

# Longleaf Elementary School



2014-15 School Improvement Plan

## Longleaf Elementary School

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### School Demographics

**School Type**  
Elementary

**Title I**  
Yes

**Free/Reduced Price Lunch**  
80%

**Alternative/ESE Center**  
No

**Charter School**  
No

**Minority**  
61%

### School Grades History

Year	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Grade	B	A	C	B

### School Board Approval

This plan was approved by the Escambia County School Board on 11/18/2014.

### SIP Authority and Template

Section 1001.42(18), Florida Statutes, requires district school boards to annually approve and require implementation of a school improvement plan (SIP) for each school in the district.

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) SIP template meets all statutory and rule requirements for traditional public schools and incorporates all components required for schools receiving Title I funds. This template is required by State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.099811, Florida Administrative Code, for all non-charter schools with a current grade of D or F, or with a grade of F within the prior two years. For all other schools, the district may use a template of its choosing. All districts must submit annual assurances that their plans meet statutory requirements.

This document was prepared by school and district leadership using the Florida Department of Education's school improvement planning web application located at <https://www.floridaCIMS.org>.

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## Purpose and Outline of the SIP

The SIP is intended to be the primary artifact used by every school with stakeholders to review data, set goals, create an action plan and monitor progress. A corollary at the district level is the District Improvement and Assistance Plan (DIAP), designed to help district leadership make the necessary connections between school and district goals in order to align resources. The Florida Department of Education encourages schools to use the SIP as a “living document” by continually updating, refining and using the plan to guide their work throughout the year. This printed version represents the SIP as of the “Date Modified” listed in the footer.

### Part I: Current School Status

Part I organizes the current status of the school around five domains inspired by the 5Essentials framework: Supportive Environment, Family and Community Involvement, Effective Leadership, Public and Collaborative Teaching, and Ambitious Instruction and Learning. Questions regarding the school’s Multi-Tiered System of Supports have been embedded throughout this part to demonstrate how data is used by stakeholders to understand the needs of all students and allocate appropriate resources in proportion to those needs.

### Part II: Needs Assessment

Part II requires the school to review performance and early warning systems data in order to develop strategic goals and associated data targets (i.e., “SMART goals”) for the coming school year in context of the school’s greatest strengths and needs. An online tool was developed, which includes data visualizations and processing questions to support problem identification, problem analysis and strategic goal formulation.

### Part III: 8-Step Planning and Problem Solving for Implementation

Part III enables the school to develop implementation plans for its highest-priority goals. With the overview of the current state of the school in mind and the strategic goals identified through the needs assessment, the planning team engages in a facilitated planning and problem-solving process, through which they

- Define strategic goals and establish targets to be reached by successfully achieving the goals (Step 1)
- Identify resources available to support the goals and barriers that could hinder achieving those goals (Step 2)
- Select high-priority barriers they want to address initially (Step 3)
- Design implementation and monitoring plans for strategies to resolve selected barriers (Steps 4-7)
- Determine how they will monitor progress toward each goal (Step 8)

### Appendices

The following appendices, automatically-generated from content entered in Part III, are included in this document:

- Appendix 1 is a timeline of all action steps and monitoring activities
- Appendix 2 is an outline of all professional development opportunities and technical assistance items
- Appendix 3 is a report of the budget needed to implement the strategies

## Differentiated Accountability

Florida’s Differentiated Accountability (DA) system is a statewide network of strategic support, differentiated by need according to performance data, and provided to schools and districts in order to improve leadership capacity, teacher efficacy and student outcomes. DA field teams collaborate with district and school leadership to design, implement and refine improvement plans, as well as provide instructional coaching, as needed.

### DA Regions

Florida’s DA network is divided into five geographical regions, each served by a field team led by a regional executive director (RED).

### DA Categories

Traditional public schools are classified at the start of each school year, based upon the most recently released school grades (A-F), into one of the following categories:

- Not in DA – currently A or B with no F in prior three years; charter schools; ungraded schools
- Monitoring Only – currently A or B with at least one F in the prior three years
- Prevent – currently C
- Focus – currently D
  - Planning – two consecutive grades of D (i.e., DD), or a grade of F immediately followed by a grade of D in the most recent grades release (i.e., FD)
  - Implementing – two consecutive grades of D in the most recent grades release preceded by a grade below C (i.e., FDD or DDD)
- Priority – currently F
  - Planning – declined to a grade of F in the most recent grades release and have not received a planning year or implemented a turnaround option during the previous school year
  - Implementing – two consecutive grades of F (i.e., FF), or three consecutive grades below C with an F in the most recent grades release (i.e., FDF or DDF)

### DA Turnaround and Monitoring Statuses

Additionally, schools in DA are subject to one or more of the following Turnaround and Monitoring Statuses:

- Former F – currently A-D with at least one F in the prior three years; SIP is monitored by FDOE
- Planning – Focus Planning and Priority Planning; district is planning for possible turnaround
- Implementing – Focus Implementing and Priority Implementing; district is implementing the Turnaround Option Plan (TOP)

### 2014-15 DA Category and Statuses

DA Category	Region	RED
Not In DA	1	<a href="#">Melissa Ramsey</a>
Former F	Turnaround Status	
No		





## Part I: Current School Status

### Supportive Environment

#### School Mission and Vision

##### **Provide the school's mission statement**

The mission of Longleaf Elementary School is to provide a safe learning environment where students are encouraged to develop into responsible citizens as they progress to their highest potential.

