

# Kendale Elementary School



# 2017-18 Schoolwide Improvement Plan

## Kendale Elementary School

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### School Demographics

School Type and Grades Served (per MSID File)	2016-17 Title I School	2016-17 Economically Disadvantaged (FRL) Rate (as reported on Survey 3)
Elementary School PK-5	No	64%
Primary Service Type (per MSID File)	Charter School	2018-19 Minority Rate (Reported as Non-white on Survey 2)
K-12 General Education	No	90%

### School Grades History

Year	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14
Grade	A	A	A*	A

*\*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 is pending approval by the Dade County School Board.

### 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 that has a school grade of D or F.

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 (see page 4). For schools receiving a grade of A, B, or C, the district may opt to require a SIP using a template of its choosing.

This document was prepared by school and district leadership using the FDOE'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 [section 1008.33, Florida Statutes](#), 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 two 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** - A school with a current school grade of A, B, or C; charter schools; and ungraded schools.
- **Targeted Support and Improvement** - A school with a current school grade of an initial D.
- **Comprehensive Support and Improvement** - A school with a current school grade of F or two consecutive grades of D, or a high school with a graduation rate of 67 percent or less in the most recent data release.

### DA Turnaround Status

Additionally, Comprehensive Support and Improvement schools have a turnaround status of "Implementing," based on a school's grades history, including the current school grade:

- Implementing - 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.

### 2017-18 DA Category and Statuses for Kendale Elementary School

DA Region and RED	DA Category and Turnaround Status
Southeast - <a href="#">LaShawn Russ-Porterfield</a>	- N/A

## I. Part I: Current School Status

### A. Supportive Environment

#### 1. School Mission and Vision

##### a. Provide the school's mission statement.

Kendale Elementary's mission is: We are devoted to producing successful, well-rounded citizens who will excel in a diverse, global society, equipped to meet the challenges of tomorrow. We will prepare our students to succeed in middle school and beyond, by equipping them with a rigorous academic foundation, while instilling the core values of respect, responsibility, kindness, cooperation and support.

##### b. Provide the school's vision statement.

The vision of Kendale Elementary is to instill in our students a respect for oneself, respect for others and respect for the power of knowledge and learning while providing them the tools necessary for success in our ever-changing world.

#### 2. School Environment

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

Kendale Elementary is a Cambridge school where all stake holders will understand the need for 21st century instructional practices, with a focus on communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking, in order to effectively prepare students for future jobs that are still being developed in our globally competitive world. We instill in our students a respect for oneself, a respect for others and a respect for the power of knowledge and learning while providing them the tools necessary success in our ever-changing world.

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

At Kendale Elementary a Cambridge School this means all forms of safety and security are operable while the students are at school — medical attention when necessary, counseling and other family services as required and most of all, caring adults who create an atmosphere of sincere support for the students' well-being and academic success.

##### 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.

A School-Based alternate to suspension plan has been provided to teachers to effectively and efficiently manage behaviors in order to minimize disruptions to the learning environment and keep students fully engaged during instructional time. This involves teachers establishing clear behavioral expectations through the teaching and practicing of classroom procedures rules, rewards and consequence holding students accountable for violations with appropriate and effective consequences, reinforcing positive behaviors with meaningful rewards and recognition such as Mighty Tiger of The Week Award, monthly district Values Matter initiative, and determining the efficacy of the established plan as well as ensuring fairness and consistency in its application through consultations with student services and the administration. The classroom rules are established by the teacher with input from

students in order to have buy-in from all stakeholders which facilitate a smooth implementation of the classroom rules. Individual student accountability is upheld through lunch time detentions, work detail, or taking away fun activities from those students who fail to comply with established classroom rules and procedures.

**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.**

On-site we have a full-time counselor and social worker once a week who meets with students in groups, individually, conducts classroom lessons, meets with parents and informs parents of outside agencies that may be able to assist them with their particular need(s).

### 3. Early Warning Systems

The school's response to this section may address the requirements of ESSA, P.L. No. 114-95, Â§ 1114(b)(7)(A)(i) and (b)(7)(A)(iii)(III).

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

The school administration utilizes computer based data reports, such as Attendance Review Committee, to identify students who have attendance, behavioral or academic concerns. The administration ensures that teachers are aware of the Student Progression Plan and Student Code of Conduct to effectively make decision and follow procedures for notifying parents after students are identified as meeting one of the early warning system. The Progress Monitoring Plan (PMP) identifies the weaknesses of the student in order to provide assistance with the barriers that may be hindering their success in the identified subject area(s).

