Hardee County Schools

Hilltop Elementary School



2016-17 Schoolwide Improvement Plan

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School Demographics

School Type and Gi (per MSID		2015-16 Title I Schoo	l Disadvan	Economically taged (FRL) Rate ted on Survey 3)		
Elementary S PK-5	School	Yes		100%		
Primary Servio (per MSID I		Charter School	(Reporte	Minority Rate ed as Non-white Survey 2)		
K-12 General E	ducation	No		86%		
School Grades Histo	ory					
Year	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13		
Grade	А	B*	А	А		

^{*}Informational Baseline School Grade

Note: The school grades calculation was revised substantially for the 2014-15 school year to implement statutory changes made by the 2014 Legislature and incorporate the new Florida Standards Assessments. The 2014-15 school grades serve as informational baseline data that schools can use to improve in future years.

School Board Approval

This plan was approved by the Hardee County School Board on 11/10/2016.

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 a monitoring status of "Former F" (see page 4). 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 barriers that could hinder achieving those goals and resources that could be used to eliminate or reduce barriers (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, established in <u>section 1008.33</u>, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, is a statewide network of strategic support, differentiated by need according to performance data, provided to districts and schools in order to improve leadership capacity, teacher efficacy, and student outcomes. Through a data-driven planning and problem-solving process, DA field teams collaborate with district leadership to design, implement, and refine strategic goals and action plans that are documented in the SIP.

DA Regions

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

DA Categories

At the start of each academic year, traditional schools are classified for DA support in three categories based on the most recent school grades data available. Descriptions of each DA category along with the state support and interventions provided are set forth by Rule 6A-1.099811, Florida Administrative Code:

- Not in DA currently A, B, or C and not Monitoring Only; charter schools; ungraded schools
- Monitoring Only currently A, B, or C that improved from a previous grade of F
- Focus currently D
- Priority currently F

DA Turnaround and Monitoring Statuses

Additionally, schools in DA may be subject to a turnaround status of "Planning" or "Implementing" or a monitoring status of "Former F." These statuses are based on a school's grades history, including the current school grade:

- <u>Former F</u> A school with a status of "Former F" requires the department to monitor the implementation of strategies and progress toward the goals outlined in the school improvement plan for three years following the school's improvement from a grade of F to a C or higher.
- <u>Planning</u> A school with a status of "Planning" requires the district to engage stakeholders in the development of a turnaround option plan to be implemented in the following year should the school grade not improve to a C or higher.
- <u>Implementing</u> A school with a status of "Implementing" requires the district to submit a turnaround plan to the State Board of Education for approval and implementation. A school remains in "Implementing" status until its school grade improves to a C or higher.

2016-17 DA Category and Statuses for Hilltop Elementary School

DA Region and RED

DA Category and Turnaround Status

Southwest
Not In DA - N/A

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I. Part I: Current School Status

A. Supportive Environment

1. School Mission and Vision

a. Provide the school's mission statement.

Building learning partnerships with home, school, and community to ensure personal and academic excellence.

b. Provide the school's vision statement.

The vision Of Hilltop Elementary School is to create Pride among students and staff by being Positive, Respectful, Independent and Dedicated learners through high Expectations.

2. School Environment

- a. Describe the process by which the school learns about students' cultures and builds relationships between teachers and students.
- 1. School questionnaires help our staff and school learn more about students and their culture. Parent/teacher conferences are one of the most effective means of building relationships not only with our students, but their families as well. Parent nights and special events such as our Fall Festival, provides families and staff an opportunity to build relationships as well!
- b. Describe how the school creates an environment where students feel safe and respected before, during and after school.

Hilltop has a staff that is dedicated to ensuring the safety of our students. The facility has secure gates during school hours that keep intruders out as well as allow our students to move around our campus as needed without fear. In the mornings, we have teachers and paras posted throughout the campus to assist students that may need help as we monitor hallways in an effort to keep everyone safe. Likewise, in the afternoons, teachers and paras are on duty to ensure student safety no matter how they are traveling home. At the car pick-up area, staff open the doors, seek out students that have not heard their name called, and encourage students to walk to their vehicles. Interactions with our students are positive and students are always encouraged to do their best throughout the day.

