# Brevard County Public Schools School Improvement Plan <br> 2012-2013 

## Name of School:

South Area

Herbert C. Hoover Middle School

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## Mission Statement:

Excellence is the standard.

## Vision Statement:

The Hoover Middle School Community will develop well-rounded, life-long learners.

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## RATIONAL - Continuous Improvement Cycle Process

Data Analysis from multiple data sources: (Needs assessment that supports the need for improvement)

## FCAT Writing

The percent of eighth grade students meeting high standard (4.0) on the FCAT Writing has declined from $85 \%$ in $2009,83 \%$ in 2010 , to $78 \%$ in 2011. With the adjusted standard of 3.0 for meeting high standard, the percent of eighth grade students was $84 \%$ in 2012. The scoring criteria from the Florida Department of Education for 2012 included more stringent application of correct use of standard English, and increased attention to the quality of detail using relevant, logical and plausible support.

## FCAT Reading

Results of the 2010 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) revealed that $84 \%$ of Hoover Middle School's students are meeting high standards in reading. $84 \%$ of Hoover Middle School's seventh grade students earned a level 3 or higher in 2010 and $83 \%$ of the eighth grade students earned a level 3 or higher.
The most significant difference in the FCAT 2010 scores were found in the following scores, which show the changes in FCAT Levels made by students in reading:
45 seventh graders increased a level
55 seventh graders decreased a level
12 eighth graders increased a level
79 eighth graders decreased a level
Results of the 2011 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) revealed that 85\% of Hoover Middle School's students are meeting high standards in reading. 87\% of Hoover Middle School's seventh grade students earned a level 3 or higher in 2011, while only $65 \%$ of the eighth grade students earned a level 3 or higher.

Results of the 2012 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) revealed that 75\% of Hoover Middle School's students are meeting high standards in reading. 77\% of Hoover Middle School's seventh grade students earned a level 3 or higher in 2012 and $72 \%$ of the eighth grade students earned a level 3 or higher.
Declining scores of higher level students continues to be a concern with the following results:
21 seventh grade level 3 students' scores declined to a level 1 or 2
33 seventh grade level 4 students' scores declined to a level 2 or 3
19 seventh grade level 5 students' scores declined to a level 3 or 4
A total of $29 \%$ of $7^{\text {th }}$ graders decreased at least one level while only $16 \%$ increased
25 eighth grade level 3 students' scores declined to a level 1 or 2
22 eighth grade level 4 students' scores declined to a level 2 or 3
19 eighth grade level 5 students' scores declined to a level 3 or 4
A total of $32 \%$ of $8^{\text {th }}$ graders decreased at least one level while $23 \%$ increased
During the past three years $62 \%$ of the students on average at Hoover Middle School have made learning gains in reading. There was a decline in the number of students making learning gains in 2011 (59\%) from $63 \%$ in 2010, however there was an increase in 2012 to $65 \%$. For students in the lowest $25 \%$, there has been a steady decrease in those making learning gains from $68 \%$ in 2010 to $59 \%$ in 2011 to $54 \%$ in 2012.

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## FAIR

During the 2011-2012 school year, results from the initial FAIR testing window and the final FAIR testing window were analyzed. In the area of 7th grade reading comprehension, Hoover MS moved from a median percentile rank of $60 \%$ to $68 \%$. For our $8^{\text {th }}$ grade students, the median percentile rank moved from $60 \%$ to $65 \%$.

For the 2012-2013 school year, during the initial FAIR testing window, the median percentile rank for reading comprehension test was $54 \%$ for the $7^{\text {th }}$ grade and $60 \%$ for the $8^{\text {th }}$ grade.

Currently for our $7^{\text {th }}$ grade students, the initial FAIR testing window indicates $35.1 \%$ of our White Students, $50 \%$ of our Black Students, $65 \%$ of our Hispanic Students, and $37.5 \%$ of our Multiracial Students are performing below the $40 \%$ rank on the Reading Comprehension test.

Currently for our $8^{\text {th }}$ grade students, the initial FAIR testing window indicates $26 \%$ of our White Students, $50 \%$ of our Black Students, $53.8 \%$ of our Hispanic Students, and $43.8 \%$ of our Multiracial Students are performing below the $40 \%$ rank on the Reading Comprehension test.

During the 2011-2012 school year, In the area of 7th grade Reading Comprehension, when comparing the initial and final FAIR Reading Comprehension results of students performing below the $40 \%$, White Students decreased from $30.8 \%$ to $20.6 \%$, Black Students decreased from $83.3 \%$ to $57.1 \%$, Hispanic Students decreased from $72.2 \%$ to $22.2 \%$ Economically Disadvantaged Students decreased from $48.8 \%$ to $37 \%$, and Students with Disabilities decreased from $81.2 \%$ to 75\%.

During the 2011-2012 school year, In the area of 8th grade Reading Comprehension, when comparing the initial and final FAIR Reading Comprehension results of students performing below the $40 \%$, White Students decreased from $23.7 \%$ to $17.3 \%$, Black Students decreased from $66.7 \%$ to $33.3 \%$, Hispanic Students remained the same at $17.6 \%$ Economically Disadvantaged Students decreased from $36.8 \%$ to $23.7 \%$, and Students with Disabilities remained the same at $60 \%$

## Mathematics

Ninety-one percent of students in seventh and eighth grade scored a level 3 or higher in mathematics on the 2010 FCAT. Eighty percent of the students made an annual learning gain. Eighty-five percent of the struggling students made a year's worth of progress in mathematics on the 2010 FCAT.

Eighty-six percent of students in seventh and eighth grade scored a Level 3 or higher in mathematics on the FCAT 2011. Seventy-two percent of the students made an annual learning gain. Seventy-three percent of the struggling students made a year's worth of progress in mathematics on the FCAT 2011.