##### **Provide the school's vision statement**

The vision of Longleaf Elementary is to develop a school with highest student achievement where students and teachers develop the habits of life long learners.

#### School Environment

##### **Describe the process by which the school learns about students' cultures and builds relationships between teachers and students**

During preschool, teachers call parents to introduce themselves and to invite them to an Orientation that is held during preschool week. At Orientation, teachers have an opportunity to meet parents and their students. Teachers use this opportunity to begin to establish a relationship with the family and the student. Teachers also find out the best way to communicate with the parents (best phone number and time to call, text, email). Teachers also let parents know the best way they can get in touch with them.

The first few days of school parents are invited to walk their children to the classroom which gives them another opportunity to ask any questions of the teacher. Teachers also use the first few days of school to get to know their students and determine their interests. Many teachers use an interest survey to get this information.

At Longleaf, the importance of establishing positive relationships with students and parents is emphasized and supported by the administration. All staff are reminded throughout the year of the importance of these relationships and given feedback when positive results are observed.

##### **Describe how the school creates an environment where students feel safe and respected before, during and after school**

Several years ago our school implemented a Positive Behavior Support (PBS) system. Three schoolwide expectations were established for our students, to be respectful, responsible, and ready. At the beginning of each school year, each expectation is taught for a week. During the week the expectation is taught, students learn how the expectation is demonstrated as well as examples and non-examples. These expectations are reinforced throughout the year and students are recognized and rewarded for demonstrating them.

For each schoolwide expectation, procedures have been established to ensure we have a safe learning environment for our students. For example, students are taught the procedures for the classroom, the hallways, cafeteria, and buses or car rider area. All students are expected to follow the procedures in place and adults carefully supervise students at all times. Students also know the adults at our school are there to help and can be called on at anytime they have a need.

##### **Describe the schoolwide behavioral system in place that aids in minimizing distractions to keep students engaged during instructional time. This may include, but is not limited to, established protocols for disciplinary incidents, clear behavioral expectations, and training for school personnel to ensure the system is fairly and consistently enforced**



At the beginning of each year, our Positive Behavior Support Team (PBS) meets to review our schoolwide expectations, procedures, and rules. This team determines how students will be recognized and rewarded for good behavior. This team also reviews the procedures that are to be used for inappropriate behavior. This information is shared at a faculty meeting and all staff are given an opportunity for input.

Classroom procedures are established at the beginning of the year. These procedures are also communicated to parents (newsletter, Orientation). Although classroom procedures vary, there are classroom rules that are consistent throughout our school.

Each grade level has developed a system for rewarding good behavior. For example, one grade level has art, music, and reading activities the students can participate in every other week for displaying good behavior. The activities vary depending on the grade level and are changed throughout the year to keep students motivated. At the end of each year, a schoolwide event is planned to reward and recognize students who maintain good behavior the entire year.

Teachers use a Behavior Infraction Form to document inappropriate behavior that is minor (not following directions, minor disruption in class, etc.). The form includes interventions that the teacher is expected to implement in order to correct the behavior. These interventions include parent contact, timeout, and loss of privileges. If the behavior becomes chronic, grade level and RTI/MTSS meetings are used to develop additional strategies for correcting the behavior.

Serious infractions are referred to the Principal or Assistant Principal. Every effort is made to involve the parents and appropriate consequences are given.

The PBS/Schoolwide Behavior Team meets each month to review the PBS system and schoolwide discipline plan. Current data is provided and analyzed to determine where improvement is needed. This data includes the kinds of incidents, number of students, time of day, and location.

### **Describe how the school ensures the social-emotional needs of all students are being met, which may include providing counseling, mentoring and other pupil services**

Students needing services as a result of social-emotional needs are referred to our Guidance Counselor. These referrals can come from parents or any staff member. Individual and small group counseling is provided. If additional services are needed or the counselor believes the needs are great, a referral is initiated for services provided outside the school.

Mentors are recruited and trained through our district's Volunteer Office. Referrals for students needing mentors are made to this office and every effort is made to find a suitable mentor. Mentors meet with students at least once a week throughout the year.

### **Early Warning Systems**

The school's response to this section may be used to satisfy the requirements of 20 U.S.C. § 6314(b)(1)(B)(ii)(III), (b)(1)(B)(iii)(I), and (b)(1)(I).

### **Describe the school's early warning system and provide a list of the early warning indicators used in the system**

Longleaf's administration annually compiles a list of students who meet one or more criteria of an early warning system. These criteria include: attendance below 90 percent, one or more suspensions, course failure in either English Language Arts or mathematics, and a level one score on the statewide, standardized assessment in English Language Arts or mathematics.

### **Provide the following data related to the school's early warning system**

***The number of students by grade level that exhibit each early warning indicator:***

Indicator	Grade Level						Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	
Attendance below 90 percent	6	23	20	25	12	16	102
One or more suspensions	3	8	10	8	4	13	46
Course failure in ELA or Math	2	4	7	6	12	3	34
Level 1 on statewide assessment	0	0	0	5	37	24	66

**The number of students identified by the system as exhibiting two or more early warning indicators:**

Indicator	Grade Level						Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	
Students exhibiting two or more indicators	3	4	5	8	18	12	50

**Describe all intervention strategies employed by the school to improve the academic performance of students identified by the early warning system**

In order to improve student achievement, Longleaf's faculty, staff, and administration work diligently to reduce the number of students who appear on the early warning system list. We have employed strategies for each indicator as follows.