Further, the school creates a safe environment by utilizing the Positive Behavior Support model for all students. Positive behavior is encouraged throughout the school. A safe environment is maintained by requiring all visitors to sign in at the front office.

Additionally, the school is adamant about the "No Bullying" policy that is adhered to in each area of the school.

c. 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.

Classroom teachers have behavior plans in place. Teachers follow the behavioral plan established for their rooms. If a student is still not having success in the classroom, contact is made with the parent and afterwards, with administration if necessary. Administrators meet with teachers regarding any referral that is written and teachers show a record of their work with the student in an effort to correct a situation. Administrators then make contact with parents and follow through with any disciplinary

decision that was made.

The school wide behavior system that aids in minimizing distractions to keep students engaged includes communicating clear behavior expectations. Students at Hilltop know that they are expected to demonstrate PRIDE, which is an acronym for being P-Postive, R- Respectful, I-Independent learners, D-Dedicated, E- having high Expectations. At the end of each nine weeks, teachers choose two students from their class, whom have best demonstrated PRIDE. This award is something that students look forward to, and strive to obtain.

School wide procedures also include:

- o Be Positive
- o Be Prepared
- o Be Productive
- o Be Polite
- o Be Prompt
- "Be the Lion's Pride".
- d. 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.

Within our classrooms, we may have a student that needs extra support academically, behaviorally, or emotionally. Teachers use many resources to help individual student needs. For academic and behavioral concerns, students are monitored and worked closely with through the Rtl process. If a student is experiencing emotional problems, students may receive counseling through our school psychologist or through our guidance counselor. We also use peer mentors within our classrooms to help build confidence in students that tend to be shy or uncertain.

Students are provided free breakfast, if they are interested. In addition, certain identified students are provided with backpacks containing food items to take care of them for the weekend.

3. Early Warning Systems

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

- a. Describe the school's early warning system and provide a list of the early warning indicators used in the system.
- b. Provide the following data related to the school's early warning system
- 1. The number of students by grade level that exhibit each early warning indicator:

Indicator		Grade Level										Total		
indicator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Attendance below 90 percent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Course failure in ELA or Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Level 1 on statewide assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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

Indicator						Gr	ade	Le	eve	I				Total
indicator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Students exhibiting two or more indicators	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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

B. Family and Community Engagement

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).

1. 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).

a. Will the school use its PIP to satisfy this question?

Yes

1. PIP Link

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

2. Description

Schedule school events at a time convenient for most parents in order to attract a larger turn out. Parent PowerPoint presentations will be translated for non-English speaking parents. If handouts are given during conferences or grade-level parent events (i.e. Orientation and Data nights), a translated copy will be provided for non-English speaking parents. Every parent/teacher meeting will be provided with a translator for non-English speaking parents. All school notices will be translated into Spanish; this includes all teachers memos as well.

2. 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.

To help build resources and support for our school from our community, we share project ideas with local businesses in an effort to get financial support. We also share information with the local paper of current events and positive things happening at Hilltop. Kindergarten teachers work closely with local daycares to ensure students are prepared for their first year of school. Teachers take opportunities to apply for funding through a variety of grants. Behavioral rewards, classroom libraries, as well as units to be taught in the classroom are some examples of how our teachers gain more support and in turn increase student achievement.

C. 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).

1. School Leadership Team

a. Membership

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

Name	Title
Durden, Todd	Principal
Mosley, Sheryl	Assistant Principal
Driskell, Mary Lynne	School Counselor
Douglas, Chad	Instructional Coach

b. Duties

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

The team will meet monthly to engage in the following activities: Review FAIR screening data to link to instructional decisions; review progress monitoring data at the grade level and classroom level to identify students who are meeting/not meeting expectations; meet with the classroom teacher and parents to develop intervention plans for students; review monitoring data and intervention strategies for success.

2. 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.