Eighty-four percent of students in seventh and eighth grade scored a level 3 or higher in mathematics on the FCAT 2012. Seventy-eight percent made an annual learning gain. Sixty-two percent of the struggling students made a year's worth of progress in mathematics on the 2012 FCAT.

Over the past three years, there has been a decrease in the percentage of students scoring at level 3 or above and a decrease the percentage of learning gains by the lowest $25 \%$.

Science

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There has been a change in the Science FCAT scores for the past three years. The percent of eighth grade students scoring at Level 3 or higher has moved from $73 \%$ in 2010 to $59 \%$ in 2011. In 2012, the percent of eighth grade students scoring at level 3 or higher showed a significant growth to $76 \%$.

## Parental Involvement

Results of the parent survey are as follows:
-The best method of communications is Email (93\%), Edline (75\%), Newsletters (34\%), and Synervoice (33\%).
-Eighty-seven percent of respondents have attended informational meetings or academic events of which $91 \%$ said the information was beneficial. Those not attending said it was because the information was not relevant or meetings were not at a convenient time.
-Eighty-two percent of parents are at least satisfied with classroom instruction and quality/quantity of homework.
-Currently, $91 \%$ of our parents have active Edline accounts.

## Analysis of Current Practice: (How do we currently conduct business?)

Due to our small school size, we have not had "teams" over the last couple of years. However, given its importance, we have added middle school teaming to our schedule this year. This allows a cohort of teachers to share a cohort of students working collaboratively to discuss issues or concerns and to work interdisciplinary on projects. As our focus is shifting toward the Common Core Standards (CCSS) which emphasizes rigor, relevance and college and career readiness for all students, we felt it was important to ensure collaboration among departments. Therefore, we have implemented common departmental planning this year

All instructional staff share in the disaggregation of the FCAT reading data, and Language Arts teachers identify specific strengths and weaknesses for their students. Hoover Middle School uses specific reading instruction in content areas to support reading achievement for all students. Departments meet in Professional Learning Teams to share best practices and to discuss students who are not making satisfactory progress.

Students who scored a Level 1 or 2 on the 2012 Reading FCAT, receive intensive instruction in additional reading classes. Reading instruction includes modeling reading strategies, higher level questioning strategies, and response to fiction and non-fiction.

The Response to Intervention (RtI) compares students with their peers to determine learning gaps, areas of weakness, and strengths for individual students. The Problem Solving Team meets weekly to investigate strategies that may work for an individual child or groups of students in tier three of the RtI process.

Tutoring sessions are available before, during and after school in both Language Arts and Math.
Gifted Science and Gifted World Cultures are offered in seventh grade, and eighth grade students (in the gifted education program) take the Gifted U.S. History and Gifted Language Arts classes.

Advanced classes in mathematics are available to meet the needs of students, including Algebra I, Algebra I Honors and Geometry Honors.

The Science Research class is open to students interested in this intense Science course.
The need exists for consistent modeling and use of non-linguistic representation in content Areas: (Mathematics, English, Science and Social Studies) and elective classes, to ensure students build

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vocabulary and develop a deeper understanding of the texts and reading material.
Additionally, the need exists for continued emphasis on higher order thinking, vocabulary, and summarizing.

The 6 Traits of Writing are addressed monthly in all Language Arts department PLTs, and are taught by every Language Arts teacher. District FCAT Writing and Grammar Mastery pre/post tests are administered twice a year.

Over the past two years, Hoover has made an effort to train all teachers on Thinking Maps. With the exception of new teachers this year, all have been trained and are continuing to utilize them within their classes.

Non-Fiction writing occurs across the curriculum in Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Math and Elective classes.

In an effort to address the various students' achievement levels and ensure rigor for all students, students are homogeneously grouped for MESH courses this year. This will allow teachers to begin work at the students' level current elevating them rather than "teaching to the middle" of a heterogeneous group.

Best Practice: (What does research tell us we should be doing as it relates to data analysis above?)
Classroom instruction should include researched strategies that have the potential for improving student achievement. According to Marzano (2003), nine instructional strategies were identified as affecting student achievement: Identifying similarities and differences; Summarizing and note taking; Reinforcing effort and providing recognition; Homework and practice; Nonlinguistic representations; Cooperative Learning; Setting objectives and providing feedback; Generating and testing hypothesis; and Questions, cues and advance organizers.

Effective teachers also tended to employ different strategies with different types of learners, whereas ineffective teachers did not use different strategies based on the students' needs.

Based on six research studies, Daggett identified ten central findings that schools to use to be successful: (1) a culture of rigorous and relevant curriculum for all students, (2) utilization of data to focus curriculum on priorities, (3) real-world applications of skills, (4) framework to organize curriculum that drives instruction, (5) multiple pathways to rigor and relevance based on student needs and interests, (6) set high expectations and continuously monitor students for success, (7) sustained professional development, (8) parent and community involvement, (9) safe and orderly school, and (10) effective leadership development for administrators, teachers, parents and community (Daggett, 2005).

Research-based high impact strategies that help raise student learning and achievement significantly are (1) extended thinking strategies, (2) summarizing, (3) vocabulary in context, (4) advance organizers, and (5) non-verbal representations. Evidence-based strategies that impact student learning are (1) vocabulary, (2) summarizing, (3) Reading comprehension, (4) writing to raise achievement, and (5) organizational and instructional focus with previewing and scaffolding grade-level content and assignments for struggling students (Thompson, 2011).

Teachers must have an in-depth knowledge of teaching specific math concepts such as the transition from additive reasoning to multiplicative reasoning (Kent, Arnosky, \& McMonagle, 2002; Sowder et al., 1998; Vanhille \& Baroody, 2002). Research also shows that although fractions are taught in elementary school, students tend to have a minimal and procedural understanding of fractions and lack the knowledge of underlying concepts. Middle school mathematic teachers must develop explicit lessons to assist students

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in a deeper understanding of fractions. The use of manipulatives and hands-on experiences help students to develop the conceptual understanding (Mack, 1990).