In order to reduce the number of students who are chronically absent we have introduced an incentive system supported by a local business that rewards students for perfect attendance. We also encourage regular attendance and promptness on our closed-circuit television programming. Students who arrive at school tardy and check out early are monitored by our Raptor system. This allows efficient access to attendance data. In addition, our administrators and data clerk monitor attendance, tardies, and early check outs closely. The parents of students with attendance problems are contacted through phone calls, face to face conferences with administration, and visits from the school social worker. If necessary, chronic truants are reported to the authorities.

Longleaf has employed many programs to reduce the number of students failing math or English Language Arts, as well as those scoring a level one on statewide standardized assessments. Student progress in course work is monitored closely by teachers. All students experiencing difficulty with academic material are provided with differentiated instruction in the classroom. If problems in learning persist, teachers make contact with the students' parents and begin a progress monitoring plan. As needed, students with academic deficiencies are entered into a Response to Instruction program which includes classroom interventions. In addition, we offer after school tutoring for students in grades one through five at no cost to families. We also provide families with education on testing requirements at grades three through five. To enhance the effectiveness of instruction, all teachers are provided with ongoing professional development to increase and maintain their skills in all areas of the curriculum and assessment.

In effort to reduce the number of suspensions, both in school and out of school, Longleaf has implemented a Positive Behavioral Support (PBS) program. This school wide program rewards students for being respectful, responsible, and ready. Teachers are encouraged to use various interventions to increase positive behaviors and decrease unwanted behaviors.

**Family and Community Involvement**

The school's response to this section may be used to satisfy the requirements of 20 U.S.C. § 6314(b)(1)(B)(iii)(I)(aa).

**Describe how the school works at building positive relationships with families to increase involvement, including efforts to communicate the school's mission and vision, and keep parents informed of their child's progress**

Title I schools use the Parent Involvement Plan (PIP) to meet the requirements of 20 U.S.C. § 6314(b)(1)(F).

## Will the school use its PIP to satisfy this question?

No

### **PIP Link**

The school completes a Parental Involvement Plan (PIP), which is available at the school site.

### **Description**

A Parent Involvement Plan has been developed for our school and is reviewed at an annual Title I Parent Meeting. Parents are given an opportunity to give input such as what is working well, what barriers still exist, and how can we improve the level of parent involvement. This plan is shared with the School Advisory Council, faculty and staff, and our PTA Board to ensure all parent involvement activities are aligned and to keep the lines of communication open.

Our goal is to have each parent participate in at least one activity per year. Parent involvement activities are scheduled monthly on a variety of days with morning and evening times to accommodate the schedules of working parents. Childcare is provided for most events to include parents with preschool children. Other types of parent involvement includes classroom and school volunteers, and membership on our School Advisory Council and PTA Board. Parents also receive monthly school newsletters, automated phone calls, and have access to our school's website. Parents are kept informed of their child's progress through various communications. Teachers send home daily or weekly reports which inform parents on behavior, completion of assignments, and general attitude toward learning. Teachers also conduct parent conferences as often as necessary. For our primary grade students, teachers are provided with a substitute in order to complete parent conferences during the first nine week grading period.

Parents are also invited to many school events intended to involve them in the school experience and share student successes such as Orientation and Open House. Progress reports are sent home at mid-quarter and formal report cards each nine weeks. In addition, parents have access to our FOCUS Parent Portal which allows them to access their student's grades online at any time.

### **Describe the process by which the school builds and sustains partnerships with the local community for the purpose of securing and utilizing resources to support the school and student achievement**

Longleaf Elementary participates in many collaborative relationships with the community through formal and informal partnerships. Local groups such as the Girl Scouts and soccer teams use our facilities for their meetings and games. Several local businesses such as Papa Johns, Dominos, Sonic, Whataburger, and Chuck E Cheese support the school and our families with spirit nights, donations of coupons to be used as rewards for behavior or achievement, monetary donations, and the provision of other goods and services. Our school also has formal partnerships with several local businesses including Pine Summit Baptist Church, Firehouse Subs, and IHOP. These organizations provide countless services to our students and families including backpacks of food for students whose homes lack food security, banners and signs promoting our programs, and other donations. A community member also serves on our school advisory council. Our school has a working relationship with our local and national PTA, with an active PTA group on our campus. Longleaf Elementary promotes its programs and achievements through media releases to the local press, a Longleaf PTA Facebook page, a school web site, and monthly newsletters.

This year, Longelaf has developed a family and community involvement committee to further develop and increase our relationships with our families and the Pensacola community.

### **Effective Leadership**

The school's response to this section may be used to satisfy the requirements of 20 U.S.C. § 6314(b)(1)(H).