Early Warning Indicators:

- Students who miss more than 10% of instructional time after a student has had a minimum of five (5) unexcused absences within a calendar month or ten (10) absences within 90 calendar days, the student is referred to the school's Attendance Review Committee, which includes administrator, Social Worker, teacher, and parent, in which then parent is advised of the unsatisfactory absences and the school begins to provide services to process the truancy referral. After fifteen (15) unexcused absences within a ninety (90) calendar day period (three (3) consecutive months), administration gives written notice to the student's parent to request their attendance at a second "Attendance Review Committee" meeting to discuss the attendance problem and identify possible solutions. The teachers may write a SCAM for students that have not reached the criteria as described above, but have excessive tardies, early releases, and have excessive "excused absences". The school's social worker, visits the home or calls to reach out to the parent/guardian and make them aware of the concern. That visit or telephone call is then noted in ISIS.
- Students who have referrals that lead to detention or other Board-approved in-school program, Students who have behavioral concerns are referred to the school's counselor, or school's social worker. They then determine the next steps for further assistance and develops a plan according to the concerns. The counselor or school's social worker may refer the student to a small group/outside community agencies or individual counseling. The counselor and the school's social worker contacts the family and develop a Functional Assessment of Behavior Plan (FAB) and a Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP). If the behavior concerns persist, the student may be placed on indoor-suspension and/or if on an out of area transfer the transfer will be revoked and students will be sent back to their home school.
- Students who score a FSA Level 1 or red or low yellow on iReady in either Reading or Math Students who scored a FSA Level 1, red or low yellow on iReady or received a D or F on a Chapter Assessment in either Reading or Math are targeted during Differentiated Instruction in class. In addition, the students are provided with intensive instruction matched to their needs on the basis of levels of performance on the iReady Intervention program during the school day.



- Students who are not proficient in reading by Grade 3

The students who are not proficient in reading by Grade 3 are targeted during Differentiated Instruction in class. In addition, the students are provided with intensive instruction matched to their needs on the basis of levels of performance on the iReady Intervention program during the school day. The iReady intervention program is provided on a daily basis for one hour during the school day.

- Students who are retained

The students who are retained are targeted during Differentiated Instruction in class. In addition, the students are provided with intensive instruction matched to their needs on the basis of levels of performance on the iReady intervention program during the school day. These services and interventions are provided in reading and math, in small-group settings in addition to instruction in the general curriculum.

#### **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
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
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	2	4	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Level 1 on statewide assessment	3	6	9	5	7	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
	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	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Students exhibiting two or more indicators	3	6	7	3	8	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43

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

Students who are at risk for not meeting grade level standards will receive i-Ready intervention services.

Students in need of extra support will be identified by classroom teachers and assessed, to ensure that they receive appropriate support. Assessment tools such as STAR, WonderWorks Reading Intervention, Math Intervention, Reading Intervention, district issued interim assessments, i-Ready Growth Monitoring, as well as ongoing informal classroom assessments, will help us in identifying such students. State and school generated assessments will also be utilized to determine the need for our students in the upper grades. Careful documentation, including anecdotal/conference notes, parent contacts logs, grades, tests results and work samples, will be used as important tools in helping us to determine a plan of action for our students or start the the Response to Intervention (RtI) process. Instructional staff, interventionist and the support services personnel who work with at-risk students must also keep documentation of their assistance with each student to show evidence of fidelity.

#### **B. Family and Community Engagement**

The school's response to this section may address the requirements of ESSA, P.L. No. 114-95, Â§ 1114(b)(2) and (b)(7)(A)(iii)(I).



**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.**

**a. Will the school use its Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy (PFEP) to satisfy this question?**

No

**1. PFEP Link**

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

**2. Description**

Increase the number of parents attending school activities for the 2017 - 2018 school year. Our school organizes a Science Fair Night. A Fall Festival is scheduled to increase parent engagement. Parents are notified via monthly calendar, website, marquis, Class Dojo, Remind, Connect Ed communication and school-wide flyers.

**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.**

Kendale Elementary School works in partnership with the community stakeholders, parents and focuses on supporting student development, improving student outcomes, supporting families and developing a strong community. With the support of our families and the community working together, every component of this partnership can be strengthened and beneficial to all stakeholders. In addition, we commit to organizing resources around the holistic development of our youth in a student-centered environment (i.e., the school). Community resources are more effectively and more efficiently used. In addition we are partners with other schools and service providers such as FIU ENLACE, Kendale Community School-After School Enrichment Program and Kendale's fee supported Before/Afterschool Care. These service providers help us in our mission of helping our students and families become more successful in turn, the whole community benefits from partnerships that support the development of all students.