Probably one of the greatest determining factors in academic success is parental involvement and parental motivation. About 70-90\% of children who get As and Bs in schools report they are encouraged to do well by parents in school. These parents are also around to help with homework, attend meetings and volunteer in schools. Schools regularly report that better performance and academic success is more likely when parents are actively involved. (Ellis-Christiensen)

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## Final Analysis

Although Hoover MS is traditionally a high performing school, there is a concern of overall scores falling during the past three years. Students have traditionally be grouped heterogeneously thus requiring differentiated instruction in all classes. In an effort to address the needs of individual and groups of students, students were grouped homogeneously for their MESH courses. Common planning for departments was also incorporated in the schedule this year to allow additional time for teachers to plan collaboratively. An emphasis on higher level thinking skills and nonlinguistic representation will continue to be implemented, as well as, incorporating summarizing and vocabulary in context as high impact strategies to improve learning for all.

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| Reading | Math | Writing | Science | Parental <br> Involvement | Drop-out Programs |
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| Language <br> Arts | Social <br> Studies | Arts/PE | Other: All <br> Elective <br> Classes |  |  |

School Based Objective: (Action statement: What will we do to improve programmatic and/or instructiona/ effectiveness?)

READING: Teachers will utilize Common Core Literary Standards to assist students with summarizing and interpreting non-fiction reading to increase reading comprehension and assessment scores.

## Strategies: (Small number of action oriented staff performance objectives)

| Barrier | Action Steps | Person <br> Responsible | Timetable | Budget | In-Process <br> Measure |
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| 1. Students <br> have not been <br> exposed to <br> DBQ process | 1a. Model and <br> teach students <br> how to answer <br> document based <br> questions | Social Studies <br> Teachers | $1^{\text {st }}$ nine weeks | Lesson plans, <br> Classroom Walk <br> throughs |  |
|  | 1b. Have <br> students utilize <br> documents to <br> answer a DBQ | Social Studies <br> Teachers | Once per grading <br> period |  | Lesson Plans, <br> Student work |
| 2. Comfort <br> level of <br> students with <br> non-fiction text | 2a. Model and <br> teach students <br> to interpret and <br> summarize non- <br> fiction text | Language Arts <br> \& Social Studies <br> teachers | $1^{\text {st } \text { nine weeks }}$ | Lesson plans, <br> Classroom Walk <br> Throughs |  |
|  | 2b. Have <br> students use <br> literature and <br> Scholastic <br> Readers to read <br> and interpret <br> non-fiction | Language Arts <br> Teachers | Monthly | $\$ 100.00$ | Student work |


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## EVALUATION - Outcome Measures and Reflection

## Qualitative and Quantitative Professional Practice Outcomes: (Measures the level of implementation of the professional practices throughout the school)

$100 \%$ of social studies teachers will model how to answer document based questions during the first nine weeks and then have students utilize documents to respond to DBQs once per grading period. 100\% of Language Arts teachers will utilize non-fiction texts for $25 \%$ of all reading in the classroom. They will model and teach students to interpret and summarize non-fiction text during the first nine weeks and then have students read and summarize non-fiction text a minimum of once per month utilizing both literature and Scholastic Readers. 100\% of Science teachers will have students read content specific non-fiction text and write summaries once per nine weeks and $100 \%$ of elective teachers will have students read content specific non-fiction texts and write summaries a minimum of once per semester. 100\% of Math teachers will model how to use context clues to break math word problems into pieces during the first nine weeks and then will have students use context clues to interpret and solve word problems a minimum of twice per month. The level of implementation will be monitored and evident through observations, teacher lesson plans, student work samples, and an end of year teacher survey.

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## Qualitative and Quantitative Student Achievement Expectations: (Measures of student achievement)

Students will utilize non-fiction text in all subject areas, summarizing and interpreting text to increase reading comprehension and assessment scores according to the following:

Social Studies - DBQs once per grading period
Language Arts $-25 \%$ of all reading will be non-fiction, summarizing will occur once per month
Science - Once per nine weeks
Electives - Once per semester
In math classes, students will utilize context clues to break down word problems to assist with solving twice per month.
With an increased emphasis on reading non-fiction text and interpreting and summarizing, students will have a better understanding of content in all subject areas which will result in increased assessment scores. In 2011-12, Hoover had $78 \%$ of students score a level 3 or above on the FCAT reading. With the increased emphasis on non-fiction reading, Hoover will have $81 \%$ of students score a level 3 or above. In addition, students will complete a survey indicating that $70 \%$ of all students felt summarizing strategies helped them better understand their content material.

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| Reading | Math | Writing | Science | Parental <br> Involvement | Drop-out Programs |
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| Language <br> Arts | Social <br> Studies | Arts/PE | Other: All <br> Elective <br> Classes |  |  |

School Based Objective: (Action statement: What will we do to improve programmatic and/or instructional effectiveness?)

WRITING: All teachers will provide opportunities for students to write utilizing proper conventions. In addition, students will have opportunities to increase vocabulary and practice higher order thinking in to improve comprehension and writing skills.

