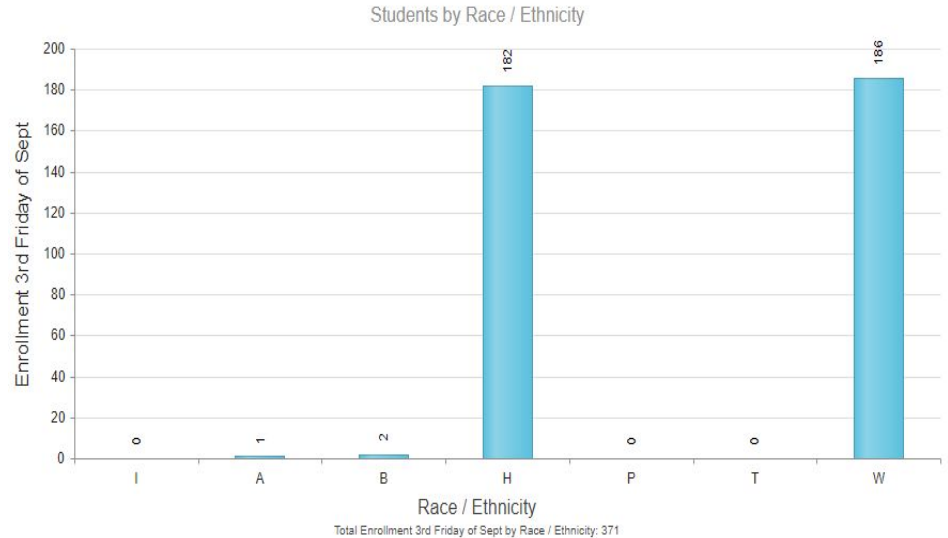
371 High School Students

50% Minority Population

- WHITE: 186
- HISPANIC: 182
- BLACK: 2
- ASIAN: 1

94% Attendance Rate for Hispanic

94% Attendance Rate for White

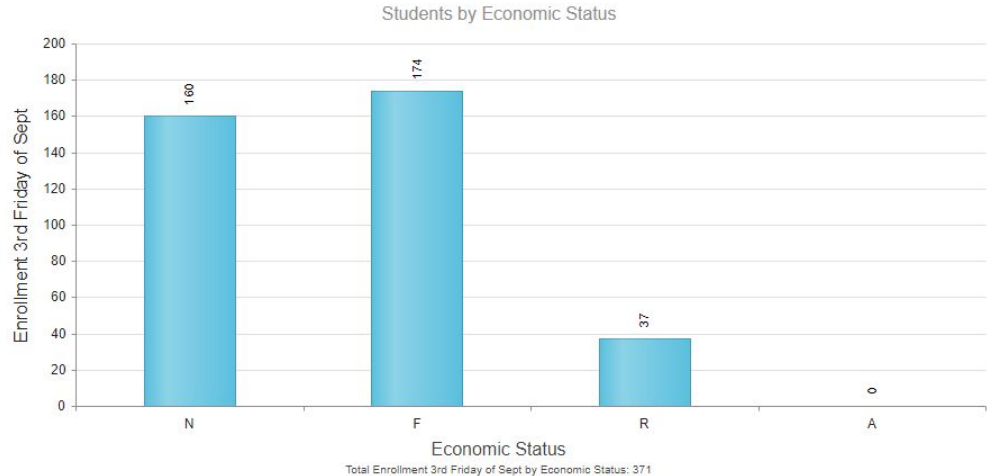


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57% Low Socioeconomic Status

- FREE LUNCH: 174
- REDUCED LUNCH: 37
- PAID: 160

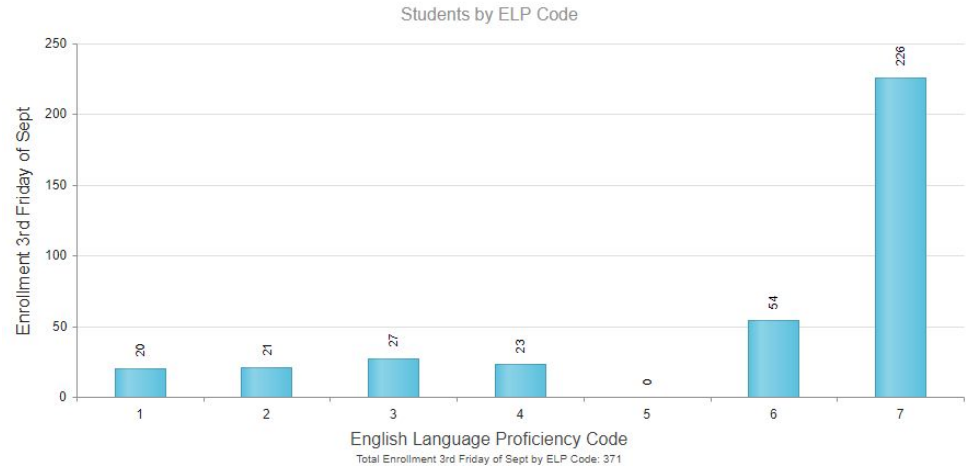


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English Language Proficiency

- Fully English Proficient: 226
- Level 6: 54
- Level 5: 0
- Level 4: 23
- Level 3: 27
- Level 2: 21
- Level 1: 20



ARCADIA TRIP TO LOCAL COLLEGES

- **How can undocumented students go to college?**
- HS Principal, EL instructor, School Counselor, Core Teacher, EL Para, DACA Student and parents
 - ▷ November 5, 2018
 - ▷ visited Southeast Tech, MN, St. Mary's University, MN, Winona State, MN
 - ▷ November 19, 2018
 - ▷ visited UWL, Western, Viterbo



