

Hillsborough County Public Schools

# Davidsen Middle School



2019-20 Schoolwide Improvement Plan

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10501 MONTAGUE ST, Tampa, FL 33626

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## Demographics

**Principal: Stacy Arena**

Start Date for this Principal: 6/1/2017

<b>2019-20 Status</b> (per MSID File)	Active
<b>School Type and Grades Served</b> (per MSID File)	Middle School 6-8
<b>Primary Service Type</b> (per MSID File)	K-12 General Education
<b>2018-19 Title I School</b>	Yes
<b>2018-19 Economically Disadvantaged (FRL) Rate</b> (as reported on Survey 3)	100%
<b>2018-19 ESSA Subgroups Represented</b> (subgroups with 10 or more students) (subgroups below the federal threshold are identified with an asterisk)	Students With Disabilities* English Language Learners Asian Students Black/African American Students* Hispanic Students Multiracial Students White Students Economically Disadvantaged Students
<b>School Grades History</b>	2018-19: B (58%) 2017-18: B (56%) 2016-17: B (54%) 2015-16: B (56%) 2014-15: A (64%)
<b>2019-20 School Improvement (SI) Information*</b>	
<b>SI Region</b>	Central
<b>Regional Executive Director</b>	<a href="#">Lucinda Thompson</a>
<b>Turnaround Option/Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Year</b>	
<b>Support Tier</b>	

ESSA Status	TS&I
* As defined under Rule 6A-1.099811, Florida Administrative Code. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> .	

### School Board Approval

This plan is pending approval by the Hillsborough County School Board.

### SIP Authority

Section 1001.42(18), Florida Statutes, requires district school boards to annually approve and require implementation of a Schoolwide Improvement Plan (SIP) for each school in the district that has a school grade of D or F. This plan is also a requirement for Targeted Support and Improvement (TS&I) and Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CS&I) schools pursuant to 1008.33 F.S. and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

To be designated as TS&I, a school must have one or more ESSA subgroup(s) with a Federal Index below 41%. This plan shall be approved by the district. There are three ways a school can be designated as CS&I:

1. have a school grade of D or F
2. have a graduation rate of 67% or lower
3. have an overall Federal Index below 41%.

For these schools, the SIP shall be approved by the district as well as the Bureau of School Improvement.

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 graduation rate 67% or less. Districts may opt to require a SIP using a template of its choosing for schools that do not fit the aforementioned conditions. This document was prepared by school and district leadership using the FDOE's school improvement planning web application located at [www.floridacims.org](http://www.floridacims.org).

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<p><b>Primary Service Type</b> (per MSID File)</p> <p>K-12 General Education</p>	<p><b>Charter School</b></p> <p>No</p>	<p><b>2018-19 Minority Rate</b> (Reported as Non-white on Survey 2)</p> <p>72%</p>

## School Grades History

<b>Year</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2015-16</b>
<b>Grade</b>	B	B	B	B

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## Part I: School Information

### School Mission and Vision

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

The Davidsen Middle School community will provide the skills and knowledge necessary to support and help students excel, foster life-long learners, and promote productive, responsible citizens.

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

Preparing students for life.