### **School Leadership Team**

## Membership

Identify the name, email address and position title for each member of the school leadership team.:

Name	Title
Thomas, Patti	Principal
Scarborough, Melanie	Assistant Principal
Cross, Shannon	Assistant Principal
Heath, Laureen	Teacher, K-12
Green, Lakevia	Teacher, K-12
Venable, Melissa	Teacher, K-12
Pitman, Tammy	Teacher, K-12
Quenan, Beth	Teacher, K-12
Jacobi, Frances	Teacher, K-12
Watkins, Susan	Teacher, K-12

## Duties

***Describe the roles and responsibilities of the members, including how they serve as instructional leaders and practice shared decision making***

The School Leadership Team at Longleaf Elementary includes representatives of all grade levels and departments at the school. Monthly meetings are held to monitor the implementation of the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Multi-tiered Support System (MTSS). Principal, Patti Thomas, monitors the process at the school, assists in the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and development of instructional strategies/interventions, and ensures appropriate professional development and resources are available for members of the team as well as for members of the instructional staff.

Assistant Principals, Melanie Scarborough Haupt and Shannon Cross, assist in monitoring the implementation of the SIP and MTSS process at the school, assist in the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and development of instructional strategies/interventions, and assist to ensure appropriate professional development is available for members of the team as well as members of the instructional staff.

Guidance Counselor, Christopher Gayo, assists in monitoring the implementation of the MTSS process at the school, assists in the collection, analysis and interpretation of data and the development of instructional strategies/interventions, and provides technical support and training for the team and other members of the instructional staff. He also collaborates with colleagues to develop and implement Tier II and Tier III strategies/interventions.

Each member of the School Leadership Team is responsible for engaging their grade level groups in the following activities: reviewing current data and link that data to instructional decisions, review progress monitoring data at the grade level and classroom level to identify students who are meeting/exceeding benchmarks and those who are at high risk for not meeting the standards. Based on the results of this data analysis, the team will identify professional development and resource needs of the students and staff. Team members also collaborate regularly to problem solve, share effective practices, evaluate implementation of the SIP and MTSS process, practice new processes and skills, and make decisions about program implementation.

***Describe the process through which school leadership identifies and aligns all available resources (e.g., personnel, instructional, curricular) in order to meet the needs of all students and maximize desired student outcomes. Include the methodology for coordinating and supplementing federal, state and local funds, services and programs. Provide the person(s)***

**responsible, frequency of meetings, how an inventory of resources is maintained and any problem-solving activities used to determine how to apply resources for the highest impact**

The School Leadership Team meets regularly to review current data, including student achievement, attendance, and discipline data. The team uses the results of this data analysis to determine the effectiveness of programs and resources being used at the school. A problem solving process is used to identify what additional professional development, personnel, or resources may be needed to meet the needs of the students and staff. Shannon Cross, Assistant Principal, maintains an inventory of available curriculum resources at the school. Dwayne Goss, our Technician IV, maintains an inventory of technology resources and ensures they are equitably available to all students and staff.

Title I, Part A

Longleaf receives support through federal, state, and local programs. Title I funds of \$202,951 are used to provide additional personnel at the school level to support the classrooms. This year funds were used to purchase a Curriculum Coordinator and two additional teacher assistants. Additionally, funds are used to purchase resources and materials to supplement classroom instruction, increase parent involvement, and provide staff development for teachers.

Title I, Part C Migrant

Services for migrant children are provided by the district level Title I Office. After thorough checking of the Migrant Student Information Exchange (MSIX) system and our local student database, we have determined there are no migrant children at Longleaf this year.

Title I, Part D

Services to neglected and delinquent students are provided by various district-operated programs. These services are overseen by the Title I Office. Our school does not serve Title I, Part D students.

Title II

Professional development is offered at both the school and district level. Please see each goal area for specific professional development activities. Professional development is being offered at the school includes Florida State Standards, Thinking Maps, higher order questioning techniques, data analysis strategies, effective student engagement practices, Whole Brain, and Visible Learning strategies.

Title III

Services for English Language Learners (ELL) are provided as required by law. Several ESOL centers are provided at various key locations in the district. Students who do not attend centrally located school-based sites attend their zoned school where ESOL endorsed teachers provide services. All teachers who serve ELL identified students have ESOL endorsement on their teaching certificate. Our school is not an ESOL Center but we serve twelve ELL students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. In addition, an itinerant ESOL teacher, funded through Title III monies is assigned to the four students at our school. This teacher assists both the classroom teachers and the ELL students.

Title X - Homeless

The school works with the district's Homeless Coordinator to provide resources (clothing, school supplies, and social services referrals) for students identified as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act to eliminate barriers for a free and appropriate education. This program is overseen by the District Title I Office. At Longleaf Elementary, we have 23 identified homeless students. These 23 students are sharing the housing of other people due to economic hardship.

Supplemental Academic Instruction (SAI)

Longleaf Elementary received approximately \$27,758 in funding for SAI. The funding was used to purchase technology and other resources to support the implementation of the Language Arts Florida Standards and Mathematics Florida Standards in classrooms. Funding was also used to provide classroom resources for students not meeting proficiency in reading, mathematics, writing, or science.

Violence Prevention Programs

The school offers non-violence and anti-drug programs to students that incorporate guest speakers, counseling, and classroom discussions. Red Ribbon Week is held in October with schoolwide activities and guest speakers. Through our school's behavior management plan, we will also provide



training for faculty, staff, and students regarding bullying. We have implemented a positive behavior management plan that is being used schoolwide. The Jeffrey Johnson Stand Up for All Students Act requires our school district to adopt an official policy prohibiting bullying and harassment of students and staff on school grounds, at school-sponsored events, and through school computer networks. In addition, beginning with the 2011-2012 school year, our district launched the "Bullying Report" website where bullies may be reported anonymously.