## Strategies: (Small number of action oriented staff performance objectives)

| Barrier | Action Steps | Person <br> Responsible | Timetable | Budget | In-Process <br> Measure |
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| 1. Vocabulary Comprehensio n | 1a. Use vocabulary in context within lessons to increase vocabulary comprehension | All MESH Teachers | Weekly | Lesson Plans, Student work, assessments |
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|  | 1b. Use vocabulary in context within lessons to increase vocabulary comprehension | All Elective Teachers | Per Unit | Lesson Plans, Student work, assessments |
|  | 1c. Utilize word walls when teaching vocabulary | Social Studies <br> Teachers | Each Unit | Classroom <br> Displays, <br> Classroom <br> Walkthroughs |
| 2. Lack of students' ability to summarize | 2a. Model and teach students how to summarize math concepts | Math Teachers | $1^{\text {st }}$ nine weeks | Lesson Plans |
|  | 2b. Have students summarize math concepts utilizing proper vocabulary and conventions | Math Teachers | Each Unit | Student work |
|  | 2c. Model and teach students how to write lab reports | Science Teachers | $1^{\text {st }}$ nine weeks | Lesson Plans |
|  | 2d. Have students answer questions regarding labs and then organize them into summaries (abstracts). | Science Teachers | Once per grading period | Lesson plans and student work |


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| 3. Student <br> prior <br> knowledge | 3a. Teach pre- <br> writing skills <br> to include <br> using outlines <br> and graphic <br> organizers | Language Arts <br> Teachers | Monthly | Lesson plans, <br> lassroom walk <br> throughs, Graded <br> student work |  |
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|  | 3b. Have <br> students write <br> 5 paragraph <br> essays <br> using proper <br> conventions | Language Arts <br> Teachers | Six per year |  | Graded student <br> work |
| 4. Improper <br> sentence <br> conventions | 4a. Incorporate <br> long and/or <br> short responses <br> utilizing proper <br> conventions <br> in student <br> assessments | Language Arts, <br> Social Studies and <br> Elective teachers | Minimum of twice <br> per year (semester <br> exams) | Copies of exams, <br> Copies of <br> assessments |  |
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## EVALUATION - Outcome Measures and Reflection

Qualitative and Quantitative Professional Practice Outcomes: (Measures the level of implementation of the professional practices throughout the school)
$100 \%$ of MESH teachers will utilize vocabulary in context within lessons at least once per week and $100 \%$ of elective teachers will utilize vocabulary in context within lessons each unit. Social studies teachers will create content specific word walls associated with each unit of study. Math teachers will model how to summarize math concepts during the first nine weeks and then require students to summarize and explain math concepts and procedures each unit of study. Science teachers will model how to write lab reports during the first nine weeks and then students will answer questions regarding labs and organize them into summaries once per grading period. Language Arts teachers will model and have students utilize pre-writing strategies to include outlines and graphic organizers every month and will have students write a five paragraph essay six times per year. Language Arts, history and elective teachers will include short and/or long responses on semester exams requiring the utilization of proper conventions. The level of implementation will be monitored and evident through observations, teacher lesson plans, student work samples, and an end of year teacher survey.

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## Qualitative and Quantitative Student Achievement Expectations: (Measures of student achievement)

Students will be exposed to and utilize content specific vocabulary in all MESH course on a weekly basis and elective classes each unit. Vocabulary will be used in application for class writing assignments. Students will use prewriting strategies such as graphic organizers and outlines in Language Arts and Social Studies classes to help improve writing. Students will write five paragraph essays in Language Arts classes six times per year. Students will organize and write summaries when completing lab reports once per grading period. Students will summarize math concepts once per unit. Students will be required to utilize content specific vocabulary and proper conventions in all summary writing With an increased emphasis on vocabulary, summarizing and utilization of proper conventions in writing, students will have a better understanding of content in all subject areas which will result in increased assessment scores. In 2011-12, Hoover had $84 \%$ of students score a level 3 or above on the FCAT Writes. With the increased emphasis on vocabulary, summarizing and conventions, Hoover will have $92 \%$ of students score a level 3 or above. In addition, students will complete a survey indicating that $70 \%$ of all students felt these strategies helped them better understand their content material and improve their writing skills.

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School Based Objective: (Action statement: What will we do to improve programmatic and/or instructional effectiveness?)

MATH: Teachers will follow the Common Core Mathematical Practice of Attending to Precision using clear definitions in discussions, stating the meaning of symbols chosen, ensuring work specifies units of measure, calculating accurately and efficiently, carefully formulating explanations, and beginning to examine claims and make explicit use of definitions to improve students' math comprehension and assessment scores.

## Strategies: (Small number of action oriented staff performance objectives)

| Barrier | Action Steps | Person <br> Responsible | Timetable | Budget | In-Process <br> Measure |
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| 1. Students <br> not showing <br> work or <br> showing <br> inappropriate <br> work | "work down" <br> method in all <br> class examples <br> as appropriate to <br> teach students to <br> show work and <br> follow a process | Math Teachers | Bi-weekly | Lesson plans and/ <br> or teacher notes |  |


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|  | 1b. Check <br> student work for <br> proper formatting <br> to ensure work is <br> shown to improve <br> student learning <br> and achievement | Math Teachers | Bi-weekly |  | Student work |
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| 2. Student <br> misuse or <br> misunders <br> tanding of <br> mathematical <br> symbols | 2a. Teach <br> students the <br> proper meaning <br> of each math <br> symbol to clarify <br> understanding | Math Teachers | Bi-weekly |  | Lesson plans |
|  | 2b. Model the <br> use of math <br> symbols to <br> reinforce proper <br> usage | Math Teachers | Bi-weekly |  | Lesson plans and/ <br> or teacher notes |
|  | 2c. Check <br> student <br> understanding <br> through formative <br> assessment to <br> improve student <br> achievement | Math Teachers | Bi-weekly |  | Formative <br> assessment |
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## EVALUATION - Outcome Measures and Reflection

## Qualitative and Quantitative Professional Practice Outcomes: (Measures the level of implementation of the professional practices throughout the school)

All math teachers will demonstrate how to "work down" the page showing all work and following a process bi-weekly and require students to show all work using proper formatting on all assignments. They will also define proper meanings of each math symbol to clarify understanding and model the use of symbols to reinforce proper usage. Math teachers will check student understanding bi-weekly through formative assessments.
The level of implementation will be monitored and evident through observations, teacher lesson plans, student work samples, and an end of year teacher survey.