**C. Effective Leadership**

**1. School Leadership Team**

**a. Membership**

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

Name	Title
Melton, Tanjanika	Instructional Coach
Christmas, Velda	Assistant Principal
Brody, Mayra	Teacher, K-12
Cartaya, Christina	Instructional Technology
Webster, Elizabeth	SAC Member
Mijares, Greeidy	Teacher, ESE
Pineiro, Patricia	Instructional Coach
Torres-Pino, Juana	Teacher, K-12
Streeter, Melissa	Instructional Coach
	Teacher, K-12
Rodriguez, Lissette	Teacher, K-12
Abraham, Lissette	Teacher, K-12
Culshaw, Pam	SAC Member
Wagner, Vivian	Teacher, K-12

## **b. Duties**

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

Principal-The principal's role is to oversee that all aspects/components are being carried out with fidelity.

Assistant Principal - The assistant principal's role is to ensure all processes are being carried out with fidelity. The assistant principal also reviews data with the school psychologist, counselor and classroom teachers to determine which students need more intensive services.

All Grade Level Chairpersons- Represent the grade level and acts as a liaison between the classroom teachers and the leadership team.

Counselor - Assists with academic intervention plans and oversees behavior intervention plans. Implements school-wide initiatives and is a liaison for special services.

Barbara Mendezaba, Principal; Velda Christmas, Assistant Principal; Lissette Abraham, Intermediate teacher; Elizabeth Webster, EESAC Chair; Greeidy Mijares, SPED Teacher; Shundra Colzie, Primary Teacher; Lissette Rodriguez Primary Teacher; Karen Fine, Intermediate Teacher; Tanjanika Melton, Reading Coach; Patricia Pineiro, Math Liaison; Melissa Streeter, Science Liaison, ; Juana Torres-Pino, Instructional Cambridge Liaison; Mayra Brody ,Social Science Liaison/Gifted Teacher; Scarlett MAchado EFL liaison, Pamela Culshaw, Wellness/Healthy Schools Liaison and Christina Cartaya , UTD Steward/Technology Liaison.

**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.**

The MTSS Leadership Team use the Tier 1 Problem Solving process to set Tier 1 goals, and monitors academic and behavioral data to evaluate progress towards those goals at least three times per year by:

1. Holding regular team meetings where problem solving is the sole focus.
2. Using the four step problem solving process as the basis for goal setting, planning, and program evaluation during all team meetings that focus on increasing student achievement or behavioral success.
3. Determining how we will know if students have made expected levels of progress towards proficiency? (What progress will show a positive response?)
4. Respond when grades, subject areas, classes, or individual students have not shown a positive response? (MTSS problem solving process and monitoring progress of instruction)
5. Responding when students are demonstrating a positive response or have met proficiency by raising goals or providing enrichment activities.
6. Gather and analyze data at all Tiers to determine professional development for faculty as indicated by group or individual student diagnostic and progress monitoring assessments.
7. Ensure that students in need of intervention(s) are actually receiving appropriate supplemental Tier 2 intervention(s). Gather WonderWorks and iReady reports and analyze that data using the Tier 2 problem solving process after each assessment.

#### Tier 2

The second level of support consists of supplemental instruction and interventions provided in addition to and in alignment with effective core instruction and behavioral supports to groups of targeted students who need additional instructional and/or behavioral support. Tier 2 problem solving meetings occur regularly (monthly is suggested) to:

1. Review i-Ready Reports for intervention groups to evaluate group and individual student progress.
2. Support WonderWorks interventions where there is not overall progress
3. Select students (see SST guidelines) for SST Tier 3 intervention

The school improvement plan (SIP) summarizes the school's academic and behavioral goals for the year and describes the school's plan to meet those goals. The specific supports and actions needed to implement the SIP strategies are closely examined, planned, and monitored on the MTSS Tier 1 worksheets completed three times per year. The MTSS Problem-Solving process is used to first carry out, monitor, and adjust if necessary, the supports that are defined in the SIP. Annual goals are translated into progress monitoring (3 times per year) and ongoing progress monitoring measures (approximately every 6 weeks) that can reliably track progress on a scheduled bases on students' needs across Tiers.