**Nutrition Program**

Our school is committed to continue offering nutritional choices in the cafeteria. This includes a salad bar, ala carte items, and self-serve options. Our school is also a Healthier Generation Alliance School. The school follows the district's nutrition program for summer feeding at select sites. Additional programs and staff will address the obesity issue, especially in elementary age children.

**Housing Programs**

This is offered at the district level and overseen by the Title I Office. This program is not applicable to our school.

**Head Start**

The Head Start Program is offered at the district level and overseen by the Title I Pre-kindergarten Office.

Although several Head Start programs are housed at various elementary schools, a program is not housed at our school.

**Adult Education**

No adult education programs take place on our school campus, however, evening programs are offered at all of the high schools in our district. A "Second Chance" program is also in place for juvenile offenders. Additionally, Pensacola State College provides programs for adults over 16 years of age.

**Career and Technical Education**

Career and Technical Education is integrated into our core curriculum programs and includes literature-based activities, guest speakers, and community-sponsored activities held at the school.

**School Advisory Council (SAC)**

**Membership**

Identify the name and stakeholder group for each member of the SAC.:

Name	Stakeholder Group
Patti Thomas	Principal
Gwen Hunter	Education Support Employee
Lakevia Green	Teacher
Henry Stromas	Parent
Dave Blackwell	Parent
Amanda Mills	Parent
Betty Dwelle	Business/Community

**Duties**

***Provide a description of the SAC's involvement with the following activities, as required by section 1001.452(2), Florida Statutes***

*Evaluation of last year's school improvement plan*

Student achievement and school grade data is reviewed by the School Advisory Council (SAC) and used to evaluate each goal included in the School Improvement Plan. The resources and strategies used to meet the goal are analyzed and any barriers achieving success are identified.

*Development of this school improvement plan*

Using student achievement data, the SAC assists the school in setting priorities for the goals and strategies that are included in the School Improvement Plan. The SAC also provides guidance for targeting areas in need of improvement and for monitoring implementation of the plan.

*Preparation of the school's annual budget and plan*

The SAC provides guidance for developing the school's budget each year so that priorities for funding are aligned to support implementation of the goals and strategies in our School Improvement Plan. Recommendations for the use of personnel and resources are made by the council to ensure adequate support for the implementation of the plan.

***Describe the use of school improvement funds allocated last year, including the amount budgeted for each project***

School Improvement funds allocated for the year will be used to increase parent and community involvement. Family activities and events have been planned to engage parents and students in learning activities. These activities will include STEM Night, Family Literacy Night, a Science Fair, and Family Math Night. Funds will be used to provide the materials and supplies for these events.

***Verify that the school is in compliance with section 1001.452, Florida Statutes, regarding the establishment requirements and duties of the SAC***

Yes

*If the school is not in compliance, describe the measures being implemented to meet SAC requirements*

**Literacy Leadership Team (LLT)**

**Membership**

Identify the name, email address and position title for each member of the school-based LLT.:

Name	Title
Owens, Stella	Teacher, K-12
Chambers, Susan	Teacher, K-12
Cole, Brandi	Teacher, K-12
Cuebas, Susan	Teacher, K-12
Haynes, Mauri	Teacher, K-12
Halford, Bonita	Teacher, K-12
Matthews, Keli	Teacher, K-12
Phillips, Sallie	Teacher, K-12
Quenan, Beth	Teacher, K-12
Schwarz, Teresa	Teacher, K-12
Sluka, Annmarie	Teacher, K-12

**Duties**

***Describe how the LLT promotes literacy within the school***

The primary purpose of our Literacy Leadership Team is to lead the development of plans relating to language arts throughout the school. This team assists with the establishment and implementation of an AR recognition program, the promotion of Sunshine State Young Readers Award books, student book reports and other literacy promotions, coordination of the use of Reading Wonders, our core

reading program, and the integration of writing throughout the curriculum.

A second initiative of this team is to provide support and training for the implementation of the Florida Standards as we prepare our students for the Florida Standards Assessment. The team will engage the staff in activities that will help them understand the standards and how to implement them in their classrooms. They will also focus on ways the standards can be aligned with our core reading program.

This team also works with our school's Family Involvement Team to provide literacy events for our families throughout the year. These events focus on motivating students to read and also helping students understand ways to help their child become better readers and writers.

## Public and Collaborative Teaching

The school's response to this section may be used to satisfy the requirements of 20 U.S.C. § 6314(b)(1)(D).

### **Describe the school's strategies to encourage positive working relationships between teachers, including collaborative planning and instruction**

Longleaf teachers work collaboratively in grade level groups, teams, and committees to facilitate the work of the school. Teachers are given an opportunity to choose an area to serve that is based on their interest and expertise. Grade level teams meet each week to plan, share ideas, and reflect on instructional practices. Committee and team meetings are held each month. Bi-monthly faculty meetings are used to gather input and share ideas.

Cross grade level meetings are also held throughout the year to facilitate curriculum alignment among grade levels. Teachers share ideas and suggestions to ensure students are mastering prerequisite skills. At each faculty meeting, teachers and staff are recognized for going above and beyond to help a colleague, take on additional responsibilities, etc. This recognition is helping to encourage and motivate teachers and staff to work together and to help wherever there is a need.