### School Leadership Team

**Membership**

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

Name	Title	Job Duties and Responsibilities
Arena, Stacy	Principal	<p>Develops and coordinates educational programs through meetings with staff, reviews of teachers' activities, and issuance of directives.</p> <p>Administers and develops educational programs for students with mental or physical disabilities.</p> <p>Confers with teachers, students, and parents concerning educational and behavioral problems in school.</p> <p>Establishes and maintains relationships with colleges, community organizations, and other schools to coordinate educational services.</p> <p>Requisitions and allocates supplies, equipment, and instructional material as needed.</p> <p>Directs preparation of class schedules, cumulative records, and attendance reports.</p> <p>Walks about school building and property to monitor safety and security.</p> <p>Plans and monitors school budget.</p> <p>Plans for and directs building maintenance.</p>
Wishnow, David	Assistant Principal	<p>Makes or shares in the making of decisions in a timely manner, using appropriate levels of involvement so that actions may be taken and commitments made by self and others.</p> <p>Acts in accordance with the shared vision and mission of the district and school; cares about the organization's reputation and is aware of the effect his/her decisions make on the organization.</p> <p>Influences the school stakeholders by a variety of means, such as persuasive argument, setting examples, or using expertise; is able to present ideas to others in an open, informative, and nonevaluative manner; is able to write clearly and concisely.</p> <p>Uses data to implement curriculum and instructional supervision; gathers, analyzes and uses data from varied and multiple sources to build relationships, form concepts, and create hypotheses; analyzes alternatives and perspectives when solving a problem or making a decision.</p> <p>Demonstrates readiness to initiate action and takes responsibility for leading and enabling others to improve the circumstances being faced or anticipated.</p> <p>Organizes cooperatively with staff and other stakeholders to design and implement ways to reach the goals and mission of the school.</p> <p>Skillfully facilitates others working together effectively; shows concern for diverse perspectives, as well as empathy for other's feelings; is adaptable.</p> <p>Discovers, understands, verbalizes accurately, and responds empathetically to perspectives, thoughts, ideas, and feelings of others.</p>



Name	Title	Job Duties and Responsibilities
		<p>Establishes systematic processes to receive and provide feedback about the progress of work being done.</p> <p>Leads by example, setting goals that encourage self and others to reach higher standards.</p> <p>Holds high and positive expectations for the growth and development of all stakeholders, including self.</p> <p>Understands the effects of his/her behavior and decisions on all stakeholders, both inside and outside the organization.</p> <p>Entrusts routine and non-routine assignments to others, giving them authority and responsibility for accomplishment.</p> <p>Assists with oversight of and responsibility for the school's instructional program and its results.</p> <p>Assists with oversight of and responsibility for the safety and discipline of school's students.</p> <p>Assists with oversight of and responsibility for the school's human resources selections, management, and development.</p> <p>Assists with oversight of and responsibility for the school's business and research efforts.</p> <p>Assists with oversight of and responsibility for the accuracy and timeliness of the school's records and reports.</p> <p>Assists with oversight of and responsibility for the school's administration and operation.</p> <p>Assists with oversight of and responsibility for the school's property and physical plant.</p> <p>Assists with the provision of leadership in the development or revision and implementation of the School Improvement Plan.</p>

<p>Schuerman, Rachel</p>	<p>Assistant Principal</p>	<p>Makes or shares in the making of decisions in a timely manner, using appropriate levels of involvement so that actions may be taken and commitments made by self and others.</p> <p>Acts in accordance with the shared vision and mission of the district and school; cares about the organization's reputation and is aware of the effect his/her decisions make on the organization.</p> <p>Influences the school stakeholders by a variety of means, such as persuasive argument, setting examples, or using expertise; is able to present ideas to others in an open, informative, and nonevaluative manner; is able to write clearly and concisely.</p> <p>Uses data to implement curriculum and instructional supervision; gathers, analyzes and uses data from varied and multiple sources to build relationships, form concepts, and</p>
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## Early Warning Systems

**Current Year**

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

Indicator	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Number of students enrolled	0	0	0	0	0	0	342	374	339	0	0	0	0	1055
Attendance below 90 percent	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	47	53	0	0	0	0	135
One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	25	32	0	0	0	0	64
Course failure in ELA or Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	58	21	0	0	0	0	102
Level 1 on statewide assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	108	86	0	0	0	0	299

**The number of students with two or more early warning indicators:**

Indicator	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Students with two or more indicators	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	35	35	0	0	0	0	101

**The number of students identified as retainees:**

Indicator	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Retained Students: Current Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	16	0	0	0	0	26
Students retained two or more times	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**FTE units allocated to school (total number of teacher units)**

73

**Date this data was collected or last updated**

Wednesday 9/25/2019

**Prior Year - As Reported**

**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	28	38	44	0	0	0	0	110
One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	44	48	0	0	0	0	98
Course failure in ELA or Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	21	36	0	0	0	0	59
Level 1 on statewide assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	94	131	0	0	0	0	332

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	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
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**Prior Year - Updated**

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**Part II: Needs Assessment/Analysis**

**School Data**

Please note that the district and state averages shown here represent the averages for similar school types (elementary, middle, high school, or combination schools).

