2019-2020

Annual Report

**Overview**

The Utica Shale Academy completed its fifth year of educating students in June of 2018. 71 full-time students were enrolled at the end of the year attending school. USA staff included the superintendent, two teachers and an aide.

**Demographics**

97% of the 72 students enrolled in USA were Caucasian. 3% of the students were of a heritage other than Caucasian. These totals equated to 70 Caucasian students and 2 Multi Racial students. Overall, 100% of the students qualified for the free/reduced lunch program for the 2019-20 school year at USA. 52% of the students qualified for the free lunch program. 4% of the students qualified for a reduced rate lunch. The school participated in the CEP program for free breakfast and lunches.

Our Special Education kids we serviced throughout the year was 13 but it totaled about 11 FTE with the different enrollments at around 16% IEP or if you look at it NOT through FTE and people serviced it would be around 19%.

**Graduation**

19 total students earned diplomas in 2020. The graduation rate for USA for 2018 is 43.5%. With only 10 student counting towards that years cohort.

**Testing**

Students did not participated in AIR testing due to corona virus. . The grades attained turned to results for all grades and tests taken.

**Academics**

Through its unique blended learning structure, USA is able to aid in course recovery for students. For the 2019-2020 school years, 13 students were able to recover credits and return to being on track to graduate in four years. 15 of the 19 graduates were able to earn their high school diplomas after being more than a year behind schedule when entering USA. 47 Credits were earned through our Summer Learning program benefitting 23 students.

The Virtual Learning Academy catalogue of courses utilized by USA enables students to build a customized schedule to each individual’s liking. These courses are completed while the students are at school, as well as when they are at home. Courses were added throughout the school year to help students recover credit and/or work on courses for the following school year.

**Certifications**

During the 2019-2020 school year, 0 students earned their OSHA, H2S Awareness, Confined Space Awareness and SAFEL: reached 0 safety certifications due to covid cancellations. 28 students obtained 1st Aid and CPR. 22 Students earned two credits in welding. However students were not yet afforded opportunities to test due to testing lab closure due to Covid 19.

**Industry Involvement**

The Bechtel Corporation was most helpful to USA during the 2019-2020 school year: donating major equipment to house a land surveillance class. One student received employment with Bechtel due to the program. Students attended field trips to Southfield Energy, WH Sammis, Plumbers and Pipefitters, and Iron Workers Union. New Castle School of Trades offered an open house for theirwelding program.