### **Describe the school's strategies to recruit, develop and retain highly qualified, certified-in-field, effective teachers to the school**

The following strategies will be used to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers at Longleaf:

1. Ensure school specific training is made available to all new teachers (Positive Behavior System, Focus Gradebook, RTI/MTSS, etc.)
2. Assign a consulting teacher to work with all first year teachers.
3. Assign a mentor teacher to all teachers new to the school.
4. Conduct 30, 60, 90 day meetings to determine what additional support or resources are needed for new teachers.

### **Describe the school's teacher mentoring program, including the rationale for pairings and planned mentoring activities**

Each new teacher will be paired with a mentor teacher. The following pairings and the rationale for the pairings are included:

Melissa Venable (Mentor)/Krista Ryder (Mentee) - both teachers teach first grade.

Quaytisha Hendricks (Mentor)/Martha Wright (Mentee) - both teachers teach first grade.

Lakevia Green (Mentor)/Karen Perrot (Mentee) - both teach second grade.

Annamarie Sluka (Mentor)/Courtney Anderson (Mentee) -both teachers teach fourth grade.

Kenli Adams (Mentor)/Ashley Raia (Mentee) - both teachers teach fourth grade.

Beth Quenan (Mentor)/Sharon Quick (Mentee) - both teachers teach fourth grade.

Susan Hill (Mentor)/Regan Barnes (Mentee) - both teachers are Exceptional Student Education Teachers.

Stephanie Cole (Mentor)/Tiffany Meadows (Mentee) - both teachers are Exceptional Student Education Teachers.

Sheila Lanton (Mentor)/Matthew Dailey (Mentee) - both teachers are music teachers.



Planned mentoring activities include participation in a professional learning community with other teachers, planning collaboratively, modeling and observing in each other's classrooms.

## Ambitious Instruction and Learning

### Instructional Programs and Strategies

#### Instructional Programs

***Describe how the school ensures its core instructional programs and materials are aligned to Florida's standards***

Longleaf Elementary uses core instructional programs as directed by the Escambia County School District. These core programs are carefully selected and adopted by a team of teachers and administrators to address the specific needs of our students while meeting the requirements of the Florida Standards. Currently, our core reading program is Reading Wonders which is aligned to the Common Core State Standards and the Florida Standards. Our core mathematics program is Go Math! Florida, which is also aligned to the Common Core State Standards and the Florida Standards. Our science textbooks are Pearson Florida Interactive Science, which align to the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for science. Similarly, our social studies program is MacMillan McGraw-Hill's Florida Social Studies, which is also aligned to the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards. In addition to using district adopted and state approved core instructional programs, Longleaf Elementary also uses pacing guides and instructional calendars which are developed to ensure that all Florida Standards are addressed in all classrooms prior to the end of the academic year.

#### Instructional Strategies

***Describe how the school uses data to provide and differentiate instruction to meet the diverse needs of students. Provide examples of how instruction is modified or supplemented to assist students having difficulty attaining the proficient or advanced level on state assessments***

Teachers at Longleaf Elementary use Discovery Education Assessments to assess and track student knowledge and understanding of Common Core State Standards. Students complete three benchmark assessments each year in mathematics, English Language Arts, and science. The data collected from these assessments indicates student proficiency in Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and mathematics, and in Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for science. Teachers then use this data to align their instruction to student needs. Teachers are able to form small groups for targeted instruction in specific areas of weakness. Students who have mastered required content are provided with enrichment activities.

Additionally, teachers can use the Discovery Assessment platform to create and assign instructional probes. These formative assessments are used to monitor student progress toward specific benchmarks. Teachers use the results from these probes to further refine instruction to meet the needs of all students.

Longleaf teachers and administration have also developed instructional calendars and mini assessments which are designed to teach and assess all of the Florida Standards. These calendars assure that all benchmarks are taught throughout the academic year, while the assessments indicate student mastery or areas of continued need.

***Provide the following information for each strategy the school uses to increase the amount and quality of learning time and help enrich and accelerate the curriculum:***

**Strategy:** Summer Program

**Minutes added to school year:** 2,160

Students in the third grade who either score a level one on Florida standardized testing or who are failing English Language Arts are invited to attend Summer Reading Camp. This summer school program provides intensive instruction in reading for six weeks in June and July. Students are given specific, small group instruction in all areas of reading and language arts.

**Strategy Rationale**

Students who are having difficulty mastering benchmarks in reading require more small group, direct instruction. This type of instruction is provided during summer reading camp.

**Strategy Purpose(s)**

- Core Academic Instruction

**Person(s) responsible for monitoring implementation of the strategy**

Cross, Shannon, scross@escambia.k12.fl.us

**Data that is or will be collected and how it is analyzed to determine effectiveness of the strategy**

Summer teachers collect student portfolios, Discovery Education data, and Stanford 10 to determine student growth in reading.

**Strategy:** Extended School Year

**Minutes added to school year:** 1,440

Students with disabilities are offered the opportunity to extend school during the summer.

**Strategy Rationale**

Students with disabilities often regress academically and socially.

**Strategy Purpose(s)**

- Core Academic Instruction

**Person(s) responsible for monitoring implementation of the strategy**

Duffy, Ethel, eduffy@escambia.k12.fl.us

**Data that is or will be collected and how it is analyzed to determine effectiveness of the strategy**

Extended school year teachers collect behavioral data and record academic progress in Individualized Education Plans.

