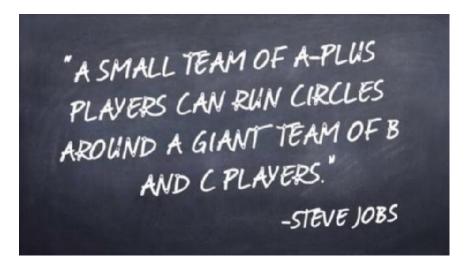
## Preparing for the 2014-15 School Year



As we gear up to return to school- whether you are a teacher, a parent or a child, here is some basic information on ways to work together to ensure student success and be a team of "A-Plus" Players!.

## Some Facts About Silver Valley Unified School District

- 1) We strive to be a high performing school district and our District API was 815 in 2013. Last year we began the switch to Common Core. Our teachers have received systematic training to help them be effective teachers of Common Core Standards.
- 2) We have a strong and consistently good graduation rate, including graduation of special needs students.
- 3) We are an RtI (Response to Intervention) district. All of our schools implement and track student success and provide targeted interventions to students who show signs of struggle.
- 4) All of our schools are in the implementation process of PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports). This is a framework that seeks to actively improve the social, emotional and behavioral expectations of the schools and to provide multiple tiered levels of behavioral supports to students as needed. While we are still relatively new to PBIS (3<sup>rd</sup> year), we have already seen improvements in the social climates of our schools. We have seen a decrease in bullying and office referrals and an increase in student engagement and involvement.







## Ways to ensure that your child does well in school.

- 1) Send your child to school prepared. Supply lists will be provided to parents the first week of school. If you are unable to provide supplies, please let your school know.
- 2) Find out how your child's school communicates important information. Many of our schools have computer access to programs such as "Parent Portal", or through monthly newsletters, etc.. which can provide parents with general school information and teacher contact information as well as more detailed information such as

homework due, project dates and deadlines. These sources helps parents, kids and teachers all communicate with each other more effectively. To find out how your child's school communicates with parents, visit the front office and ask!

- 3) Find out what kind of tutoring and which after school program may be available at your school. Check with the school office for this information.
- 4) Attend special school functions such as "Back to School Nights", Fundraiser events, PTA groups and other meetings whenever you can. Research shows that parents who are active in schools have kids that are more likely to be high performers in school!
- 5) If you feel your child is struggling educationally- GET HELP! All schools in our district, have several levels of supports available for ALL students. All of our General education students have access to evidence based interventions for help in core classes (Reading and Math). All schools in our district also have Student Study Teams (SSTs) that will work with you to help your child and if needed can work with you to refer your child for additional testing to determine any additional specialized services or supports that may be needed. If you feel your child needs help, then contact your student's teacher or school principal. Additionally be aware that behavioral and mental health supports can also be requested if you have concerns with your child's behaviors, emotional reactions or social interactions.
- 6) District supports in the forms of specialized service providers including Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapists, Mental Health Counselors/Therapists, Speech Pathologist, School Psychologists and Specialized Academic Instruction are available should your child be determined to need Special Education Services or 504 Accommodations. If you feel your child needs more specialized help, please contact your school's principals and share your concerns with them. Personnel at both the district and county levels are also available to answer your concerns or questions. Call the district office and speak with the secretary at the ESC (Educational Services Center) office. She will be able to direct you from that point, based on your need.

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