
PROFICIENCY BREAKFAST

Collinwood Computech Middle/High School Cleveland, Ohio

One of Collinwood Computech Middle/High School's goals is to raise Ohio Proficiency Test scores. The Action Team for Partnerships (ATP) hosted a Proficiency Breakfast where parents, students, teachers, and community members received test preparation materials, played learning games, and built camaraderie to assist students pass the exam.

The Breakfast served up four themes: Pancakes for Math, Grits for Science, Bacon for Social Studies, and Eggs for Language Arts. Participants correctly answered questions in order to receive each food item. At the end of the game, anyone who did not correctly answer the questions received breakfast.

The ATP organized the majority of activities for the Proficiency Breakfast. The team gathered resources for parents and community members such as practice proficiency tests on CD, proficiency games in math and science, practice proficiency test booklets, and referrals to citywide services that offer free assistance in all areas of the test. In addition, parents volunteered to assist with preparing and serving breakfast and General Electric, the school's business partner, donated light bulbs to all participants.

One hundred and thirty-six parents, students, teachers, community members, and Action Team members attended the event. Nineteen eighth-grade students passed the exam in comparison to the previous year's eight. As a result, these students met the requirement and can now focus on other important milestones in their education.

The Proficiency Breakfast raised parent and community awareness about how to help students pass Ohio's proficiency tests. This event also reinforced for parents, students, teachers, and community members that a group effort yields important results for students.

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