Baseline data: Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading (FAIR 3-5), Florida Assessment Standards (FSA 3-5 Grade), Florida Comprehensive Assessement Test (FCAT Science 5th Grade), i-Ready District Benchmark Assessments (K-5)

Title I, Part A

Supplementary academic services are provided through after-school or summer school programs, an academic intervention resource teacher, and technology resources. Title I Part A, Title II, and the District collaborate in providing professional development, and funding Literacy Coaches. The District Data Coach and the Director of Student Academic Services/Assessment will also assist the school in the coordination of efforts to best serve the students of Hilltop Elementary School.

Title I, Part C- Migrant

The Migrant Coordinator and Migrant Advocate collaborate with school staff to ensure that the needs of migrant students are met. Academic and support services enable migrant students to participate fully in the overall educational experience.

Title II

These funds provide Professional Development for teachers, substitutes for release time for teachers, consultant travel, Professional Development stipends, extra duty for the Literacy Coach, and mentoring bonuses. Additionally, incentive bonuses for high performing administrators are funded by Title II. The District Director of Curriculum will also assist in providing guidance and support with the Professional Development process.

Title III

The District Data Coach and school site Literacy Coach will present Professional Development that addresses the unique needs of ELL/Migrant students.

Supplemental Academic Instruction (SAI)

Supplemental Academic Instruction (SAI) funding pays for at least one teacher at each school to

teach a remedial course (could be pull-out services), as well as extra-duty funding for teachers to teach after school and summer school.

Violence Prevention Programs N/A

Nutrition Programs

The School Breakfast Program offers free breakfast for all students. Such meals play an important part in supporting student achievement, as well as teaching students the elements of good nutrition.

The National School Lunch Program offers free lunch for all students. Such meals play an important part in supporting student achievement, as well as teaching students the elements of good nutrition.

The Summer Food Service Program provides a no-cost breakfast and lunch to community children age 18 and younger.

Housing Programs N/A

Head Start

Hilltop Elementary School provides assistance to locally Federally funded day care facilities by providing transition days. Kindergarten Round-Up is held each spring to provide information to the parents of children who will be entering kindergarten the following school year. Kindergarten teachers visit local day care facilities to inform parents of expectations at Hilltop Elementary School. These activities all help to ease the transition to school.

Adult Education

The District's Adult and Community Education Program provides instruction not only to those adults seeking a GED, but for those wanting to learn English as well. This is a vital service to our community, which has a large migrant population. Parents of students attending Hilltop Elementary School often attend these ELL classes in an effort to learn English, so that they may better help their children with homework and communicate with their teacher.

2. School Advisory Council (SAC)

a. Membership

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

Name	Stakeholder Group
Todd Durden	Principal
Amanda Abbott	Student
Lorena Alfaro	Student
Alejandra Aviles-Solis	Student
LeAnne Buzzard	Student
Linda Calvillo	Student
Adilene Corona	Student
Hilaria Cuevas	Student
Aniuska Darnott	Student
Jackie DelRio	Student
Rosario Esquivel	Student
Christina Gallegos	Student
Bella Gomez	Student
Paige McCoy	Student
Alejandra Mendez	Student
Tameka Olds	Student
Nancy Rodriguez	Student
Toni Roe	Student
Valerie Terrell	Student
Angela Wandrey	Student

b. Duties

- 1. Provide a description of the SAC's involvement with the following activities, as required by section 1001.452(2), Florida Statutes
- a. Evaluation of last year's school improvement plan
- b. Development of this school improvement plan

Involve parent representatives in the planning process for creating the school PIP and SIP for Hilltop Elementary through the SAC committee and through comments. Through the SAC meeting, parent representatives will be given the opportunity to provide input in the implementation of the PIP and SIP and in the expenditures for the Parent Involvement funds.

- c. Preparation of the school's annual budget and plan
- 2. Describe the use of school improvement funds allocated last year, including the amount budgeted for each project.