Qualitative and Quantitative Student Achievement Expectations: (Measures of student achievement)
Students will be exposed to proper formatting of math problems and the "work down" model of showing all work as well as proper meaning of each math symbol to clarify understanding. Students will show all work utilizing the "work down" method and proper formatting when working math problems in all math classes. They will be required to understand the meaning of math symbols and their proper usage.

With an increased emphasis on the Common Core Mathematical Practice of Attending to Precision, students will have a

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better understanding of math content, vocabulary, and work processes which will result in increased assessment scores. In 2011-12, Hoover had $82 \%$ of students score a level 3 or above on the FCAT Math. With the increased emphasis on vocabulary, summarizing and conventions, Hoover will have $88 \%$ of students score a level 3 or above. In addition, students will complete a survey indicating that $70 \%$ of all students felt these strategies helped them better understand their content material and improve their computation skills.

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School Based Objective: (Action statement: What will we do to improve programmatic and/or instructional effectiveness?)

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Hoover Middle School will continue to increase student achievement through continued parent involvement providing parent training sessions and increased parent communication utilizing Edline and Synervoice.

Strategies: (Small number of action oriented staff performance objectives)

| Barrier | Action Steps | Person Responsible | Timetable | Budget | In-Process Measure |
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| 1. Parents' not attending training sessions | 1a. Conduct parent survey to determine training session topics and best day/time | Administrators | October 2012 |  | Survey Results |
|  | 1b. Plan and conduct two Parent Nights (one per semester) to include parent requested topics | Administrators and Presenters | Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 | \$400 | Agendas from Meetings and Parent Sign in Sheets |
| 2.Commun ication with Parents | 2a. Have students write their daily assignment and/ or objective in SO Book | All MESH Teachers | Daily |  | Assignments written in SO books. |
|  | 2b. Require weekly parent signatures of SO Books | All MESH <br> Teachers | Weekly |  | SO book signatures and notations in teachers gradebooks. |
|  | 2c. Post Grades to Edline | All Teachers | Minimum of every two weeks |  | Edline pages |
|  | 2d. Return parent emails and phone calls within 24 business hours | All Teachers | Ongoing |  | Emails and Phone logs |
|  | 2e. Send "Hawk Update" Edline emails | Assistant Principal | Minimum of every two weeks |  | Copies of Edline emails |


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|  | 2f. Send <br> Synervoice <br> parent <br> communication | Assistant Principal | Minimum of <br> monthly | Copies of <br> synervoice <br> communications |  |
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|  | 2g. Post <br> Newsletters | Principal, Assistant <br> Principal | Monthly | Copies of <br> newsletters |  |
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## EVALUATION - Outcome Measures and Reflection

## Qualitative and Quantitative Professional Practice Outcomes: (Measures the level of implementation of the professional practices throughout the school)

Parents will participate in a survey during the first semester to determine training requests and the best time/day to conduct parent training. Two parent nights will be planned based upon the parent survey results (one each semester). Students will write their assignments and/or daily objectives in their SO books each day for their MESH classes and have their parents sign their SO books weekly. MESH teachers will check SO books for parent signatures weekly using a rotation schedule. All teachers will post grades to Edline a minimum of once every two weeks. Administration will communicate with parents via "Hawk Update" Edline emails, synervoice, and monthly Newsletters. The level of implementation will be monitored and evident through observations, teacher lesson plans, student work samples, meeting agendas, grade books, communication logs, and an end of year teacher survey.

## Qualitative and Quantitative Student Achievement Expectations: (Measures of student achievement)

Ninety percent of our parent respondents will indicate participation in attending informational meetings or academic events in the end of year parent survey. This increase will be due to providing topics of interest and convenient meeting times. Parents will receive monthly newsletters and bi-weekly emails and grade postings to allow for clearer knowledge of Hoover activities and student progress. This inc
With an increased emphasis on parent involvement through meetings, communication, and Edline, students will show increased assessment scores in all areas.
Assessments scores will increase as follows:
FCAT Reading: increase from 78\% to 81\% proficient
FCAT Writes: increase from $84 \%$ to $92 \%$ proficient
FCAT Math: increase from $82 \%$ to $88 \%$ proficient
FCAT Science: increase from $76 \%$ to $81 \%$ proficient

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## APPENDIX A

## (ALL SCHOOLS)

| Reading Goal <br> 1. If the process of utilizing Common Core Literary Standards to assist students with summarizing and interpreting non-fiction reading is implemented with fidelity, reading achievement will be addressed for all groups. | 2012 Current Level of Performance (Enter percentage information and the number of students that percentage reflects ie. $\mathbf{2 8 \%}=129$ students) | 2013 Expected Level of Performance (Enter percentage information and the percentage reflects ie. $31 \%=1134$ students) |
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| Anticipated Barrier(s): <br> 1. |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Strategy(s): } \\ & \text { 1. } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| FCAT 2.0 <br> Students scoring at Achievement Level 3 <br> Barrier(s): <br> Strategy(s): <br> 1. | $32 \%=163$ | $32 \%=163$ <br> Current level 3's less 16 moved to level 4 or $5+$ 14\% (16) from level 1 and 2's |
| Florida Alternate Assessment: Students scoring at levels 4, 5, and 6 in Reading <br> Barrier(s): <br> Strategy(s): <br> 1. | 25\% = 1 | *Due to the small number of students in this category, the data would not be valid |
| FCAT 2.0 <br> Students scoring at or above Achievement Levels 4 and 5 in Reading <br> Barrier(s): <br> Strategy(s): <br> 1. | $46 \%=237$ | $49 \%=253$ <br> Current level 4 and 5's + 10\% from current level 3's |