School Grade Component	2019			2018		
	School	District	State	School	District	State
ELA Achievement	58%	51%	54%	53%	50%	52%
ELA Learning Gains	56%	52%	54%	49%	53%	54%
ELA Lowest 25th Percentile	47%	47%	47%	38%	45%	44%
Math Achievement	61%	55%	58%	59%	54%	56%
Math Learning Gains	58%	57%	57%	55%	59%	57%
Math Lowest 25th Percentile	53%	52%	51%	42%	51%	50%
Science Achievement	46%	47%	51%	44%	47%	50%
Social Studies Achievement	63%	67%	72%	60%	66%	70%

EWS Indicators as Input Earlier in the Survey				
Indicator	Grade Level (prior year reported)			Total
	6	7	8	
Number of students enrolled	342 (0)	374 (0)	339 (0)	1055 (0)
Attendance below 90 percent	35 (28)	47 (38)	53 (44)	135 (110)
One or more suspensions	7 (6)	25 (44)	32 (48)	64 (98)
Course failure in ELA or Math	23 (2)	58 (21)	21 (36)	102 (59)
Level 1 on statewide assessment	105 (107)	108 (94)	86 (131)	299 (332)

**Grade Level Data**

NOTE: This data is raw data and includes ALL students who tested at the school. This is not school grade data.

NOTE: An asterisk (\*) in any cell indicates the data has been suppressed due to fewer than 10 students tested, or all tested students scoring the same.

ELA						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
06	2019	57%	53%	4%	54%	3%
	2018	49%	52%	-3%	52%	-3%
Same Grade Comparison		8%				
Cohort Comparison						
07	2019	54%	54%	0%	52%	2%
	2018	52%	52%	0%	51%	1%
Same Grade Comparison		2%				
Cohort Comparison		5%				
08	2019	54%	53%	1%	56%	-2%
	2018	47%	54%	-7%	58%	-11%
Same Grade Comparison		7%				
Cohort Comparison		2%				

MATH						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
06	2019	48%	49%	-1%	55%	-7%
	2018	43%	48%	-5%	52%	-9%
Same Grade Comparison		5%				
Cohort Comparison						
07	2019	71%	62%	9%	54%	17%
	2018	67%	61%	6%	54%	13%
Same Grade Comparison		4%				
Cohort Comparison		28%				
08	2019	22%	31%	-9%	46%	-24%
	2018	23%	29%	-6%	45%	-22%
Same Grade Comparison		-1%				
Cohort Comparison		-45%				

SCIENCE						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
08	2019	46%	47%	-1%	48%	-2%
	2018	43%	48%	-5%	50%	-7%
Same Grade Comparison		3%				
Cohort Comparison						

<b>BIOLOGY EOC</b>					
<b>Year</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>School Minus District</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>School Minus State</b>
2019	0%	66%	-66%	67%	-67%
2018					
<b>CIVICS EOC</b>					
<b>Year</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>School Minus District</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>School Minus State</b>
2019	61%	67%	-6%	71%	-10%
2018	62%	65%	-3%	71%	-9%
Compare		-1%			
<b>HISTORY EOC</b>					
<b>Year</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>School Minus District</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>School Minus State</b>
2019					
2018					
<b>ALGEBRA EOC</b>					
<b>Year</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>School Minus District</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>School Minus State</b>
2019	86%	63%	23%	61%	25%
2018	91%	63%	28%	62%	29%
Compare		-5%			
<b>GEOMETRY EOC</b>					
<b>Year</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>School Minus District</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>School Minus State</b>
2019	100%	57%	43%	57%	43%
2018	100%	56%	44%	56%	44%
Compare		0%			