Important Departments

- Admissions
- Financial Aid
- On-Campus Jobs
- Campus Resources

TIPS/INFO FOR GOING TO COLLEGE

- Try to get college credit during HS
- Apply for College Foundation Scholarships
 - ▷ Many colleges offer scholarships for diversity, undocumented status, etc.
 - ▷ Dedicated funding for minority students
 - ▷ Application fees (admission, housing, etc.) can be waived
- Colleges are becoming more aware of undocumented students and their needs
- Educate parents/students on college prep and transfer credits
- Technical Colleges/Universities DO enroll undocumented students
- Students/Parents do not have to give Social Security Numbers
 - ▷ Not required for admission
 - ▷ Not required for on campus employment
 - ▷ Not required for Foundation Scholarships
 - ▷ IS required for FAFSA (student only)
- <https://www.campusexplorer.com/college-advice-tips/46A98C6B/College-Planning-for-Undocumented-Students/>

SSN is on the application but not required

Social Security Number (3): Federal law allows the UW System to request and use your Social Security Number (SSN). While you are not legally required to provide your SSN on this form, you are strongly encouraged to do so. You will be required to provide your SSN when you apply for financial aid or educational tax benefits. If you provide your SSN, it will be used and disclosed only as described on page 7 of this form.

COLLEGE TIPS CONTINUED

- If student reveals their undocumented status to ANY STAFF MEMBER on campus, they will direct students to the right resources. (Find someone to trust and tell them).
- Students are encouraged to self identify to be matched with resources

WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY OFFERING

The H.O.P.E. Academy is a ten-day summer residential program for male and female high school students in 9th-12th grade. The purpose of the Academy is to provide *underrepresented* and *underserved* students with a life-changing opportunity to experience real college life by engaging them in college-level courses and workshops to develop & explore their leadership skills.

HOPE ACADEMY - high school students come to campus for 1 week during summer

- college courses
- cultural identity workshops
- Arcadia High School is going to offer scholarships for students to attend (\$50)

COLLEGE SERVICES BEYOND EDUCATION

- **ALL** Health Services become available to any student on campus with tuition
 - ▷ Physical
 - ▷ Mental Health
- Tutoring
- Career Center
- Multicultural Center
- Financial Aid Offices
- Student Organization Participation
 - ▷ Athletics (competitive and intramurals)
 - ▷ Student Clubs
- On campus employment
 - ▷ Resident Assistant - free room and board, small stipend

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

- Educate Faculty on undocumented students
 - ▷ understand demographics (i.e. recent student moves)
 - ▷ Students who immigrate recently with parents and all are undocumented
 - ▷ Students who immigrated recently to reunite with family (siblings, parents, extended family)
 - ▷ Students who immigrated at a very early age with parents and all are undocumented.
- Seek local scholarship opportunities
- Develop an information/resource sheet with college application procedures and scholarship information. Disseminate to all school staff.
- Professional Development Opportunities

FOR STUDENTS

- Create Safe Zones
- Emphasize that undocumented students can attend college
- Disseminate scholarship information for undocumented students
- School Clubs
 - ▷ Dreamers Club
 - ▷ EL SOL
 - ▷ FLANG
- Tell a trusted person
- Advisories - ELP Levels 1 and 2 are with a Spanish speaking Advisor (all 4 years)

MAKING COLLEGE REAL FOR EVERYONE

- Partnering Organizations
- ACP Activities
- College Tours and Partnerships
- Business Tours
- Career Speakers
- ACP Presentation
- FAFSA
 - Transportation
 - Interpretation Services

CREATING AN ATMOSPHERE OF SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR DISCLOSURE & TRUST

- Flyers
- ACCESS Testing Note Cards
- Artwork & Signs
- Bulletin Board
- School Website Presence
- College Information Station in Spanish
- Latin Dance Night

PARENTS & STUDENTS

- Talk about paying for college EARLY!
- Don't assume a technical college is the only option
- Keep a four year plan in mind
- More scholarships available for freshmen vs. transfer students
- Talk about costs early on and have a plan B if plan A is not affordable
- Discuss option of attending college part-time vs. full-time
- Explain payment plans
- Develop outside scholarship opportunities

PARENTS & STUDENTS

STUDENT-PARENT-ADVISOR Conferences

Parent College partnership with local university

- Started in 2014 (5 years)
- Facebook Page “Parent College/colegio Para Los Papas”
- Series of Presentations/College Tours - Given in Spanish or Interpreted
 - ▷ HS District Staff: Highlights for Success, Preparing for Success and College Entry
 - ▷ College Faculty: Admissions Process, Program Highlights
 - ▷ College Tours with College Students (Parents and Middle/High School Students)
 - ▷ Breakouts for MS/HS Students: Leadership, Personal Experience

ARCADIA COMMUNITY

- United for a Dream
 - ▷ Scholarships
 - ▷ Advocacy
- Welcome Room
 - ▷ Cultural Events
 - ▷ Job Application Services
 - ▷ Adult Learning Classes
 - ▷ Connection to Community Resources (medical, recreation, legal, etc)
- Immigration/Lawyers
 - ▷ Mexican Consulate (1-2 times a year)
- Churches
 - ▷ Mass offered in Spanish
- Employers - Ashley, Pilgrims
 - ▷ Job Fairs with Spanish speaking reps
 - ▷ Pay for community English classes for adults
- Soccer League

DISCUSSION

- **Questions for the speakers.**
- What works at your school/organization?
- What are obstacles you are encountering?
- What are your takeaways?
- Further consideration needed for documented students of undocumented parents.

THANKS FOR ATTENDING

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