**Student Transition and Readiness**

**PreK-12 Transition**

The school's response to this question may be used to satisfy the requirements of 20 U.S.C. § 6314(b)(1)(G).

**Describe the strategies the school employs to support incoming and outgoing cohorts of students in transition from one school level to another**

During the first month of kindergarten registration (May, 2015), a parent training will be held to familiarize parents of incoming kindergarten students with the expectations for learning. Information and strategies for preparing their child for the upcoming school year are provided, along with a packet of activities they can do with their child over the summer.

In addition, area preschools are invited to bring their students to on a field trip to see what a day in Kindergarten is like at Longleaf.

Prior to the beginning of the school year (August, 2014), kindergarten teachers assessed each of their students to determine where to begin instruction. The results of these assessments along with expectations for each nine week grading period will be shared with parents during a parent conference (September, 2014).

### **College and Career Readiness**

***Describe the strategies the school uses to advance college and career awareness, which may include establishing partnerships with business, industry or community organizations***

***Identify the career and technical education programs available to students and industry certifications that may be earned through those respective programs***

***Describe efforts the school has taken to integrate career and technical education with academic courses (e.g., industrial biotechnology) to support student achievement***

***Describe strategies for improving student readiness for the public postsecondary level based on annual analysis of the [High School Feedback Report](#), as required by section 1008.37(4), Florida Statutes***

## School Improvement Goals

The following key is intended to help readers understand how the sections of this document correspond to the steps of the 8-step planning and problem-solving framework used in the School Improvement Plan. The Quick Key numbers can help registered users go directly to the point of entry for any given goal, barrier and strategy within the online survey.

### Problem Solving Key

**G** = Goal

**B** =  
Barrier

**S** = Strategy

**1** = Problem Solving Step     S123456 = Quick Key

## Strategic Goals Summary

- G1.** Increase the performance of our lowest quartile students in reading and math by at least 5%.
- G2.** Integrate analytical and argumentative writing across the curriculum in order to develop critical thinking skills.

## Strategic Goals Detail

For each strategic goal, this section lists the associated targets (i.e., "SMART goals"), resources available to support movement toward the goal, barriers to achieving the goal, and the plan for monitoring progress toward the goal

**G1. Increase the performance of our lowest quartile students in reading and math by at least 5%. 1a**

G042337

**Targets Supported 1b**

Indicator	Annual Target
ELA/Reading Lowest 25% Gains	54.0
ELA/Reading Gains	55.0
Attendance Below 90% Grade 04	8.0
Attendance Below 90% Grade 05	8.0
Students in fourth grade exhibiting two or more EWS indicators	4.0
Students in fifth grade exhibiting two or more EWS indicators	5.0

**Resources Available to Support the Goal 2**

- Professional Learning Department
- Grade Level Professional Learning Communities
- School-based Professional Development
- School Leadership (Principal, Assistant Principal)
- Teacher Leaders
- Thinking Maps

**Targeted Barriers to Achieving the Goal 3**

- Limited time for collaborative planning
- Lack of direct instructional time for students

**Plan to Monitor Progress Toward G1. 8**

Student performance data will be reviewed (Discovery Education, core ELA and mathematics assessments)

**Person Responsible**

Shannon Cross

**Schedule**

Monthly, from 8/18/2014 to 5/29/2015

**Evidence of Completion**

Student achievement data (FSA)

**G2. Integrate analytical and argumentative writing across the curriculum in order to develop critical thinking skills.** 1a

G042338

**Targets Supported** 1b

Indicator	Annual Target
FSA - English Language Arts - Proficiency Rate	60.0
Highly Effective Teachers (Performance Rating)	10.0

**Resources Available to Support the Goal** 2

- Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resource System
- Professional Learning Department
- School Leadership (Principal, Assistant Principal)
- PD 360
- Instructional Coach
- Implementation of Florida Standards
- Thinking Maps

**Targeted Barriers to Achieving the Goal** 3

- Lack of teacher training in integration of subject matter

**Plan to Monitor Progress Toward G2.** 8

Discovery Education Assessment Data, Writing Portfolios

**Person Responsible**

Patti Thomas

**Schedule**

Monthly, from 9/22/2014 to 5/29/2015

**Evidence of Completion**

Writing addresses various subjects. Discovery Education test results will show improvements in reading.

## Action Plan for Improvement

For each strategy selected in the plan to reduce a targeted barrier to a strategic goal, this section lists the rationale for that strategy (i.e., why the school believes it will reduce the barrier) and the action steps that have been identified as necessary to implementing the strategy, including details such as the point person, timing and duration, and evidence of completion. At the end of each set of action steps is the plan for monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of the respective strategy.

### Problem Solving Key

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**G1.** Increase the performance of our lowest quartile students in reading and math by at least 5%. **1**

 G042337

**G1.B5** Lack of direct instructional time for students **2**

 B113494

**G1.B5.S1** Revise the schedule and distribution of teachers and teacher assistants. **4**

 S124886

### Strategy Rationale

Low quartile students will have an additional teacher or teacher assistant in the classroom during all subjects.

