

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

# Somerset Academy Charter Elementary School (South



## 2022-23 Schoolwide Improvement Plan

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# Somerset Academy Charter Elementary School (South Homestead)

300 SE 1ST DR, Homestead, FL 33030

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## Demographics

Principal: Layda Morales

Start Date for this Principal: 6/1/2015

<b>2019-20 Status</b> (per MSID File)	Active
<b>School Type and Grades Served</b> (per MSID File)	Elementary School KG-5
<b>Primary Service Type</b> (per MSID File)	K-12 General Education
<b>2021-22 Title I School</b>	Yes
<b>2021-22 Economically Disadvantaged (FRL) Rate</b> (as reported on Survey 3)	83%
<b>2021-22 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 Black/African American Students Hispanic Students White Students Economically Disadvantaged Students
<b>School Grades History</b>	2021-22: A (64%) 2018-19: B (60%) 2017-18: B (60%)
<b>2019-20 School Improvement (SI) Information*</b>	
<b>SI Region</b>	Southeast
<b>Regional Executive Director</b>	<a href="#">LaShawn Russ-Porterfield</a>
<b>Turnaround Option/Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Year</b>	
<b>Support Tier</b>	
<b>ESSA Status</b>	N/A
* As defined under Rule 6A-1.099811, Florida Administrative Code. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> .	

## School Board Approval

N/A

## 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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### School Demographics

School Type and Grades Served (per MSID File)	2021-22 Title I School	2021-22 Economically Disadvantaged (FRL) Rate (as reported on Survey 3)
Elementary School KG-5	Yes	83%
Primary Service Type (per MSID File)	Charter School	2018-19 Minority Rate (Reported as Non-white on Survey 2)
K-12 General Education	Yes	96%

### School Grades History

Year	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Grade	A		B	B

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N/A

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## Part I: School Information

### School Mission and Vision

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

The mission of Somerset Academy Charter is to provide an individualized, academically rigorous, and engaging curriculum focusing on the ever-changing needs of our learners. Our educational process encompasses the partnership among the school, family, and community, in order to develop a life-long love of learning. We strive to develop students who are self-assured, well-rounded, and prepared for future success.

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

The vision of Somerset Academy Charter School is to continue to be recognized and respected as a top ranked learning community that graduates productive and caring citizens who are prepared to succeed in a global society.

### School Leadership Team

#### **Membership**

For each member of the school leadership team, select the employee name and email address from the dropdown. Identify the position title and job duties/responsibilities.:

Name	Position Title	Job Duties and Responsibilities
Morales, Layda	Principal	Principal, oversees school-wide instructional progress and fidelity to the school-wide plan.
Bernal, Yesenia	Math Coach	Meets with staff regularly to discuss and monitor student progression across grade levels in the area of Mathematics. Provides teachers with intervention strategies and delivers materials for small group instruction in Math.
Triana, Ashley	Reading Coach	Meets with staff regularly to discuss and monitor student progression across grade levels in the area of Reading and Language Arts. Provides teachers with intervention strategies and delivers materials for small group instruction in Reading and Language Arts.
Villasuso, Jennifer	ELL Compliance Specialist	ELL Liaison provides direction, training, orientation, and guidance to staff. Attends professional developments, and acts as liaison between school and parent.
Martinez, Yvette	Parent Engagement Liaison	Parent Engagement Liaison engages parents in school activities through community outreach. Communicates with parents and guardians frequently for the purpose of exchanging important school information.
Bocanegra, Victoria	Staffing Specialist	The staffing specialist is responsible for coordinating the staffing and educational planning process at school. The specialist prepares all IEP's and 504's and conducts all meetings.
Rosario, Linda	Registrar	The registrar is responsible for performing clerical and/or record-keeping tasks on the DSIS system as required to handle student registration forms, scheduling, sending and receiving student transcripts, records, and student attendance.
Casanova, Valeria	Teacher, K-12	Provides guidance and mentorship to other teachers in their grade level, observe other teachers in grade level, meet with administration.
Verdin, Alexia	Teacher, K-12	Provides guidance and mentorship to other teachers in their grade level, observe other teachers in grade level, meet with administration.

## Demographic Information

### Principal start date

Monday 6/1/2015, Layda Morales

**Number of teachers with a 2022 3-year aggregate or a 1-year Algebra state VAM rating of Highly Effective.** *Note: For UniSIG Supplemental Teacher Allocation, teachers must have at least 10 student assessments.*



**Number of teachers with a 2022 3-year aggregate or a 1-year Algebra state VAM rating of Effective.** *Note: For UniSIG Supplemental Teacher Allocation, teachers must have at least 10 student assessments.*

**Total number of teacher positions allocated to the school**

34

**Total number of students enrolled at the school**

572

**Identify the number of instructional staff who left the school during the 2021-22 school year.**

2

**Identify the number of instructional staff who joined the school during the 2022-23 school year.**

2

### Demographic Data

### Early Warning Systems

Using prior year's data, complete the table below with the number of students by current 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	93	97	97	85	93	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	559
Attendance below 90 percent	15	7	1	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Course failure in ELA	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Course failure in Math	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Level 1 on 2022 statewide FSA ELA assessment	0	0	0	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Level 1 on 2022 statewide FSA Math assessment	0	0	0	13	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Number of students with a substantial reading deficiency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Using the table above, complete the table below with the number of students by current grade level who have 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	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6