Tier 2 supports are provided to students who have not met proficiency or who are at risk of not meeting proficiency.

Finally, MTSS End of Year Tier 1 problem solving evaluates the SIP efforts and dictates strategies for the next year's SIP. At this time, previous years trend data across grade levels is used to examine the impacted grades for support focus or prevention/early intervention efforts.

While the SIP plan does not focus on the primary (untested) grades, the MTSS leadership team extends iReady interventions to the primary grades with the intent of assisting kindergarten, first, and second grade students as they contribute extensively to later grades performance.

Title III Title III funds are used to supplement and enhance the programs for English Language Learner (ELL) and recently Arrived Immigrant Children and Youth by providing funds to implement and/or provide: • tutorial programs • parent outreach activities through the Bilingual Parent Outreach

Program (The Parent Academy) • professional development on best practices for ESOL and content area teachers. • coaching and mentoring for ESOL and content area teachers • reading and supplementary instructional materials • cultural supplementary instructional materials • purchase of supplemental hardware and software for the development of language and literacy skills in reading, mathematics and science, as well as, thematic cultural lessons are purchased for selected schools to be used by ELL students and recently arrived immigrant students

Title X-Homeless • Miami-Dade County Public Schools' School Board approved the School Board Policy 5111.01 title, Homeless Students. The board policy defines the McKinney-Vento Law and ensures homeless students receive all the services they are entitled to. • The Homeless Education Program seeks to ensure a successful educational experience for homeless children by collaborating with parents, schools, and the community. • The Homeless Education Program assists schools with the identification, enrollment, attendance, and transportation of homeless students. All schools are eligible to receive services and will do so upon transportation of homeless students. All schools are eligible to receive services and will do so upon identification and classification of a student as homeless. • The Staff in the Homeless Education Program provides annual training to: 1) School Registrars on the procedures for enrolling homeless students, 2) School Counselors on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act which ensures that homeless children and youth are not to be stigmatized, separated, segregated, or isolated based on their status as homeless, and are provided all entitlements, and 3) School Homeless Liaisons assigned by the school administrator to provide further details on the rights and services of students identified as homeless. • Project Upstart and The Homeless Trust, a community organization, provides a homeless sensitivity, awareness campaign to all the schools - each school is provided a video and curriculum manual, and a contest is sponsored by the Homeless Trust - a community organization. • Project Upstart provides tutoring and counseling to selected homeless shelters in the community. • The District Homeless Liaison continues to participate in community organization meetings and task forces as it relates to homeless children and youth. Each school will identify a school-based School Homeless Liaison to be training on the McKinney-Vento Law ensuring appropriate services are provided to the homeless students.

Violence Prevention Programs • The Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program addresses violence and drug prevention and intervention services for students through curriculum implemented by classroom teachers, elementary counselors, and/or TRUST Specialists. • Training and technical assistance for elementary, middle, and senior high school teachers, administrators, counselors, and/or Trust Specialists is also a component of this program. • T.R.U.S.T. Specialists focus on counseling students to solve problems related to drugs and alcohol, stress, suicide, isolation, family violence, and other crises.

District Policy Against Bullying and Harassment • Miami Dade County Public Schools adopted Policy 5517.01 titled Bullying and Harassment. It is the policy of the Miami-Dade County Public School District that all of its students and school employees have an educational setting that is safe, secure and free from harassment and bullying of any kind. • This policy provides awareness, prevention and education in promoting a school atmosphere in which bullying, harassment, and intimidation will not be tolerated by students, school board employees, visitors, or volunteers. • Administrators or designees are required to begin any investigation of bullying or harassment with 24 hours of an initial report. • Provide all staff, students, and parents/volunteers with annual training. • Implement 5 curriculum lessons on Bullying and Violence Prevention per grade level.

## **2. School Advisory Council (SAC)**

### **a. Membership**

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

Name	Stakeholder Group
	Parent
Christina Cartaya	Teacher
Elizabeth Webster	Teacher
Sylvia Sanchez	Parent
Shundra Colzie	Teacher
Vivian Wagner	Teacher
Maria Saunders	Parent
Greeidy Miyares	Teacher
AJ Shah	Parent
Raquel Sanz	Education Support Employee
Amada Sanz	Parent
Teresita Perez	Parent
Mayleen Tolsa	Student
Monica Irel	Parent
Mia DelRio	Student
Jessica Gonzalez	Parent
Pamela Culshaw	Teacher
Alexander Alfonso	Business/Community
Sandra Cordero	Teacher
Marisel Vargas	Education Support Employee
Karen Nutter	Parent
Eunice Rivero	Business/Community
Efrat Horwitz	Parent

## b. Duties

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

The school's response to this question may address the requirements of ESSA, P.L. No. 114-95, Â§ 1114(b)(2).