**Subgroup Data**

<b>2019 SCHOOL GRADE COMPONENTS BY SUBGROUPS</b>											
<b>Subgroups</b>	<b>ELA Ach.</b>	<b>ELA LG</b>	<b>ELA LG L25%</b>	<b>Math Ach.</b>	<b>Math LG</b>	<b>Math LG L25%</b>	<b>Sci Ach.</b>	<b>SS Ach.</b>	<b>MS Accel.</b>	<b>Grad Rate 2017-18</b>	<b>C &amp; C Accel 2017-18</b>
SWD	19	40	39	20	45	48	19	29			
ELL	30	53	53	40	57	49	21	46	87		
ASN	79	68		84	71		76	73	95		
BLK	47	53	50	47	64	65	42	56	95		
HSP	50	53	46	54	55	49	38	56	79		
MUL	56	60		58	52			77	90		
WHT	71	61	48	76	63	60	57	78	85		
FRL	48	52	46	51	54	50	37	55	82		

2018 SCHOOL GRADE COMPONENTS BY SUBGROUPS											
Subgroups	ELA Ach.	ELA LG	ELA LG L25%	Math Ach.	Math LG	Math LG L25%	Sci Ach.	SS Ach.	MS Accel.	Grad Rate 2016-17	C & C Accel 2016-17
SWD	19	38	40	24	44	46	20	28			
ELL	23	40	41	34	51	55	23	30	60		
ASN	74	60		83	80		65	82	93		
BLK	46	49	35	44	51	43	26	68	80		
HSP	44	50	42	49	54	47	35	56	75		
MUL	61	56		65	56		42	82			
WHT	67	58	35	77	65	59	64	69	88		
FRL	42	48	42	48	54	48	33	56	74		
2017 SCHOOL GRADE COMPONENTS BY SUBGROUPS											
Subgroups	ELA Ach.	ELA LG	ELA LG L25%	Math Ach.	Math LG	Math LG L25%	Sci Ach.	SS Ach.	MS Accel.	Grad Rate 2015-16	C & C Accel 2015-16
SWD	12	31	28	15	31	27	10	27			
ELL	18	32	31	26	39	41	5	34	50		
ASN	76	57	20	84	72		67	86	87		
BLK	43	42	33	47	52	41	44	54			
HSP	39	42	36	46	49	39	32	48	79		
MUL	55	54		55	43		60				
WHT	71	61	49	77	63	49	65	74	92		
FRL	41	43	35	45	48	41	36	46	78		

**ESSA Data**

This data has been updated for the 2018-19 school year as of 7/16/2019.

ESSA Federal Index	
ESSA Category (TS&I or CS&I)	TS&I
OVERALL Federal Index – All Students	60
OVERALL Federal Index Below 41% All Students	NO
Total Number of Subgroups Missing the Target	1
Progress of English Language Learners in Achieving English Language Proficiency	72
Total Points Earned for the Federal Index	598
Total Components for the Federal Index	10
Percent Tested	99%
Subgroup Data	
Students With Disabilities	
Federal Index - Students With Disabilities	32
Students With Disabilities Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	YES
Number of Consecutive Years Students With Disabilities Subgroup Below 32%	

English Language Learners	
Federal Index - English Language Learners	51
English Language Learners Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years English Language Learners Subgroup Below 32%	
Native American Students	
Federal Index - Native American Students	
Native American Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Native American Students Subgroup Below 32%	
Asian Students	
Federal Index - Asian Students	78
Asian Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years Asian Students Subgroup Below 32%	
Black/African American Students	
Federal Index - Black/African American Students	58
Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 32%	
Hispanic Students	
Federal Index - Hispanic Students	55
Hispanic Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years Hispanic Students Subgroup Below 32%	
Multiracial Students	
Federal Index - Multiracial Students	66
Multiracial Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years Multiracial Students Subgroup Below 32%	
Pacific Islander Students	
Federal Index - Pacific Islander Students	
Pacific Islander Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Pacific Islander Students Subgroup Below 32%	
White Students	
Federal Index - White Students	67
White Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years White Students Subgroup Below 32%	



Economically Disadvantaged Students	
Federal Index - Economically Disadvantaged Students	55
Economically Disadvantaged Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years Economically Disadvantaged Students Subgroup Below 32%	

## Analysis

### Data Reflection

Answer the following reflection prompts after examining any/all relevant school data sources (see guide for examples for relevant data sources).