Using current year data, complete the table below with the number of students identified as being "retained.":

Indicator	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Retained Students: Current Year	5	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Students retained two or more times	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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

Monday 9/19/2022

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

Indicator	Grade Level	Total
Number of students enrolled		
Attendance below 90 percent		
One or more suspensions		
Course failure in ELA		
Course failure in Math		
Level 1 on 2019 statewide FSA ELA assessment		
Level 1 on 2019 statewide FSA Math assessment		
Number of students with a substantial reading deficiency		

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

Indicator	Grade Level	Total
Students with two or more indicators		

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

Indicator	Grade Level	Total
Retained Students: Current Year		
Students retained two or more times		

**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	
Number of students enrolled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Course failure in Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Level 1 on 2019 statewide FSA ELA assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Level 1 on 2019 statewide FSA Math assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Number of students with a substantial reading deficiency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

#### 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

#### 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Students retained two or more times	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

## Part II: Needs Assessment/Analysis

### School Data Review

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	2022			2021			2019		
	School	District	State	School	District	State	School	District	State
ELA Achievement	66%	62%	56%				73%	62%	57%
ELA Learning Gains	73%						62%	62%	58%
ELA Lowest 25th Percentile	68%						33%	58%	53%
Math Achievement	64%	58%	50%				75%	69%	63%
Math Learning Gains	66%						72%	66%	62%
Math Lowest 25th Percentile	63%						40%	55%	51%
Science Achievement	47%	64%	59%				64%	55%	53%

### Grade Level Data Review - State Assessments

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

ELA						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
01	2022					
	2019					
Cohort Comparison						
02	2022					
	2019					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
03	2022					
	2019	79%	60%	19%	58%	21%
Cohort Comparison		0%				
04	2022					
	2019	66%	64%	2%	58%	8%
Cohort Comparison		-79%				
05	2022					
	2019	70%	60%	10%	56%	14%
Cohort Comparison		-66%				

MATH						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
01	2022					
	2019					
Cohort Comparison						
02	2022					
	2019					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
03	2022					
	2019	74%	67%	7%	62%	12%
Cohort Comparison		0%				
04	2022					
	2019	73%	69%	4%	64%	9%
Cohort Comparison		-74%				
05	2022					
	2019	77%	65%	12%	60%	17%
Cohort Comparison		-73%				

SCIENCE						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
05	2022					
	2019	64%	53%	11%	53%	11%
Cohort Comparison						

### Subgroup Data Review

2022 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 2020-21	C & C Accel 2020-21
SWD	44	83		54	67		18				
ELL	62	62	54	61	66	65	42				
BLK	53	90		55	67						
HSP	67	71	62	65	65	65	47				
WHT				58							
FRL	66	73	67	62	66	66	44				
2021 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 2019-20	C & C Accel 2019-20
SWD	36	43	64	28	22	8	14				
ELL	67	63		55	56		47				
BLK	50			46							
HSP	67	66	70	53	48	20	38				
WHT	54			38							
FRL	61	62	62	49	44	17	36				
2019 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 2017-18	C & C Accel 2017-18
SWD	40	43	20	28	44	35	12				
ELL	79	60		79	72	40	83				
BLK	75	60		88	80						
HSP	74	63	25	74	71	40	65				
WHT	59	53		77	80						
FRL	72	64	32	73	72	44	60				

### ESSA Data Review

This data has not been updated for the 2022-23 school year.

ESSA Federal Index	
ESSA Category (TS&I or CS&I)	N/A
OVERALL Federal Index – All Students	66
OVERALL Federal Index Below 41% All Students	NO
Total Number of Subgroups Missing the Target	0
Progress of English Language Learners in Achieving English Language Proficiency	77
Total Points Earned for the Federal Index	524
Total Components for the Federal Index	8
Percent Tested	100%
Subgroup Data	

Students With Disabilities	
Federal Index - Students With Disabilities	57
Students With Disabilities Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years Students With Disabilities Subgroup Below 32%	0
English Language Learners	
Federal Index - English Language Learners	61
English Language Learners Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years English Language Learners Subgroup Below 32%	0
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%	0
Asian Students	
Federal Index - Asian Students	
Asian Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Asian Students Subgroup Below 32%	0
Black/African American Students	
Federal Index - Black/African American Students	66
Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 32%	0
Hispanic Students	
Federal Index - Hispanic Students	65
Hispanic Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years Hispanic Students Subgroup Below 32%	0
Multiracial Students	
Federal Index - Multiracial Students	
Multiracial Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Multiracial Students Subgroup Below 32%	0
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%	0

White Students	
Federal Index - White Students	58
White Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years White Students Subgroup Below 32%	0
Economically Disadvantaged Students	
Federal Index - Economically Disadvantaged Students	65
Economically Disadvantaged Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years Economically Disadvantaged Students Subgroup Below 32%	0

### Part III: Planning for Improvement

#### Data Analysis

Answer the following analysis questions using the progress monitoring data and state assessment data, if applicable.