#### *a. Evaluation of last year's school improvement plan*

During the last EESAC meeting last school year, on May 17, 2017, the EESAC was presented with the teacher recommendations for the SIP. Each goal was reviewed and the EESAC voted to follow the teachers' recommendations and keep the majority of the same strategies for the 2017 - 2018 school year.

#### *b. Development of this school improvement plan*

- The SAC assists in the development, review and monitoring of the implementation of the School Improvement Plan.
- The SAC assists in the decision making process and makes recommendations in the area of the budget and curriculum.
- The SAC also reviews the needs and develops the budget for SAC funds.

#### *c. Preparation of the school's annual budget and plan*

The School Advisory Council (SAC) Committee will meet on November 15, 2017 at which time it will then be decided how the monies allocated by Full-time Enrollment (FTE) will be used for student resource materials. At this time, no decision has been made as to where the funds for the 2017 - 2018 school year will be allocated due to funds not being available.

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

Funds last year were used for K - 5th grade tutoring instructional resource materials \$852.00.

**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.:

Name	Title
	Principal
Christmas, Velda	Assistant Principal
Brody, Mayra	Teacher, K-12
Mijares, Greeidy	Teacher, ESE
Cartaya, Christina	Instructional Technology
Pineiro, Patricia	Instructional Coach
Torres-Pino, Juana	Teacher, K-12
Streeter, Melissa	Instructional Coach
Machado, Scarlett	Teacher, K-12
Melton, Tanjanika	Instructional Coach

**b. Duties**

**1. Describe how the LLT or similar group promotes literacy within the school, if applicable.**

The major initiative of the LLT will be to strengthen and promote reading knowledge and skills within the school using our new Florida Standards and Cambridge Curriculum to focus on areas of literacy concerns across all subject areas. The LLT will: 1) Ensure implementation of CRRP with fidelity, utilizing McGraw-Hill, the Core Reading program. 2) Enhance school wide reading performance through the use of site and web-based programs such as: MyON, i-Ready in grades K - 5, STAR/ Accelerated Reader in grades 1 - 5 ) Implement the i-Ready Intervention programs for struggling readers in grades K - 5. 4). Provide enrichment through the use of Cambridge Curriculum, and Extended Foreign Language (EFL).

**D. Public and Collaborative Teaching**

The school's responses to this section may address the requirements of ESSA, P.L. No. 114-95, Â§ 1114(b)(7)(A)(iii)(IV).



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

When teachers and administrators work together, the level of commitment, energy and motivation is likely to be higher and change efforts are more easily implemented. The following are the strategies that we are implementing this school year to ensure that we foster a positive working environment:

1. More complex problem-solving and extensive sharing of best practices during Faculty meetings, Leadership Team meetings, Literacy Leadership meetings, Professional Development (PD)/Professional Growth (PG) Wednesdays and PLCs
2. Building stronger professional networks within the school community and with surrounding school sites to share information/best practices
3. Collaboration during Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
4. Professional Development focused towards needs of teachers from Professional Development (PD) Needs Assessment Survey
5. Collaboration and Planning through Grade-Level meetings
6. Assistance from District and Region Curriculum Support Personnel

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

Assign veteran teachers as "Mentors" for new teachers, Schedule regular meetings with new teachers with Administration, Grade-Level, Grade-Level Chair, Reading Coach, Math Liaison, Science Liaison, Social Science Liaison, and UTD Steward.

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

The beginning teacher would be sent to a District New Teacher Orientation, assigned to a mentor teacher in their assigned grade level and attend a new teacher training facilitated by administration at the school site.

## **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 school creates ongoing professional learning opportunities for teachers to understand the new Florida Standards and to plan and discuss reading and writing curriculum that aligns to the new standards. This supports a deeper level of comprehension when provided by administration, Reading Liaison, Math Liaison, Science Liaison and District and Region Curriculum Support Personnel. These conversations and learning opportunities promote dialogue that can dispel misunderstandings and promote opportunities for growth in instructional practice, curriculum, NGSSS , and the Florida Standards.

