

Ten-Year Facility Plan

Capacity Additions and Reductions

According to the North Valley Academy (NVA) charter, the maximum number of students who may be enrolled in the school shall be 364 face-to-face students and 78 blended program students, for a total of 442 students. Currently, there are 239 students enrolled which are easily accommodated in the present school building. Elementary enrollment is close to capacity. We do anticipate growth in both elementary and secondary, and our present building is able to accommodate the maximum enrollment. At the present time, all areas of the building are being used.

Building Condition

NVA conducts annual inspections of its facility and endeavors to promptly implement all recommended maintenance. The NVA building is in good condition. In part, our students are required to help maintain the daily upkeep of the building. They vacuum, sweep, wash lunch tables, and take garbage out from both the lunchroom after lunch and the classrooms. Taking care of our building is an expectation of students and staff, not used as a punishment. With this expectation, students are proud of their school and it shows in the condition of our building. NVA also has a part-time janitor who cleans the bathrooms throughout the building every night.

Educational Suitability

NVA opened in 2008 serving grades K-8. We were housed in the Round Building which was owned by Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind. We shared this building with the CSI North Outreach. We were there for 1 ½ years. Our second year we added grades 9-12 and purchased our current building from Gooding School District. Gooding School District built the building in the 1930's and used it as an elementary school and an alternative school. At the time we purchased the building, it was being used for storage. We moved into the building half way through our 2nd year in the early part of 2010.

NVA is a two story building with elementary housed on the first floor and secondary on the second floor. The first floor has nine classrooms. Seven are used for grades K-6. The other two classrooms are a computer lab and a library/workroom/Title One. There is one office area that houses our Special Education department. Our main office area is on this first floor in the middle front of the school and is the first thing visitors see when they enter the building. There are also four bathrooms on this floor, a boy's bathroom, a girl's bathroom, a staff bathroom, and one in the main office area. Our cafeteria with a built in stage is on the south end of the school, and the gym is on the north side.

Upstairs there are ten classrooms. Two of these classrooms house computer labs that each have 30 desktop computers. One of the classrooms houses our secondary Special Education groups and Title One groups. The other seven classrooms accommodate our secondary classes, math, science, English, history, orchestra, technology, and art. Our art room has a pottery wheel as well as a kiln. There are also two bathrooms upstairs, a girl's bathroom on one end of the building and a boy's bathroom at the other end.

One very impressive aspect of our school is our Strings program. All 4th graders are required to be in Strings which gives them a good introduction and foundation to the Strings instruments. Thereafter, it is the students' choice to be in the Strings class or not. The majority of our students who start in 4th grade

continue in strings until they graduate. We have an amazing Strings instructor and have had many students throughout the years receive scholarships for their music abilities.

Technology Readiness

The NVA infrastructure supports current technology needs. We have plans to upgrade the infrastructure so that it will support any foreseeable technology needs. NVA has three computer labs with 30 desktop computers in each lab. We also have 72 chrome books for our students to use throughout the day. NVA regularly evaluates its needs in light of changes in available technology. Budget recommendations are made each year to meet these changing needs.

ADA Accessibility

Our charter contract limits us to 442 students. Our facility can easily accommodate increases in our enrollment.

Site Improvements

Our building was purchased in 2009. At the time of purchase, several improvements were made. Mold abatement was done in the cafeteria, hallway floor tiles on the first level were replaced with non-asbestos tile, and the entire building was painted. Throughout the years of operation, we have made many improvements. The playground area was built to include several pieces of equipment for students to have a variety to play on during recess. The holes and cracks in our blacktop were filled and sealed. We modernized our kitchen, installing a new commercial oven, stove top, and mixer. We have updated our heat/air system in half of the building and plan to continue until the entire building is updated. We have patched the original roof several times and have plans to replace the entire roof. Our maintenance staff does an early morning daily walk-through of our entire grounds to check for any potential problems.

Energy Efficiency

Improving our energy efficiency is a daily goal. Our gymnasium is only used part of the day, and lights are turned off when not in use. An expectation at NVA is that when classrooms are not in use, lights are turned off. All staff, including our custodian, is gone each day by 5:00. Therefore, there is no lighting after that time. Thermostats are set to temperatures that are conducive to comfort and learning, but no higher (in winter) or lower (in warm months) than necessary. At NVA, we also recycle paper on a weekly basis. Classrooms have a designated spot for used paper, and it is gathered weekly by students and taken to a recycle bin.