



ICC NOTES & NEWS

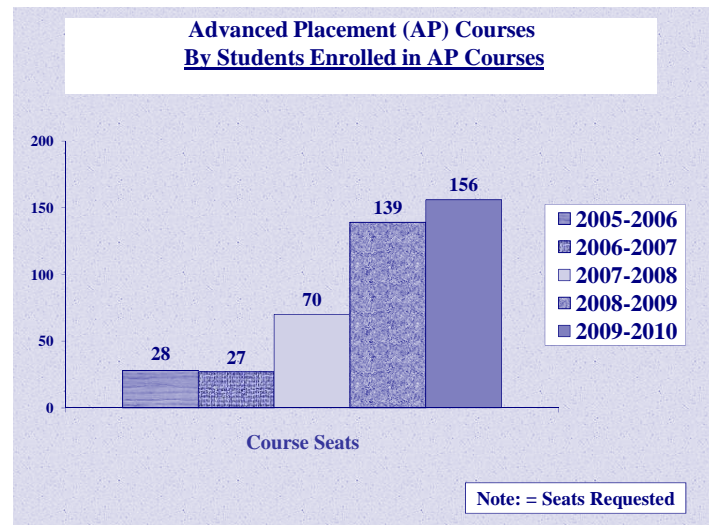
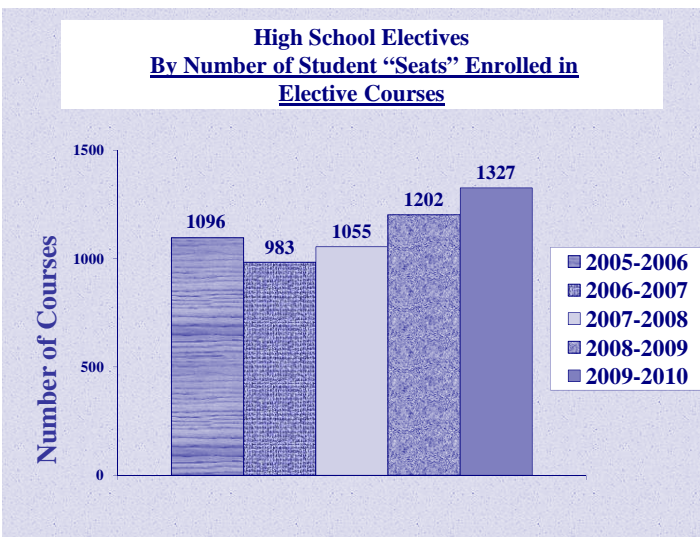
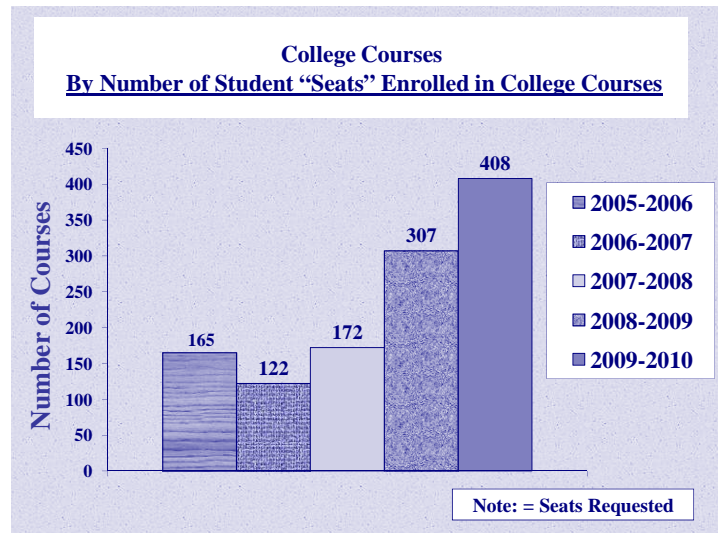
... from James P. Dexter, Superintendent of Schools

UPDATE
ON
Student
Achievement

Again for the 2009-2010 school year, the number of Ichabod Crane High School students engaged in electives, advanced placement (A.P.) courses and college-level courses has increased. The

District is pleased with the student response to these new offerings.

It is strongly recommended that students maintain a rigorous schedule throughout their high school career, particularly their junior and senior years. Depicted are charts with relevant data.



ICC HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

The High School has been using a block schedule for approximately 10 years. After significant discussion, the High School Faculty and Administration have decided to develop a work group to review our current practice to determine if any changes should be made to the master schedule. Therefore, we will be assembling an Ad-Hoc Scheduling Committee consisting of parents, students and staff members to examine if any changes are warranted, and, if so, to make recommendations to the Board of Education. We are looking for High School parents to participate on the committee. Interested parents should contact Mr. William Schneider, High School Principal, at 758-7577, ext. 4002 by October 23. It is anticipated that the group will meet several times throughout the winter and will make a report to the Board of Education in March, 2010.



H1N1 Update

The District will continue to post on the District's Web site the most recent information about H1N1 as it becomes available. Each day, the District monitors attendance to look for signs of H1N1 and reports aggregate attendance data to the Department of Health. If you should have any questions about the steps that the District is taking, or about the virus, please feel free to contact the school nurse in your child's building.

SCHOOL SAFETY NEWS

Cyber Safety

The District will continue to address the issues pertaining to "cyber safety," including the appropriate use of technology. Throughout the school year, the District will be working with a number of community organizations to provide useful and pertinent information to parents about this topic. A mailing will be sent to Middle and High School parents in October with additional information about this initiative.

Transportation Safety

As a reminder, for the protection of the children, the District does not drop off elementary children at a home without knowing that an adult is there to receive them. This is done for the protection of the children. If you wish to make other arrangements, please indicate your intentions in writing to the Transportation Department.

School Safety Drills

As in past years, administrators and staff in each building will be conducting a number of safety drills with the children. Some of the procedures that will be practiced include lockdown, lockout, emergency evacuation, blocked fire exit, fire drills and bus drills. These drills are conducted for the safety of the children and staff. The District's Health and Safety Committee is continuing its work in improving Ichabod Crane's emergency preparedness plans. Please call your child's Principal if you have questions about these drills, or if you would like more information about participating on the District's Health and Safety Committee.

Web Link to Sex Offender Information

As a reminder, there are a number of sex offenders in every community. For information about the location of offenders, please visit the New York State Criminal Justice Web site <http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor/index.htm>. I encourage you to review this Web site regularly.

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CALENDAR NOTE:

School closed
Mon., Oct. 12
Columbus Day

Early dismissal
Fri., Oct. 23
Superintendent's
Conference Day
HS/MS 10:30 a.m.
PS/Elem 11:30 a.m.

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Did you know?

Governor David Patterson has proclaimed **October 19 through 23 as School Board Recognition Week**. If you have an opportunity, please take a moment to thank the Board Members who volunteer their service to this community.

Non-Discrimination Compliance Statement

The Ichabod Crane Central School District hereby advises students, parents, employees, and the general public that it offers educational opportunities including vocational opportunities without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, handicap or religion. Inquiries regarding this non-discrimination policy may be directed to: Title IX and Section 504 Compliance Officer, Maureen Van Deusen, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Ichabod Crane Central School District, Valatie, NY 12184 (518) 758-7575. A copy of the "In Compliance with Section 1.4 (a)" is available in the Superintendent's Office.