#### **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.***



Teachers use the following data to differentiate our instruction:

- STAR Reading Assessment
- WonderWorks Intervention
- Item Specifications
- Pacing Guides
- i-Ready Utilization and Progress Reports
- Interim Assessments
- State/Local Math and Science Assessments
- Florida Standards Assessment
- Student grades
- School site specific assessments

This data drives the students' instruction. The information helps the teachers plan next steps for struggling learners and the class as a whole. Our school uses differentiated instruction and Gradual Release Responsibility Model to ensure all students learn. Student data is analyzed and compared to expectations found in the Language Arts Florida Standards (LAFS) and the Mathematics Florida Standards (MAFS). The teachers utilize common planning to plan for and model the gradual release instructional framework focusing on the Common Core Standards, student collaborative strategies, higher order thinking questions and close reading strategies.

The teachers apply a balanced instructional approach that includes whole group, small group, and one-on-one instruction based on students' needs. The school provides resources to support instruction such as extensive classroom libraries, texts to support units of study, and leveled books for small group instruction. Students self-select texts based on their Independent Reading Levels. Students receive pull out services for SPED/ELL.

Teachers must utilize differentiated instruction in both, reading and math. The Reading Coach and Math Liaison assist the teachers with materials and information in order for the classroom teacher to be able to conduct DI based on disaggregate reading data (i-Ready, STAR, interims, etc.), group students, and identify materials to ensure instruction is targeted to meet student individual needs and target identified deficiencies. During the DI, teachers modify their instruction to meet students' varies readiness levels, learning preferences, and interests.

During whole group and small group instruction, teachers provide explicit mini-lessons addressing the objectives and provide opportunities for collaborative conversations and critical thinking. All students are given access to the same core content. However, the teachers modify the activities, to provide some students with more complexity and others with more scaffolding. In addition, the teachers develop lessons promoting a gradual release of responsibility to scaffold instruction and infuse prior knowledge to ensure students connect previous understandings to new information in the areas of expressions and equations. Our school uses hands-on experiences to facilitate the conceptual learning and understanding of concepts.

Furthermore, we implement numerous ESOL strategies and SPED Accommodations. We model, think aloud, use task cards, use graphic organizers, use manipulatives, use illustrations and diagrams, vary the complexity of assignment, smartboard lessons, use audiobooks, role play, and use visuals aides.

Finally, enrichment opportunities are provided through the use of novels and research based projects to enhance critical thinking. Students' data is continuously reviewed and instruction is adjusted accordingly by using the FCIM.

**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: After School Program**

**Minutes added to school year: 27,000**

Kendale offers the FIU ENLACE! Program after school which provides quality learning time with a focus on reading. The program is intended to offer support to ELL students, 3rd- 5th grade students, the lowest 25% or students in need of extra reading intervention in grades 3rd - 5th.

**Strategy Rationale**

ENLACE activities contribute to a well-rounded education which include academics, fitness and a healthy snack.

**Strategy Purpose(s)**

- Core Academic Instruction
- Enrichment
- Teacher collaboration, planning and professional development

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

Christmas, Velda, vchristmas@dadeschools.net

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

Data is collected frequently after each i-Ready Diagnostic, 3 times a year. Additionally, there is i-Ready growth monitoring every 21 days. Students in the ENLACE! program are then monitored for their progress. The data is then broken down and analyzed to identify which benchmarks are making satisfactory progress and which benchmarks need to be reinforced. Once the benchmarks have been identified the administration holds data chats with each grade level to pass on the information and make a plan of action to focus on the areas that need improvement.

## **2. Student Transition and Readiness**

### **a. PreK-12 Transition**

The school's response to this question may address the requirements of ESSA, P.L. No. 114-95, Â§ 1114(b)(7)(A)(iii)(V).

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

In order to assist with the transition process, Kendale Elementary we Elementary School . Kendale Elementary will visit daycares, pre-schools and VPK centers in the area to distribute brochures and flyers promoting our school. School tours are also available to prospective parents every first Tuesday of each month. Parents are encouraged to attend school functions and they are also given a list of grade level expectations for kindergarten students.

### **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.**

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

**4. 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.**

N/A

## II. Needs Assessment

The school's completion of this part may address the requirements of ESSA, P.L. No. 114-95, Â§ 1114(b)(6).

### 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" 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

## 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.** If core instruction is improved in all content areas, then student achievement will increase.

### Strategic Goals Detail

For each strategic goal, this section lists the associated targets (i.e., “SMART goals”), targeted barriers to achieving the goal, resources available to help reduce or eliminate the barriers, and the plan for monitoring progress toward the goal.