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| Florida Alternate Assessment: <br> Students scoring at or above Level 7 in Reading <br> Barrier(s): <br> Strategy(s): <br> 1. | $25 \%=1$ | *Due to the small number of students in this category, the data would not be valid |
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| Florida Alternate Assessment: <br> Percentage of students making learning Gains in Reading <br> Barrier(s): <br> Strategy(s): <br> 1. | 0\% | *Due to the small number of students in this category, the data would not be valid |
| FCAT 2.0 <br> Percentage of students in lowest 25\% making learning gains in Reading <br> Barrier(s): <br> Strategy(s): <br> 1. <br> Florida Alternate Assessment: <br> Barrier(s): <br> Strategy(s): <br> 1. | $57 \%=50$ $0 \%$ | $67 \%=58$ <br> *Due to the small number of students in this category, the data would not be valid |
| Ambitious but Achievable Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs). In six years school will reduce their Achievement Gap by 50\%: <br> Baseline data 2010-11: |  |  |
| Student subgroups by ethnicity NOT making satisfactory progress in reading : <br> White: <br> Black: <br> Hispanic: <br> Asian: <br> American Indian: | Enter numerical data for current level of performance $22 \%=99$ <br> *fewer than 10 in subgroup $43 \%=15$ <br> *fewer than 10 in subgroup <br> *fewer than 10 in subgroup | Enter numerical data for expected level of performance $20 \%=89$ <br> *fewer than 10 in subgroup $35 \%=12$ <br> *fewer than 10 in subgroup <br> *fewer than 10 in subgroup |
| English Language Learners (ELL) not making satisfactory progress in Reading Barrier(s): <br> Strategy(s): <br> 1. | *fewer than 10 in subgroup | *fewer than 10 in subgroup |


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| Students with Disabilities (SWD) not making satisfactory progress in Reading <br> Barrier(s): |  |  |
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| Strategy(s): <br> 1. | $57 \%=39$ | $51 \%=35$ |
| Economically Disadvantaged Students not making satisfactory progress in <br> Reading <br> Barrier(s): | $44 \%=63$ | $36 \%=51$ |
| Strategy(s): <br> 1. |  |  |

## Reading Professional Development

| PD Content/Topic/Focus | Target Dates/ <br> Schedule | Strategy(s) for follow-up/monitoring |
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| CELLA GOAL | Anticipated <br> Barrier | Strategy | Person/Process/ <br> Monitoring |
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| 2012 Current Percent of Students <br> Proficient in Listening/ <br> Speaking: |  |  |  |
| 2012 Current Percent of Students <br> Proficient in Reading: |  |  |  |
| $33 \%=1$ |  |  |  |
| 2012 Current Percent of Students <br> Proficient in Writing: |  |  |  |
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| Mathematics Goal(s): <br> 1. If the process of following the Common Core Mathematical Practice of Attending to Precision is implemented with fidelity, mathematics achievement will be addressed for all groups. | 2012 Current <br> Level of <br> Performance <br> (Enter <br> percentage information and the number of students that percentage reflects) | 2013 Expected Level of Performance (Enter percentage information and the number of students that percentage reflects) |
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| Anticipated Barrier(s): <br> 1. |  |  |
| Strategy(s): $1 .$ |  |  |
| FCAT 2.0 <br> Students scoring at Achievement Level 3 Barrier(s): <br> Strategy(s): <br> 1. | $34 \%=175$ | $34 \%=175$ <br> Current level 3's less 17 moved to level 4 or $5+$ 21\% (17) from level 1 and 2's |
| Florida Alternate Assessment: Students scoring at levels 4, 5, and 6 <br> in Mathematics <br> Barrier(s): <br> Strategy(s): <br> 1. | $50 \%=2$ | *Due to the small number of students in this category, the data would not be valid |
| FCAT 2.0 <br> Students scoring at or above Achievement Levels 4 and 5 in Mathematics Barrier(s): <br> Strategy(s): <br> 1. | $48 \%=258$ | $54 \%=275$ <br> Current level 4 and 5's + 10\% from current level 3's |
| Florida Alternate Assessment: <br> Students scoring at or above Level 7 in Mathematics <br> Barrier(s): <br> Strategy(s): <br> 1. | $25 \%=1$ | *Due to the small number of students in this category, the data would not be valid |
| Florida Alternate Assessment: <br> Percentage of students making learning Gains in Mathematics <br> Barrier(s): <br> Strategy(s): <br> 1. | 100\% = 4 | *Due to the small number of students in this category, the data would not be valid |
| FCAT 2.0 <br> Percentage of students in lowest 25\% making learning gains in <br> Mathematics <br> Barrier(s): <br> Strategy(s): <br> 1. | $65 \%=48$ | 75\% = 56 |


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| Florida Alternate Assessment: <br> Percentage of students in Lowest 25\% making learning gains in <br> Mathematics <br> Barrier(s): <br> Strategy(s): <br> 1. | 0\% | *Due to the small number of students in this category, the data would not be valid |
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| Ambitious but Achievable Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs). In six years school will reduce their Achievement Gap by 50\%: <br> Baseline Data 2010-11: |  |  |
| Student subgroups by ethnicity : <br> White: <br> Black: <br> Hispanic: <br> Asian: <br> American Indian: | $15 \%=65$ <br> *fewer than 10 in subgroup $44 \%=15$ <br> *fewer than 10 in subgroup <br> *fewer than 10 in subgroup | $\begin{aligned} & 13 \%=58 \\ & * \text { fewer than } 10 \text { in } \\ & \text { subgroup } \\ & 24 \%=8 \\ & \text { *fewer than } 10 \text { in } \\ & \text { subgroup } \\ & \text { *fewer than } 10 \text { in } \\ & \text { subgroup } \end{aligned}$ |
| English Language Learners (ELL) not making satisfactory progress in Mathematics | *fewer than 10 in subgroup | *fewer than 10 in subgroup |
| Students with Disabilities (SWD) not making satisfactory progress in Mathematics | $53 \%=35$ | $44 \%=29$ |
| Economically Disadvantaged Students not making satisfactory progress in Mathematics | $35 \%=50$ | $31 \%=45$ |