November "Making Literature Come Alive" Parent Night Spring Technology Fair Parent Night Purchase Book Sets for Classrooms Purchase materials for Parent Resources

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

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

3. Literacy Leadership Team (LLT)

a. Membership

Identify the name and position title for each member of the school-based LLT or similar group, if applicable.:

Durden, Todd DeAnda, Lisa Teacher, K-12 Spires, Lisa Teacher, K-12 Hinerman, Judy Teacher, K-12 Jaquez, Elizabeth Teacher, K-12 Olds, Tameka Teacher, K-12 Mason, Gretchen Teacher, K-12	Name	Title
Spires, Lisa Teacher, K-12 Hinerman, Judy Teacher, K-12 Jaquez, Elizabeth Teacher, K-12 Olds, Tameka Teacher, K-12	Durden, Todd	
Hinerman, Judy Teacher, K-12 Jaquez, Elizabeth Teacher, K-12 Olds, Tameka Teacher, K-12	DeAnda, Lisa	Teacher, K-12
Jaquez, Elizabeth Teacher, K-12 Olds, Tameka Teacher, K-12	Spires, Lisa	Teacher, K-12
Olds, Tameka Teacher, K-12	Hinerman, Judy	Teacher, K-12
	Jaquez, Elizabeth	Teacher, K-12
Mason, Gretchen Teacher, K-12	Olds, Tameka	Teacher, K-12
	Mason, Gretchen	Teacher, K-12
Mosley, Sheryl Assistant Principal	Mosley, Sheryl	Assistant Principal
Driskell, Mary Lynne School Counselor	Driskell, Mary Lynne	School Counselor
Gallegos, Cristina Teacher, K-12	Gallegos, Cristina	Teacher, K-12
Wolgast, Ella Teacher, K-12	Wolgast, Ella	Teacher, K-12
Wood, James Teacher, K-12	Wood, James	Teacher, K-12
Shepard, Michelle Teacher, ESE	Shepard, Michelle	Teacher, ESE
Kouns, Sherri Teacher, ESE	Kouns, Sherri	Teacher, ESE
Douglas, Chad Instructional Coach	Douglas, Chad	Instructional Coach
Wiggins, Brittany Teacher, K-12	Wiggins, Brittany	Teacher, K-12
Calvillo, Linda Teacher, K-12	Calvillo, Linda	Teacher, K-12

b. Duties

- 1. Describe how the LLT or similar group promotes literacy within the school, if applicable.
- Multi-Tiered System of Supports(MTSS)/Response to Instruction/Intervention(RtI) and Positive Behavior Supports(PBS) Implementation.
- Initiative to incorporate science and social studies curriculum into the reading/literacy block.
- Implementation of LAFS AND MAFS in K-5 grade levels.
- Writing will be integrated across the curriculum.

D. 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).

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

Grade levels at Hilltop work together very closely. We monitor all of our students each week. We use our standards in planning out rigorous instruction and we focus on student data to help us group and teach

our students within our classrooms. In trainings we also have the opportunity to work with other grade levels. Vertical planning allows us to prepare our students for the next grade level and also allows us to reflect on what we could do differently in the future.

Hilltop follows an open door policy for the administration. Weekly PLC meeting at each grade level provided opportunities to discuss student achievement, policies, and upcoming events. Leadership meetings are held bimonthly for the purpose of discussing current issues and invite feedback for school plans.

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

The school principal works in cooperation with the direction of human resources to set up interviews through the school district website.

The school also traditionally utilizes an extremely successful mentoring program to ensure that all new teachers to Hilltop Elementary or the teaching profession are offered every possible opportunity to succeed through observations by administrators, and the literacy coach through colloboration on planning, curriculum, expectations and interventions.

Providing Relevant Professional Development to retain a high quality, Highly Qualified teaching staff.

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

The Literacy Coach will observe and offer feedback for the mentees. She will coach and model lessons for the mentees. The Literacy Coach will host mentee meetings to discuss feedback from observations and walk-through of evidence-based strategies observed. She will meet with the mentees to debrief and reflect on their observations and review the data collected from students performances. She will make sure all mentees are implementing state standards and monitoring progress of students in their classrooms.

E. Ambitious Instruction and Learning

1. Instructional Programs and Strategies

a. Instructional Programs

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

Our standards and student data drive our instruction. Phonics is a huge focus in kindergarten and first in an effort to develop a strong foundation in our young students. In second grade, a shift is made from phonics to a strong reading foundation of being able to read, comprehend, and answer questions about a story. Each grade level builds on what was previously learned and every effort is made to close any gap between grade levels. Teachers use a variety of resources to help in instructional planning including iCPalms, Oncourse Learning.

