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- 7-12 905 students
- 9-10 306 students
- 11-12 280 students
- The high school is situated in a rural community with a strong medical service area, and the town also has some manufacturing and retail industries.
- Fairmont High School has been an IB school since 1984, the 3rd IB school in the state.
- IB Courses offered are: English A1, French HI and SL, Spanish HI and SL, German SL, European History HL, Physics SL, Chemistry SL, Math SL, Arts SL, Music Theory HL and SL, Visual Arts HL and SL, Computer Science SL.
- The classes are mixed with students testing in IB and not testing, but the same curriculum is offered to all students. This raises the level of achievement for all students. Over one half of the senior class takes the IB English class and ¼ take the IB history class. Students who go to college find themselves very well prepared for college, and they also often choose very selective schools.
- We have open enrollment from area schools because of the IB program. This may be about 5 to 8 students a year.
- The program costs about \$30,000 a year to run, but reaps much more than that in rewards for students and parents. About 30 to 50 students test every year.
- The students who do the diploma are successful 86 percent of the time. We have had a student transfer to an IB school in Sweden and be successful there, and we have had students from Hungary and Germany attend and graduate from our school with an IB diploma. So we are a part of the international IB community.
- For the last five years we have done international CAS activities to support efforts to build a more peaceful world. We raised \$5,000 to send to the Adopt a Landmine program, and we raised \$2,000 to send to Save the Children, donated to Iraq. We also did fundraising and raised \$2,000 for Tsunami relief. Last year we linked with IBO on the School to School Project in Sri Lanka and raised \$1,000.
- Students in grades 9-12 do an application to get into the program, and can remain in the program as long as their grade point stays above a 3.00 average.
- Fairmont does not have Advanced Placement classes. The school chose International Baccalaureate because of the depth of the program, as well as the breadth of the program.