### Action Step 1 **5**

Revised the schedule for lower quartile students

#### Person Responsible

Patti Thomas

#### Schedule

Monthly, from 8/4/2014 to 5/29/2015

#### Evidence of Completion

Instructional schedule for inclusion teachers and teacher assistants

**Plan to Monitor Fidelity of Implementation of G1.B5.S1** 6

Classroom walkthroughs/Classroom observations

**Person Responsible**

Shannon Cross

**Schedule**

Daily, from 8/18/2014 to 5/29/2015

***Evidence of Completion***

Teachers and teacher assistants will be in classrooms working with lower quartile students.

**Plan to Monitor Effectiveness of Implementation of G1.B5.S1** 7

MTSS Intervention Logs and IEP documentation

**Person Responsible**

Christopher Gayo

**Schedule**

Every 6 Weeks, from 8/18/2014 to 5/29/2015

***Evidence of Completion***

Lower quartile students will receive daily direct instruction and assistance for all subjects.



**G2.** Integrate analytical and argumentative writing across the curriculum in order to develop critical thinking skills. 1

G042338

**G2.B3** Lack of teacher training in integration of subject matter 2

B113498

**G2.B3.S1** Instructional Coach will model lessons for classroom teachers 4

S124891

### Strategy Rationale

Teachers need more instruction and confidence in integrating writing in all subjects.

### Action Step 1 5

Model lessons in classrooms

#### Person Responsible

Bonita Halford

#### Schedule

Weekly, from 9/1/2014 to 12/19/2014

#### Evidence of Completion

Calendar and lesson plans for model lessons

### Plan to Monitor Fidelity of Implementation of G2.B3.S1 6

Classroom walkthroughs/Classroom observations

#### Person Responsible

Patti Thomas

#### Schedule

Daily, from 9/1/2014 to 5/29/2015

#### Evidence of Completion

Classroom teachers will implement strategies and procedures observed during model lessons.

**Plan to Monitor Effectiveness of Implementation of G2.B3.S1 7**

Crate walk to collect samples of student assignments

**Person Responsible**

Shannon Cross

**Schedule**

Monthly, from 10/1/2014 to 5/29/2015

**Evidence of Completion**

Student assignments will reflect higher order thinking skills and integration of writing across subject areas.

**Appendix 1: Implementation Timeline**

*Action steps and monitoring activities identified in the SIP as necessary to achieve the school's goals.*

Source	Task, Action Step or Monitoring Activity	Who	Start Date (where applicable)	Deliverable or Evidence of Completion	Due Date/End Date
G1.B5.S1.A1	Revised the schedule for lower quartile students	Thomas, Patti	8/4/2014	Instructional schedule for inclusion teachers and teacher assistants	5/29/2015 monthly
G2.B3.S1.A1	Model lessons in classrooms	Halford, Bonita	9/1/2014	Calendar and lesson plans for model lessons	12/19/2014 weekly
G1.MA1	Student performance data will be reviewed (Discovery Education, core ELA and mathematics assessments)	Cross, Shannon	8/18/2014	Student achievement data (FSA)	5/29/2015 monthly
G1.B5.S1.MA1	MTSS Intervention Logs and IEP documentation	Gayo, Christopher	8/18/2014	Lower quartile students will receive daily direct instruction and assistance for all subjects.	5/29/2015 every-6-weeks
G1.B5.S1.MA1	Classroom walkthroughs/Classroom observations	Cross, Shannon	8/18/2014	Teachers and teacher assistants will be in classrooms working with lower quartile students.	5/29/2015 daily
G2.MA1	Discovery Education Assessment Data, Writing Portfolios	Thomas, Patti	9/22/2014	Writing addresses various subjects. Discovery Education test results will show improvements in reading.	5/29/2015 monthly
G2.B3.S1.MA1	Crate walk to collect samples of student assignments	Cross, Shannon	10/1/2014	Student assignments will reflect higher order thinking skills and integration of writing across subject areas.	5/29/2015 monthly
G2.B3.S1.MA1	Classroom walkthroughs/Classroom observations	Thomas, Patti	9/1/2014	Classroom teachers will implement strategies and procedures observed during model lessons.	5/29/2015 daily

**Appendix 2: Professional Development and Technical Assistance Outlines**

*Professional development opportunities and technical assistance items identified in the SIP as action steps to achieve the school's goals.*

## Professional Development Opportunities

*Professional development opportunities identified in the SIP as action steps to achieve the school's goals.*

**G2.** Integrate analytical and argumentative writing across the curriculum in order to develop critical thinking skills.

**G2.B3** Lack of teacher training in integration of subject matter

**G2.B3.S1** Instructional Coach will model lessons for classroom teachers

### **PD Opportunity 1**

Model lessons in classrooms

#### **Facilitator**

Instructional Coach

#### **Participants**

Classroom teachers

#### **Schedule**

Weekly, from 9/1/2014 to 12/19/2014

## Technical Assistance Items

*Technical Assistance opportunities identified in the SIP as action steps to achieve the school's goals.*

**G1.** Increase the performance of our lowest quartile students in reading and math by at least 5%.

**G1.B5** Lack of direct instructional time for students

**G1.B5.S1** Revise the schedule and distribution of teachers and teacher assistants.

### **PD Opportunity 1**

Revised the schedule for lower quartile students

#### **Facilitator**

Principal/Assistant Principal

#### **Participants**

ESE Inclusion Teachers/Inclusion Teachers/Teacher Assistants

#### **Schedule**

Monthly, from 8/4/2014 to 5/29/2015

## Budget Rollup

### Summary

Description	Total
Grand Total	0