## Mathematics Professional Development

| PD Content/Topic/Focus | Target Dates/ <br> Schedule | Strategy(s) for follow-up/monitoring |
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| 1. If the process of providing opportunities for students to <br> write utilizing proper conventions and increase vocabulary and <br> practice higher order thinking to improve comprehension and <br> writing skills is implemented with fidelity, writing achievement will <br> be addressed for all groups. | of Performance <br> (Enter percentage <br> information and the <br> number of students <br> that percentage <br> reflects) | Performance <br> (Enter percentage <br> information and the number <br> of students that percentage <br> reflects) |
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| Barrier(s): <br> Strategy(s): <br> 1. |  | ( |
| FCAT: Students scoring at Achievement level 3.0 and higher in <br> writing | $84 \%=195$ | \begin{tabular}{c}
\end{tabular} |
| Florida Alternate Assessment: Students scoring at 4 or higher in <br> writing | $50 \%=1$ | $*$ Due to the small number <br> of students in this <br> category, the data would <br> not be valid |


| Science Goal(s) (Elementary and Middle) <br> 1. If the process utilizing Common Core Literacy Standards to assist students with summarizing and interpreting non-fiction reading is implemented with fidelity, science achievement will be addressed for all groups. | 2012 Current Level of Performance (Enter percentage information and the number of students that percentage reflects) | 2013 Expected Level of Performance (Enter percentage information and the number of students that percentage reflects) |
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| Barrier(s): <br> Strategy(s): <br> 1. |  |  |
| FCAT 2.0 Students scoring at Achievement level 3 in Science: | $51 \%=123$ | $51 \%=123$ <br> Current level 3's less 12 moved to level 4 or $5+$ 21\% (12) from level 1 and 2's |
| Florida Alternate Assessment: Students scoring at levels 4, 5, and 6 in Science | 0\% | *Due to the small number of students in this category, the data would not be valid |
| FCAT 2.0 Students scoring at or above Achievement Levels 4 and 5 in Science: | 25\% = 60 | $30 \%=72$ <br> Current level 4 and 5's + 10\% (12) from level 3's |
| Florida Alternate Assessment: Students scoring at or above Level 7 in Reading | 0\% | *Due to the small number of students in this category, the data would not be valid |


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## APPENDIX B

## (SECONDARY SCHOOLS ONLY)

| Algebra 1 EOC Goal <br> 1. If the process of following the Common Core Mathematical Practice of Attending to Precision is implemented with fidelity, mathematics achievement will be addressed for all groups. | 2012 Current Level of Performance (Enter percentage information and the number of students that percentage reflects) | 2013 Expected Level of Performance (Enter percentage information and the number of students that percentage reflects) |
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| Barrier(s): <br> Strategy(s): <br> 1. |  |  |
| Students scoring at Achievement level 3 in Algebra: | 43\% = 69 |  |
| Students scoring at or above Achievement Levels 4 and 5 in Algebra: | $52 \%=84$ |  |
| Ambitious but Achievable Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs). In six years school will reduce their Achievement Gap by 50\%: Baseline Data 2010-11 |  |  |
| Student subgroups by ethnicity (White, Black, Hispanic, Asian, American Indian) not making satisfactory progress in Algebra. <br> White: <br> Black: <br> Hispanic: | $\begin{gathered} 6 \%=8 \\ 0 \% \\ 13 \%=1 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \% \\ & 0 \% \\ & 0 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| English Language Learners (ELL) not making satisfactory progress in Algebra | 0\% | 0\% |
| Students with Disabilities (SWD) not making satisfactory progress in Algebra | 0\% | 0\% |
| Economically Disadvantaged Students not making satisfactory progress in Algebra | $6 \%=2$ | 0\% |

## Geometry EOC Goal

1. If the process of following the Common Core Mathematical Practice of Attending to Precision is implemented with fidelity, mathematics achievement will be addressed for all groups.

2012 Current Level of Performance(Enter percentage information and the number of students that percentage

2013 Expected Level of Performance (Enter percentage information and the number of students that percentage

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| Barrier(s): <br> Strategy(s): <br> 1. |  |  |
| Students scoring at Achievement level 3 in Geometry: |  |  |
| Students scoring at or above Achievement Levels 4 and 5 in Geometry: |  |  |
| Ambitious but Achievable Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs). <br> In six years school will reduce their Achievement Gap by 50\%: <br> Baseline Data 2010-11 |  |  |
| Student subgroups by ethnicity (White, Black, Hispanic, Asian, American <br> Indian) not making satisfactory progress in Geometry. |  |  |
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| Black: |  |  |
| English Language Learners (ELL) not making satisfactory progress in <br> Geometry |  |  |
| Students with Disabilities (SWD) not making satisfactory progress in <br> Geometry |  |  |
| Economically Disadvantaged Students not making satisfactory <br> progress in Geometry |  |  |


| Civics EOC | 2012 Current Level of <br> Performance <br> (Enter percentage <br> 1. If the process utilizing Common Core Literacy Standards to <br> assist students with summarizing and interpreting non-fiction <br> reading is implemented with fidelity, civics achievement will be <br> addressed for all groups. | 2013 Expected Level <br> of Performance <br> (that percentage <br> (Enter percentage <br> reflects) |
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| Students scoring at Achievement level 3 in Civics: | number <br> number of students <br> that percentage <br> reflects) |  |
| Students scoring at or above Achievement Levels 4 and 5 in Civics: | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
|  |  | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ |


| U.S. History EOC | 2012 Current Level of <br> Performance <br> (Enter percentage <br> 1. If the process utilizing Common Core Literacy Standards to <br> assist students with summarizing and interpreting non-fiction <br> reading is implemented with fidelity, US History achievement will <br> nember of students <br> that percentage <br> reflects) | 2013 Expected Level <br> of Performance <br> (Enter percentage <br> information and the <br> number of students <br> that percentage <br> reflects) |
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| Students scoring at Achievement level 3 in U. S. History: | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| Students scoring at or above Achievement Levels 4 and 5 in U. S. <br> History: | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ |

