

CENTRAL CITY H.S. GRADUATE FOLLOW-UP FROM THE CLASS OF 2006

We had 56 students graduate from the class of 2006. Of the 56 students surveyed, 14 former students responded, with a 25% return rate.

Present Status: Employed full time____ Type of work_____

 Unemployed _____ Attending School _____ if so where_____

 Military_____

Of those that returned the survey, twelve individuals indicated that they were full time students in college, with many working part-time. One student was in college full time and also in the military. One student was in the military full time.

Post High School Training:

 College __ No. of years__ Graduated__ Major_____

Trade School (Art, Beauty, etc.)__ No. of years__ Graduated__ Major_____

 Military __ No. of years__

These individuals are enrolled in the following programs of study: firefighting, diesel technician, military science, business administration, journalism, accounting, actuarial science, early childhood education, secondary education, postsecondary education, occupational therapy, physical therapy, radiology, and nursing.

What career goals did you have at the time you graduated from Central City High School?

- “Be successful...”
- “Military officer...”
- “Pilot...”
- “Nursing...”
- “Mathematics...”
- “Architectural engineering...”
- “Business...”
- “Occupational therapy...”
- “Physical therapy...”
- “Undecided...”
- “Early childhood education...”
- “Journalism...”
- “Attend college...”
- “Clinical psychologist...”
- “Health field...”
- “Dental assisting...”

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What career are you pursuing now?

- “Radiology or nursing...”
- “Occupational therapy...”
- “Teaching...”
- “Military officer...”
- “Pilot...”
- “Diesel Technician...”
- “College professor or high school teacher...”
- “Actuarial science...”
- “Accounting...”
- “Business management...”
- “Elementary education...”
- “Social work...”
- “Early childhood education...”
- “Firefighting...”
- “A military career...”
- “Physical therapy...”

Please rate the preparation received in Central City High School for continuing your education, if applicable:

Note: The numbers indicate the total number of responses from the individuals surveyed.
2 Excellent 6 Good 6 Average 0 Poor

Please rate the preparation received in Central City High School for entering the “World of Work”:

Note: The numbers indicate the total number of responses from the individuals surveyed.
0 Excellent 4 Good 6 Average 0 Poor 4 N/A

Which programs at Central City High School have since been the most useful to you?

Note: The numbers indicate the total times each program was checked by those surveyed. Those surveyed usually checked more than one program that had been useful to them.

Agriculture	<u>2</u>	Spanish	<u>1</u>	Family Consumer Science	___
Art	<u>1</u>	Science	<u>8</u>	Trades and Industry	<u>2</u>
Business	<u>1</u>	Music	<u>3</u>	Athletics	<u>2</u>
English	<u>7</u>	Drama	___	Physical Education	<u>2</u>
Math	<u>9</u>	Computer	<u>8</u>	Social Studies	<u>5</u>
Leadership Clubs (ex: FFA, Student Council, Speech, and Cheerleading) <u>3</u>					
<u>Tri-M and FFA</u>					

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Please rate your high school training in these areas:

Note: The numbers indicate the total number of responses from the individuals surveyed.

		Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	
Writing skills		<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	
Oral Language		<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	—	
Math skills		<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	_Science
	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	—		
Computer skills		<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	—	_Responsible
citizenship	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>		

What was the most important benefit you derived from high school?

“Getting my high school diploma...”

“My upper level math courses were taught in a way that I could understand, and it is because of these classes that I became interested in a career in math...”

“Time management...”

“English – I never knew how many schools have terrible English teachers until I came to college. Other students had no idea how to write essays, neither the format nor basic writing skills...”

“Industrial Technology courses and discussions in Technical Reading/Writing classes...”

“My science teacher for chemistry and physics had the ability to make me interested in science, even when (as I have found in college) science is not one of my strong points...”

“I received a good overall background education for entering college. I felt prepared in my classes from the education that I received in high school...”

“A former girlfriend...”

“Taking the time to get help when needed is always essential to good grades...”

“British Literature class taught me how to succeed in college. This class challenged me and looking back, I know I would not have been as prepared for my English courses in college if I had not had this class...”

“History – a practical knowledge of the political environment/system... video productions...”

“My computer classes – the classes I have taken in college were fairly easy because I already knew what I was doing for the most part...”

“Ability to write papers...”

“Math classes were good...”

“English – a good grasp on esoteric writing/scholastic writing/critical reading...”

“General studies...”

“Leadership skills...”

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What, if any, was the most serious weakness of your high school experience?

“Personal Finance...”

“I wish there was a community service requirement for graduation...”

“I felt like I was not as prepared as I needed to be in writing papers...”

“Social skills and group work...”

“Math...”

“Technology...”

“English...”

“I wish that we would have covered more on giving speeches...”

“Multiple teacher changes in different courses...”

“Some staff..”

“The fact that all high school courses had so many grades that the overall grade wasn’t as affected by one really poor grade...”

What course(s) would you like to have taken?

“More business courses...”

“Spanish...”

“Statistics...”

“More woods classes...”

“Upper level Spanish classes...”

“More physical education...”

“Drafting...”

“AP courses...”

“More technology classes...”

“Foreign language other than Spanish...”

“More college credit courses...”

“More welding classes...”

“More science classes...”

“Accounting...”

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Do you have any ideas to improve the overall operation of Central City High School for the greatest educational benefit?

“Physical fitness...”

“More technology classes...”

“Actually go back to using math books and not a computer program. College math teachers complain loudly about high schools who use “multiple choice” math programs. I actually ran into a teacher who said “no wonder you don’t get log rhythms...”

“Foreign language classes other than Spanish...”

“Less emphasis on athletic programs and athletes, more emphasis on academics...”

“More Fine Arts classes – they are actually required in college...”

“I would suggest trying to implement an AP Program at Central City. Taking Algebra I in 8th grade is effective, but expanding to other subjects would give college bound students at Central City an easier transition to college...”

“Offer more technical trades classes...”

“Make sure everyone meets at least once a year with the counselor so their future goals are on track. Also so if anyone has any questions they can address them because some students might not come in on their own...”

“More classes involving computers...”

General comments:

“Discussions in Technical Reading/Writing classes were inspirational...”

“In college I felt more prepared for essay tests and research papers than 90% of my classmates thanks to my British Literature class...”

“Speak more about the opportunities in military service...”

“CCHS is pretty cool!”