



Aurora Public Schools

Class in Session for Fifth Block



Approximately 4,000 APS students accepted an invitation to stay in school for a few more weeks this year. The students are participating in a program called the “Fifth Block of Instruction.”

Fifth Block is voluntary and is offered to students who have shown academic growth during the year but need more learning time to become proficient. The program runs through June 28 and provides 23 days of additional instruction focused on math, reading and writing.

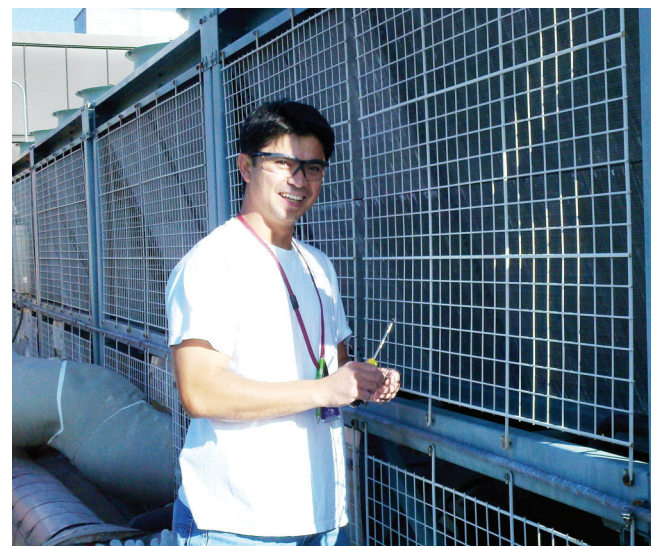
Fifth Block is in its fifth consecutive year. Analysis of CSAP data shows that students who participate in the program tend to make better progress than non-participants on math, reading and writing assessments.

The program is partially funded by mill levy dollars approved by Aurora voters in 2008. For more information about Fifth Block, visit fifthblock.aurorak12.org.

APS Maintenance Team Guides Pickens Tech Interns

Aurora Public Schools’ Maintenance and Operations HVAC teams do more than just keep our schools comfortable for learning. In addition to their daily tasks of providing safe and well-maintained facilities, they are committed to helping students who have an interest in their line of work.

Throughout the 2011-12 school year, staff members Scott Begert, Rodney Faller, Thomas Rohlman and Mervin Walter logged nearly 1,300 hours of hands-on training with student interns from Pickens Technical College. Their work gave students the ability to take classroom knowledge and apply it to practical situations. The intern program continues to grow due to their dedication to APS students, a commitment to the profession and the desire to share knowledge.



For more information about this year’s interns, visit aurorak12.org/2012/06/06/pickens-interns.

