

The Delta High School Eagles has a variety of teachers, students, and community personnel influencing its demographics. The entire population of students served is 840 (Indiana Department of Education). The school is split level with an open cafeteria and locker banks. There are many clubs at the school from Best Buddies to the Spanish Club. A factor that influences the school is its new status as a university high school. The high school offers students the opportunity to graduate with college degrees such as an Associate's degree.

There are 56 teachers at Delta High School (Indiana Department of Education). The teachers are the backbone of this establishment. This number includes only teachers and administrators. There is also a school nurse and many paraprofessionals. Delta has 2 school secretaries and has many students help in the office throughout the day. The number of teaching assistants changes constantly and sometimes this number does include Ball State University Practicum students and student teachers, so there is not a concrete number.

The ethnic make- up of the students breaks down as follows: 95% Caucasian, 1% multi-racial, 1% American Indian, 1% Asian, 1% Hispanic, and 1% African American (Indiana Department of Education). All around Delta teaches with ethnic diversity by offering classes on different languages and including curriculum from around the world. The ethnicity of the teachers is as follows: 97% Caucasian and 3% Asian. The Asian descent comes from the Chinese and Japanese teachers. This goes hand in hand with the different languages offered to the student body. Delta High School gives many opportunities to the student to expand their cultural knowledge.

Students with disabilities make-up 20% of the Delta High School population with 80% having no Individualized Education Plan (IEP) (Indiana Department of Education). The students are served in two different rooms. One is the resource room where students can come and go as needed. Some of the students have a designated resource room period and some come in when needing assistance with homework or tests. The other classroom is a self-contained room and curriculum is mainly life skills based. Another form of exceptional students is the gifted and talented. While Delta does not offer a specific program for these students, they offer many advanced placement and classes for college credits.

In accordance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.), schools must meet certain requirements to receive Title I funds. This ties in with the students with disabilities because this is a law directly affects them. An excerpt from the law states “The purpose of this title is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging State academic achievement standards and state academic assessments. Title I, Sec1001).” Delta High School currently receives \$207,171 in funds from Title I. Title I refers to meeting the educational needs of low-achieving children in our Nation's highest-poverty schools, limited English proficient children, migratory children, children with disabilities, Indian children, neglected or delinquent children, and young children in need of reading assistance (Title I, Sec1001). The proportion of students with free or reduced lunch is as follows: 60% paid in full, 25% free and 15 % reduced are receiving reduced lunch. The school environment at Delta

appears to be very compliant with the laws and regulations set forth by the government. They also offer many opportunities to give every student a well-rounded education.

The community-surrounding Delta is a larger community. There are 117,484 people living in Delaware County (Census Bureau, 2013). This includes many smaller towns and communities and even the county seat, Muncie. There are many types of businesses in this community. There are many retail services as well as, fast food and dining options. The business is centered on the university located in downtown Muncie. There are many rural undertakings as well, such as farms. The ethnic breakdown of the community as of 2013 is: 89% Caucasian, 7 % African America, and 4% other nationalities (Census Bureau, 2013). The economic status of many of these families is mostly middle to upper middle.

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