

Opportunity Gap Reduction Plan 2022-2023

School District: West Valley (Yakima)
High School: West Valley High School

School FRPL % 40%

ASB Card Possession Opportunity Gap %:	-15%	Gap Plan Required?	No
Extracurricular Participation Opportunity Gap %:	33%	Gap Plan Required?	Yes
<p><i>The intent of ASB Card Possession/Extracurricular Activity Gap Plan is to reflect on and identify additional barriers that prevent students who are low income from participating in optional, noncredit extracurricular activities such as clubs, school events, and athletics. Please share your ASB and athletic fee data with your ASB student council before filling out this gap reduction plan. Gap Plans for 2022-2023 are required for either Opportunity Gaps over 12%.</i></p>			
<p>1. Our school used the following approaches to determine barriers to ASB card possession and/or extracurricular participation:</p>			Yes/No
Survey students on their participation			No
Survey parents on their students' participation			No
Evaluate required factors for participation (transportation, materials/uniforms, etc.)			No
Compare school data to other schools with similar demographics			No
Conduct a cost benefit analysis of offerings			No
<p>Other: We issued free ASB cards to students who had the waiver on file automatically - no extra steps for them. We kept athletes when numbers warranted hiring another coach to have more teams so athletes weren't cut. There were not always enough athletes to fill a roster for an extra team, unfortunately.</p>			
<p>2. What are some of your students' barriers to student possession of ASB Cards?</p>			Barriers
Interest			N/A
Timing			N/A
Identifying eligible students			N/A
Communication/Marketing			N/A
Cultural responsiveness/awareness			N/A
<p>Other:</p>			

3. What are some of your students' barriers to student participation in extracurricular activities?	Barriers
Transportation	Yes
Cost	Yes
Timing/Schedule	Yes
Availability/Options	No
Communication/Marketing	No
Cultural responsiveness/awareness	No
Interest	Yes

Other:
 We have two serious barriers:
 We are a rural district without city bus service and we don't run bus routes after practice, so transportation is a barrier.
 Our area has well-developed club programs for most sports. Enough of our students can afford this opportunity that it becomes harder and harder for student-athletes who cannot afford to play out-of-season to be competitive and make our teams. Many students simply stop turning out. We don't have a way to off set that "experience gap" created by the club sports.

4. Describe the action steps the school/district will take to reduce the opportunity gap in student possession of ASB cards and/or participation in extracurricular activities for the up coming school year.

This spring we offered free after school gym time for basketball and volleyball. We were surprised we didn't have more students sign up. We know there are many students who want to "shoot hoop" at lunch and for fun even if playing on the official school teams is not an option for them.
 We learned that transportation is a major hurdle for after school activities. We also learned that many students either didn't know or didn't understand what was being offered. We are revising our promotional ideas and will continue to try and offer intramural sports!