One of the biggest goals that Hilltop staff strives to meet daily is to make sure that core instructional programs are aligned to Florida's standards. Reaching this goal requires a number of efforts. All instructional materials that are ordered by the school are first previewed and confirmed that they align before ordering. The district held several meetings for the purpose of developing pacing guides to ensure alignment with the new standards in math and language arts. The school has ordered numerous supplemental books and tools to assist teachers and staff in teaching the required standards to mastery level.

b. Instructional Strategies

1. 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.

Data driven instruction is a top priority at Hilltop Elementary. Data drives numerous aspects of our curriculum and assists in providing outlets in order to differentiate instruction in efforts to boost students to more advanced levels. Data is obtained though STAR testing, iReady, FAIR Testing, and Benchmarks. The data obtained from utilizing these resource is then analyzed by teachers and staff, who in turn use it to drive instruction. Students are not always lacking in the same areas. Each is unique in their learning abilities. These programs and the data they provide allow teachers to assist students in the areas that they need the most support. From small group settings to going back to reteach a skill, data is a valuable tool that is extremely supplemental to providing students with the best education possible. Modifying lessons is sometimes necessary to ensure that students understand the skill. For example, iReady is an online program that carves individual paths for students based on their need and level. If the teacher can see that student is struggling in a certain area, options are available to modify the lessons until the student reaches mastery in that skill.

2. 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: Extended School Day

Minutes added to school year: 5,670

Students receive additional instruction in reading, math, science, and vocabulary through extra practice.

Strategy Rationale

To provide support for Tier 2 and Tier 3 students.

Strategy Purpose(s)

Teacher collaboration, planning and professional development

Person(s) responsible for monitoring implementation of the strategy Mosley, Sheryl, smosley@hardee.k12.fl.us

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

Data is collected through activity logs/running records, Rtl forms, and assessment data.

2. Student Transition and Readiness

a. 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).

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

Kindergarten Round-Up is held in the spring of each year to provide information to parents of students who will be starting kindergarten in the fall. Kindergarten teachers visit day cares to inform parents of the expectations of Kindergarten students at Hilltop Elementary. These activities are helpful in easing the transition to school.

The Hardee County VPK program was offered at Hilltop Elementary School in May through July. This program serviced four and five-year old students entering Kindergarten in August. This program is state funded and provides instruction to prepare students for Kindergarten.

The School District partners with the Early Learning Coalition to identify preschool students within Hardee who qualify for a program.

RCMA students are able to spend a day at Hilltop to experience a typical day of Kindergarten. During this experience, they tour the HES campus and enjoy lunch in the school cafeteria.

b. College and Career Readiness

- 1. Describe the strategies the school uses to advance college and career awareness, which may include establishing partnerships with business, industry or community organizations.
- 2. Identify the career and technical education programs available to students and industry certifications that may be earned through those respective programs.
- 3. Describe efforts the school has taken to integrate career and technical education with academic courses (e.g., industrial biotechnology) to support student achievement.
- 4. Describe strategies for improving student readiness for the public postsecondary level based on annual analysis of the <u>High School Feedback Report</u>, as required by section 1008.37(4), Florida Statutes.

II. Needs Assessment

The school's completion of this section may satisfy the requirements of 20 U.S.C. § 6314(b)(1)(A).

A. Problem Identification

1. Data to Support Problem Identification

b. Data Uploads

Data uploads are not required by the Florida Department of Education but are offered as a tool for the needs assessment. In this section, the school may upload files of locally available data charts and graphs being used as evidence of need.

The following documents were submitted as evidence for this section:

No files were uploaded

2. Problem Identification Summary

This section is not required by the Florida Department of Education but is provided as an opportunity for the school to summarize the points of strength and areas of need that have been identified in the data.

B. Problem Analysis Summary

This section is not required by the Florida Department of Education but is provided as an opportunity for the school to summarize the underlying "why"Â? or root causes for the areas of need identified in the data, as determined by situational awareness of, and research conducted by, the stakeholders involved in the needs assessment.

C. Strategic Goals

V. Professional Development Opportunities

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

VI. Technical Assistance Items

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

VII. Bud	dget
Total:	\$0.00