



***Haverhill to focus on building student success, upping achievement
New programs target advanced teacher training, college prep***

With the new Hunking K-8 School completed and ready for the opening of school, the next big project for the 2017-18 school year is building up the academic profiles and potential of students.

The district is rolling out two advanced programs aimed at pushing academic performance among all students in all grades. Renaissance Flow 360 is geared to students in grades kindergarten to eight and will deliver a heavy dose of innovative teacher training with an emphasis on reading and math instruction and lesson planning. At Haverhill High School, Chyten Premier Tutors will be offering private-school-level tutoring, test preparation and college counseling to juniors and seniors. Both programs were developed in close consultation with classroom teachers, who are most responsible for recent improved student test scores and other achievement indicators.

Chyten's test prep and college application experts will work closely with students to develop a college applications strategy. Juniors will take an SAT prep course to maximize scores; juniors and seniors will work with onsite college counselors to build a personal resume, master essay writing, understand the application process and learn secrets about recommendation letters and college interviews. "We're thrilled to offer this program to our students," Haverhill High School Principal Beth Kitsos said of Chyten. "We want to see all our students find a college that's a perfect fit, and this is an important next step to achieving this goal." The average Chyten student has seen his or her SAT scores jump by 182 points, and more than 150 Harvard and MIT professors have enrolled their children in the program, according to the 33-year-old company, which only recently made its program available to a handful of public schools.

A pilot for almost 400 students at Haverhill High last school year helped them determine whether to take the SAT or ACT test in their pursuit of college admittance. Of those who participated in the testing evaluations, about 100 participated in a voluntary 10-week classroom prep on Saturday mornings to raise their scores. School officials intend to offer the program to double the number of students this year, including personally contacting parents whose children don't sign up for the free weekend college test prep classes.

"Haverhill High School and Chyten Education share a core belief that all students have the potential to attain a college degree," Chyten CEO Neil Khaund said. "The desired outcome of this program is to encourage students to see this as a natural next step toward maintaining improvements seen in student outcomes over the last few years."

The Renaissance program focuses on lesson planning and combines online tutorials, ongoing coaching throughout the school year and customized teacher seminars. Coaches will be responsible for each school in the district, and they will rely on data and monitoring to communicate expectations of school administrators to teachers and principals. "The value of Renaissance is that these education experts will be with us all year, measuring performance and working with teachers to make sure everyone is on the same page and working toward our ambitious goals," Superintendent James F. Scully said. "It's not like they give a seminar or some training and then they leave us. There are going to be weekly meetings and status reports, online support and semi-annual planning meetings. This was one of the most intensive programs we found to strengthen and inspire our teachers."

More information on Renaissance Flow 360 and Chyten Premier Tutors, Test Prep and Admission can be found at:

www.Renaissance.com
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