

FORRESTVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #221



In an effort to continue excellence in education, the Forrestville Valley Board of Education has committed to the following opportunities for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

Facilities & Administration

Forrestville Valley District Office

P.O. Box 665
601 East Main Street
Forreston, IL 61030
Phone: (815) 938 – 2036
Superintendent: Mrs. Sheri Smith

Forreston Grade School

P.O. Box 665
401 S. First Avenue
Forreston, IL 61030
Phone: (815) 938 – 2301
Principal: Mr. Ryan Schrader

Forreston Junior/Senior High School

P.O. Box 665
601 East Main Street
Forreston, IL 61030
Office Phone: (815) 938 – 2175
Principal: Mr. Travis Heinz
Assistant Principal/Activities Director: Mr. Kyle Zick

German Valley Grade School

200 Rock City Road
German Valley, IL 61039
Phone: (815) 362 – 2279
Principal: Mrs. Heather Politsch

Transportation Office

Phone: (815) 938-2195

2024-2025 Strategic Planning Implementation

Personnel

Resources

Instruction

Exemplary Results

Community

CURRICULUM

- We are excited by the results of our **intervention blocks** at Forreston Grade School and will expand to include kindergarten at German Valley Grade School next fall. In addition, the district will purchase a new online intervention program, **IXL Learning**, for all K-12 students to assist with **reading and math instruction**. IXL Learning is an online tool which directly correlates to our current curricular programs to further enhance instruction.
- A **K-8 Math Team** was created to review the current math series and identify needs in instruction and application. This team included a representative from each grade level, special education, administration, and curriculum consultants from **Core Learning**. The team reviewed a variety of curricular materials and recommended **Eureka2**, an updated version of our current mathematics series. You should expect to see some enhancements to our math instruction next fall.
- We will continue our focus of **College Career Readiness** and **Social Emotional Learning** at FJSHS during early release days. This year a variety of activities were held including a **6-12 college and job fair**, **financial literacy activities**, **community service hours**, and **social emotional health awareness**. We look to our community to assist in the areas of college career readiness and post Forreston High School. If you are interested in sharing about your career field, please reach out to our CCR coach, Mrs. Lois Bollman at lbollman@fvdistrict221.org.

STAFFING

- We are experiencing staff shortages in education, and are working to establish our own educator pipeline through a new **Cardinal University** program. During the 2024-2025 school year, the Board of Education has approved paid teacher certification for eligible support staff through the **TeacherReady program**. In addition, the district will host three **student teachers** during the upcoming school year. Illinois continues to provide various pathways for alternative teacher certification, and we encourage anyone interested in the field of education to contact the District Office for more details.
- The District continues to need **Bus and Van Drivers** to provide adequate transportation to and from school for daily and special routes. The process to obtain a School Bus Endorsement includes an 8-hour course, online training modules, behind the wheel training, and testing with the Department of Motor Vehicles. The district is offering a **training incentive** of \$2,000 for individuals who complete the sequence as well as full health and dental insurance benefits for these part-time positions. Please contact the Transportation Office for more information.

FACILITIES

- The summer is always busy with projects as we strive to maintain excellent facilities for our students and staff. Forreston and German Valley Grade Schools will both have **roof replacement projects** completed this summer. FJSHS and German Valley will also receive updates to the **HVAC and Control Systems** and German Valley will complete a **fencing project** around the playground area. Lastly, the final phase of the **Cardinal Field Complex** will be completed to include paving of the parking lot between the diamonds and access road.

ATHLETIC / ACTIVITIES UPDATE

- This year we offered our first **Smile Illinois Dental Clinic** at our Forreston Schools and will offer again in February 2025. These dental clinics will provide cleanings and examinations and accept dental insurance. We are also offering on site **athletic physicals** for our student athletes in attempts to assist families in scheduling. The FHN Forreston office will provide these physicals with Dr. April Moore in mid-May. If you missed any of this information, please contact the FJSHS office.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

- The District continues to utilize Skyward for our online registration system for school, athletics and activities. There is no increase in instructional fees for grades K-12, but there will be an increase with our technology fee and specific course fees. Please note the following:
 - ◆ **Kindergarten and Preschool Registration is OPEN!!!** Little Cardinal Preschool continues to offer half-day and full day options. Students must be three years of age by September 1st and have completed a preschool screening. Please contact German Valley Grade School for questions about the registration process.
 - ◆ **Returning Students in grades 1-12** will be able to register beginning **Monday, June 24th**. Information will be sent via skyward messaging when registration is officially open.
 - ◆ **Athletics/activities registration** begins **June 24th**. Please remember all school fees must be paid PRIOR to your student participating in extra-curricular activities. Please contact the District Office to set up a payment plan.