**G1.** If core instruction is improved in all content areas, then student achievement will increase. **1a**

 G097014

#### Targets Supported **1b**

Indicator	Annual Target
FCAT 2.0 Science Proficiency	70.0

#### Targeted Barriers to Achieving the Goal **3**

- Rigor instruction using hands on experiences during classroom instruction is not implemented with consistency.

#### Resources Available to Help Reduce or Eliminate the Barriers **2**

- Fusion by Houghton Mifflin

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

i-Ready reports will be reviewed with fidelity

#### Person Responsible

Velda Christmas

#### Schedule

Monthly, from 10/2/2017 to 6/7/2018

#### Evidence of Completion

Results from the 2017 FCAT 2.0 Science Assessment and i-Ready reports

## 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.** If core instruction is improved in all content areas, then student achievement will increase. 1

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**G1.B4** Rigor instruction using hands on experiences during classroom instruction is not implemented with consistency. 2

 B260990

**G1.B4.S1** Increase rigor through hands on experiences across all content areas by teaching thematically. 4

 S276363

### Strategy Rationale

By teaching thematically and by using hands on real-life problem solving, students will increase their ability to answer higher order thinking skill questions.

### Action Step 1 5

Provide a professional development across all content areas on rigor through hands on activities.

#### Person Responsible

Velda Christmas

#### Schedule

Monthly, from 10/2/2017 to 5/1/2018

#### Evidence of Completion

Sign in sheets, agenda, hand outs

### Action Step 2 5

Teachers across all content areas will implement rigor through all content areas.

#### Person Responsible

Velda Christmas

#### Schedule

Weekly, from 10/2/2017 to 5/1/2018

#### Evidence of Completion

lesson plans, walk-throughs and data chats

### Action Step 3 5

Identify model classrooms as support for rigor through all content areas and allow them to share best practices.

**Person Responsible**

Velda Christmas

**Schedule**

Monthly, from 10/2/2017 to 5/1/2018

***Evidence of Completion***

agendas, sign in sheets, hand outs, walk-throughs

### Action Step 4 5

Provide additional support across all content areas on the effective implementation of rigor across all content areas during professional learning communities.

**Person Responsible**

Velda Christmas

**Schedule**

Monthly, from 10/2/2017 to 5/1/2018

***Evidence of Completion***

agendas, sign in sheets, hand outs, data chats

### Action Step 5 5

Provide monthly professional learning communities(PLC) across all content areas on the effective implementation of rigor during faculty meetings.

**Person Responsible**

Velda Christmas

**Schedule**

Monthly, from 10/2/2017 to 5/1/2018

***Evidence of Completion***

sign in sheets, agendas, and hand outs



### Plan to Monitor Fidelity of Implementation of G1.B4.S1 6

Monitoring teachers across all content areas as they implement rigor across all content areas with feedback from administration and liaisons to assure that all educational needs are being met.

**Person Responsible**

Velda Christmas

**Schedule**

On 5/1/2018

***Evidence of Completion***

classroom visitation logs, lesson plans, pacing guides, long range plans

### Plan to Monitor Effectiveness of Implementation of G1.B4.S1 7

Effective implementation will be monitored through walk throughs during classroom instruction by administration.

**Person Responsible**

Velda Christmas









**Schedule**

Weekly, from 8/21/2017 to 6/7/2018

***Evidence of Completion***

classroom visitation logs, administration feedback

## IV. Implementation Timeline

Source	Task, Action Step or Monitoring Activity	Who	Start Date (where applicable)	Deliverable or Evidence of Completion	Due Date/ End Date
<b>2018</b>					
G1.B4.S1.MA1  M400378	Monitoring teachers across all content areas as they implement rigor across all content areas with...	Christmas, Velda	10/11/2017	classroom visitation logs, lesson plans, pacing guides, long range plans	5/1/2018 one-time
G1.B4.S1.A1  A372243	Provide a professional development across all content areas on rigor through hands on activities.	Christmas, Velda	10/2/2017	Sign in sheets, agenda, hand outs	5/1/2018 monthly
G1.B4.S1.A2  A372244	Teachers across all content areas will implement rigor through all content areas.	Christmas, Velda	10/2/2017	lesson plans, walk-throughs and data chats	5/1/2018 weekly
G1.B4.S1.A3  A372245	Identify model classrooms as support for rigor through all content areas and allow them to share...	Christmas, Velda	10/2/2017	agendas, sign in sheets, hand outs, walk-throughs	5/1/2018 monthly
G1.B4.S1.A4  A372246	Provide additional support across all content areas on the effective implementation of rigor across...	Christmas, Velda	10/2/2017	agendas, sign in sheets, hand outs, data chats	5/1/2018 monthly
G1.B4.S1.A5  A372247	Provide monthly professional learning communities(PLC) across all content areas on the effective...	Christmas, Velda	10/2/2017	sign in sheets, agendas, and hand outs	5/1/2018 monthly
G1.MA1  M400379	i-Ready reports will be reviewed with fidelity	Christmas, Velda	10/2/2017	Results from the 2017 FCAT 2.0 Science Assessment and i-Ready reports	6/7/2018 monthly
G1.B4.S1.MA1  M400377	Effective implementation will be monitored through walk throughs during classroom instruction by...	Christmas, Velda	8/21/2017	classroom visitation logs, administration feedback	6/7/2018 weekly

