

Vernonia SD 47J

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The Vernonia Child and Family Enrichment (CAFE) Project is a sustainable collaborative partnership between Vernonia School District (VSD), Camp Cedar Ridge (CCR), Columbia Health Services (CHS), LitART, Clatsop Community College (CCC) and the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council (UNWC) to provide comprehensive academic enrichment, youth development, and family engagement services to 225 K -12 students and 120 parents and families attending our three district schools.

CAFE features three overarching goals:

1. Increase student achievement and narrow opportunity gaps as evidenced by improved grades and test scores.
2. Increase student engagement in school and enhance SEL as shown through increased school attendance rates and student surveys.
3. Increase culturally responsive parent and family involvement based on family activity participation records.

CAFE delivers:

1. Comprehensive evidence-based K-12 literacy and STEAM academic support model that delivers over 400 hours of culturally-affirming youth development enrichment services.
2. Innovative K-12 CTE model that combines paid internships, apprenticeships, work-based learning, entrepreneurial opportunities, and courses in construction, forestry, welding, metal fabrication, business, technology, and education/childcare.
3. Culturally responsive mental health and well-being services integrated throughout the CAFE Project.
4. Meaningful community driven family engagement opportunities including monthly family learning celebrations and weekly Learning is Fun Together (LIFT) activities.