**Which data component showed the lowest performance? Explain the contributing factor(s) to last year's low performance and discuss any trends.**

Civics - We dealt with some staff turnover during the year, which led to inconsistency within the department. Our focus within the Professional Learning Community needed to shift towards the standards being taught.

**Which data component showed the greatest decline from the prior year? Explain the factor(s) that contributed to this decline.**

Civics - We dealt with some staff turnover during the year, which led to inconsistency within the department. Our focus within the Professional Learning Community needed to shift towards the standards being taught.

**Which data component had the greatest gap when compared to the state average? Explain the factor(s) that contributed to this gap and any trends.**

Civics - We dealt with some staff turnover during the year, which led to inconsistency within the department. Our focus within the Professional Learning Community needed to shift towards the standards being taught.

**Which data component showed the most improvement? What new actions did your school take in this area?**

English Language Arts - Our Language Arts and Reading teachers collaborated together in a Professional Learning Community to identify trends using student work. This allowed for more of a common focus among teachers and joint planning to meet the needs of our students.

**Reflecting on the EWS data from Part I (D), identify one or two potential areas of concern? (see Guidance tab for additional information)**

Our number of Level 1's on Math or ELA statewide assessment

**Rank your highest priorities (maximum of 5) for schoolwide improvement in the upcoming school year.**

1. Civics
2. 8th grade Science
3. Pre-Algebra
4. Algebra

## Part III: Planning for Improvement

**Areas of Focus:**

**#1**

<b>Title</b>	Standards Based Planning
<b>Rationale</b>	Utilizing state standards in order to backwards lesson plan will help us hold high expectations for all students, create grade-level appropriate assignments, plan for strong instruction where students do most of the thinking and are deeply engaged with the content.
<b>State the measurable outcome the school plans to achieve</b>	Grade level standards will be unpacked in our Professional Learning Communities in order to create learning targets, identify what vocabulary students will need to master, as well as what types of assessments will be used to monitor the students' progress towards mastery of the standards.
<b>Person responsible for monitoring outcome</b>	Stacy Arena (stacy.arena@hcps.net)
<b>Evidence-based Strategy</b>	Provide professional development focused on standards-based, backwards design lesson planning.
<b>Rationale for Evidence-based Strategy</b>	Providing a training focused on how standards-based backwards design lesson planning should be used when planning for student success will give all departments the foundation for what is expected when planning in our Professional Learning Communities.

**Action Step**

<b>Description</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide standards-based backwards design professional development.</li> <li>2. Train our Leadership Team on standard-task alignment to better understand how to align activities in the classroom to the standards we are teaching to.</li> <li>3. Provide standard-task alignment professional development to our teachers to better understand how to align activities in the classroom to the standards we are teaching to.</li> <li>4. Utilize standard-task alignment walk-through forms to provide teachers with feedback on the alignment of the tasks their students doing with the standards they are teaching.</li> </ol>
<b>Person Responsible</b>	Stacy Arena (stacy.arena@hcps.net)

**Additional Schoolwide Improvement Priorities (optional)**

**After choosing your Area(s) of Focus, explain how you will address the remaining schoolwide improvement priorities (see the Guidance tab for more information).**

We are utilizing Thinking Maps in our Language Arts and Reading classes this year. This will not only benefit all students, but will especially help our ESE and ELL populations better understand how to organization their thoughts, when reading and writing. The eight Thinking Maps will be introduced during the first quarter of the year and will allow for students' thinking to be visual, giving our teachers the opportunity to provide meaningful feedback.