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| Engineering, and <br> Mathematics (STEM) <br> Goal(s) | Barrier | Monitoring |  |
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| Based on the analysis of school data, <br> identify and define areas in need of <br> improvement: | Teachers' level of <br> comfort/training <br> Goal 1: Teachers will regularly <br> employ lessons that allow students <br> to be actively engaged in using <br> technology as a tool for the <br> acquisition of $21^{\text {st }}$ Century skills <br> and functionality | Teachers will <br> give students the <br> opportunity to <br> develop fluency <br> in creativity, <br> collaboration, <br> problem solving, <br> processing <br> information, and <br> interpreting media <br> skills while involved <br> in STEM lessons <br> using technology | Science and math teachers <br> Technology Education teachers <br> Science Research teacher <br> Assessments and Rubrics <br> Students |


| Career and Technical <br> Education (CTE) Goal(s) | Anticipated <br> Barrier | Strategy | Person/Process/ <br> Monitoring |
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| Based on the analysis of school data, <br> identify and define areas in need of <br> improvement: |  |  |  |
| Goal 1: |  |  |  |
| Goal 2: |  |  |  |


| Additional Goal(s) | Anticipated <br> Barrier | Strategy | Person/Process/ <br> Monitoring |
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| Based on the analysis of school data, <br> identify and define areas in need of <br> improvement: |  |  |  |
| Goal 1: |  |  |  |
| Goal 2: |  |  |  |

For the following areas, please write a brief narrative that includes the data for the year 2011-12 and a description of changes you intend to incorporate to improve the data for the year 2012-13.

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MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORTS (MTSS)/RtI (Identify the MTSS leadership team and it role in development and
implementation of the SIP along with data sources, data management and how staff is trained in MTSS)
There are three Tiers in the RtI process. Some students will make rapid progress and only need Tier 1 . Other students may need Tier 2 or Tier 3 to be successful. Each Tier gives more intensive help to the student. Data regarding student learning will be constantly looked at to see if the student is making progress.

Tier 1 - This is core instruction that all students receive in their regular classroom. Sometimes a different teaching approach or materials are used with some of the students in the class. This helps not only the struggling student but also others in the classroom as well.

Tier 2 - If the student is still struggling, a school team called the Individual Problem Solving Team (IPST) will work with the teacher and the parent to develop more intensive strategies. The IPST may consist of many different people such as a psychologist, speech/language therapist, reading specialist, as well as the teacher. Different, more targeted strategies such as small groups may be put in place to meet the learning needs of the student.

Tier 3 - If the student is not making adequate progress with Tier 2 interventions the IPST will look at providing Tier 3 interventions, which will increase the intensity and individualization of the interventions and supports. Progress charts may show that the child needs more instructional time, for example, or needs to be taught using a different method or different materials. Tier 3 interventions are provided in addition to core (regular) instruction rather than as a replacement. If the student is successful in Tier 3, school staff and the parents decide the best way to maintain success.

Data is collected from a multitude of sources: A3 Vision, FAIR test data, DA testing data, teacher input, parent/teacher conferences.

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT:

Hoover Middle School maintains strong parental and community support and involvement. Our PTO is a strong supporter of our students and teachers with Classroom Mini-Grants, "Hawk Rock" celebrations, HATS celebrations, teacher luncheons, and providing chaperones and volunteers for various events. Participation in evening events is a struggle for our parents. In an effort to combat this issue, a survey will be conducted to identify interested topics and convenient times for evening parent meetings.

## ATTENDANCE: (Include current and expected attendance rates, excessive absences and tardies)

Our attendance rate the 2011-12 was $96.37 \%$ and our current attendance rate is $96.78 \%$ (as of $9 / 24 / 12$ ). Our expected attendance rate should not fall below 95\%.

## SUSPENSION:

Hoover Middle School had a total of 102 suspension days last year with a total student population of 560. For the 2012-13 school year, we currently have 23 suspension day (as of $9 / 27 / 12$ ) with a total student population of 566 . In an effort to maintain attendance, we have several consequence options prior to utilizing suspensions to include phone calls home, conferences with parents/guidance/dean, teacher timeouts, teacher detentions, dean's detentions (before school and/or during lunch), and dean timeouts.

## DROP-OUT (High Schools only):

POSTSECONDARY READINESS: (How does the school incorporate students' academic and career planning, as well as promote student course selections, so that students' course of study is personally meaningful? Describe strategies for improving student readiness for the public postsecondary level based on annual analysis of the High School Feedback Report.)

Hoover Middle School assists students with academic and career planning through IPS student/parent/counselor meetings, promotion of high school programs, and course recommendations. High School courses to include Spanish I, Spanish II, Computing for College and Careers, Algebra I, Algebra I Honors, and Geometry Honors are available to challenge our middle school students. Courses selections are recommended by teachers and approved by students and parents. Gifted students participate in gifted classes to enhance learning and address their needs. The ability to participate in high school courses at the middle school allow students the ability to be exposed to more advanced curriculum once in high school.

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