## V. Professional Development Opportunities

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

**G1.** If core instruction is improved in all content areas, then student achievement will increase.

**G1.B4** Rigor instruction using hands on experiences during classroom instruction is not implemented with consistency.

**G1.B4.S1** Increase rigor through hands on experiences across all content areas by teaching thematically.

### PD Opportunity 1

Provide a professional development across all content areas on rigor through hands on activities.

#### Facilitator

Melissa Streeter

#### Participants

Classroom Teachers and Administration

#### Schedule

Monthly, from 10/2/2017 to 5/1/2018

### PD Opportunity 2

Teachers across all content areas will implement rigor through all content areas.

#### Facilitator

Debra Fortner

#### Participants

Teachers and Administrators

#### Schedule

Weekly, from 10/2/2017 to 5/1/2018

### **PD Opportunity 3**

Provide additional support across all content areas on the effective implementation of rigor across all content areas during professional learning communities.

#### **Facilitator**

Christmas, Velda (vchristmas@dadeschools.net)

#### **Participants**

Teachers and Administration

#### **Schedule**

Monthly, from 10/2/2017 to 5/1/2018

### **PD Opportunity 4**

Provide monthly professional learning communities(PLC) across all content areas on the effective implementation of rigor during faculty meetings.

#### **Facilitator**

Velda Christmas

#### **Participants**

Teachers and Administration

#### **Schedule**

Monthly, from 10/2/2017 to 5/1/2018

## VI. Technical Assistance Items

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

**G1.** If core instruction is improved in all content areas, then student achievement will increase.

**G1.B4** Rigor instruction using hands on experiences during classroom instruction is not implemented with consistency.

**G1.B4.S1** Increase rigor through hands on experiences across all content areas by teaching thematically.

### TA Opportunity 1

Identify model classrooms as support for rigor through all content areas and allow them to share best practices.

#### Facilitator

Velda Christmas

#### Participants

Teachers and Administration

#### Schedule

Monthly, from 10/2/2017 to 5/1/2018

## VII. Budget

1	G1.B4.S1.A1	Provide a professional development across all content areas on rigor through hands on activities.				\$2,000.00
	Function	Object	Budget Focus	Funding Source	FTE	2017-18
	5000	500-Materials and Supplies	2641 - Kendale Elementary School	Other		\$2,000.00
			Notes: Educational Supplemental resource materials will be purchased from EESAC Funds to assist with rigor for the 2017 - 2018 school year.			
2	G1.B4.S1.A2	Teachers across all content areas will implement rigor through all content areas.				\$0.00
3	G1.B4.S1.A3	Identify model classrooms as support for rigor through all content areas and allow them to share best practices.				\$0.00
	Function	Object	Budget Focus	Funding Source	FTE	2017-18
			2641 - Kendale Elementary School			\$0.00
			Notes: No budget required.			

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4	G1.B4.S1.A4	Provide additional support across all content areas on the effective implementation of rigor across all content areas during professional learning communities.				\$2,990.80
	Function	Object	Budget Focus	Funding Source	FTE	2017-18
	5000	500-Materials and Supplies	2641 - Kendale Elementary School	School Improvement Funds		\$2,990.80
			Notes: No budget required.			
5	G1.B4.S1.A5	Provide monthly professional learning communities(PLC) across all content areas on the effective implementation of rigor during faculty meetings.				\$0.00
	Function	Object	Budget Focus	Funding Source	FTE	2017-18
			2641 - Kendale Elementary School			\$0.00
			Notes: No budget required.			
Total:						\$4,990.80