#### What trends emerge across grade levels, subgroups and core content areas?

The trends that emerge across grade levels are that proficiency was 60% or above across all subjects with science being the exception. The science proficiency was 47% in 2022. Across subgroups, the trend has been that students have been showing growth.

#### What data components, based off progress monitoring and 2022 state assessments, demonstrate the greatest need for improvement?

The data components demonstrate that the greatest need for improvement is science.

#### What were the contributing factors to this need for improvement? What new actions would need to be taken to address this need for improvement?

The contributing factor for this need is that students were learning via ZOOM since 2019. In-person schooling resumed full-time in 2022. During ZOOM instruction, it was difficult to conduct science experiments and collaborate with their peers. The new actions needed to be taken to address this need for improvement are incorporating science experiments, hands-on demonstrations, and an immersive science experience using Infini-D.

#### What data components, based off progress monitoring and 2022 state assessments, showed the most improvement?

The data component that showed the most improvement was the math learning gains including the lowest 25% population.

#### What were the contributing factors to this improvement? What new actions did your school take in this area?

The contributing factors to this improvement were switching to standards-based assessments in which students are able to demonstrate mastery or a need for improvement for each individual standard through Ready Math curriculum. In addition, interventionists pulled students to work on their needs using iReady Toolbox that assisted in bridging the gap.

**What strategies will need to be implemented in order to accelerate learning?**

The strategies that need to be implemented in order to accelerate learning are monitoring iReady lessons and ensuring that students are completing the weekly requirement.

**Based on the contributing factors and strategies identified to accelerate learning, describe the professional development opportunities that will be provided at the school to support teachers and leaders.**

Based on the contributing factors and strategies identified to accelerate learning, teachers will attend Professional Development that focuses on analyzing data to plan effectively in order to meet the needs of the students. In addition, the Professional Development will focus on how to monitor, assign lessons, and differentiate instruction based on the students' results.

**Provide a description of the additional services that will be implemented to ensure sustainability of improvement in the next year and beyond.**

An additional service that will be implemented to ensure sustainability of improvement in the next year and beyond are having interventionists that will support instruction. These interventionists will work with students in their areas of improvement.

**Areas of Focus**

Identify the key Areas of Focus to address your school's highest priorities based on any/all relevant data sources.

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**#1. Instructional Practice specifically relating to Science**

**Area of Focus Description and Rationale:**  
**Include a rationale that explains how it was identified as a critical need from the data reviewed.**

Science was identified as a critical need from the data reviewed because the proficiency in 2022 was 47%. In 2021, the science proficiency was 39%. However, in 2019 the science proficiency was 64%. Therefore, was a noticeable decrease.

**Measurable Outcome:**  
**State the specific measurable outcome the school plans to achieve. This should be a data based, objective outcome.**

The measurable outcome the school plans to achieve is to increase the science proficiency to 60% as evidenced by the FCAT science assessment.

**Monitoring:**  
**Describe how this Area of Focus will be monitored for the desired outcome.**

The Area of Focus will be monitored by meeting monthly with science teachers to discuss standard based assessments results, plan science experiments, and consistent classroom observations to provide effective feedback to teachers.

**Person responsible for monitoring outcome:**

layda morales (lmorales@somersetsoho.com)

**Evidence-based Strategy:**  
**Describe the evidence-based strategy being implemented for this Area of Focus.**

The evidence-based strategy being implemented for this area is using effective classroom practices.

**Rationale for Evidence-based Strategy:**  
**Explain the rationale for selecting this specific strategy. Describe the resources/criteria used for selecting this strategy.**

Research shows that when teachers present multiple solution strategies for solving the same problem, students demonstrate significant increases in procedural flexibility, conceptual knowledge, and procedural knowledge.

**Action Steps to Implement**

List the action steps that will be taken as part of this strategy to address the Area of Focus. Identify the person responsible for monitoring each step.

Identify grade level science standards

Implement more hands-on experiments, demonstrations, and technology using Infini-A

Target students with a standards-based approach

Interventionists will use science themed leveled readers

Teachers collect and record data

Teachers and leadership team members will review students progress monthly

Instruction will be observed and actionable feedback is provided regarding adjustments to instructional practices and/or materials.

**Person Responsible**

Yesenia Bernal (ybernal@somersetsoho.com)

**RAISE**

The RAISE program established criteria for identifying schools for additional support. The criteria for the 2022-23 school year includes schools with students in grades Kindergarten through fifth, where 50 percent or more of its students, for any grade level, score below a level 3 on the most recent statewide English Language Arts (ELA) assessment.

**Area of Focus Description and Rationale**

Include a description of your Area of Focus (Instructional Practice specifically relating to Reading/ELA) for each grade below, how it affects student learning in literacy, and a rationale that explains how it was identified as a critical need from the data reviewed. Data that should be used to determine the critical need should include, at a minimum:

- The percentage of students below Level 3 on the 2022 statewide, standardized ELA assessment. Identification criteria must include each grade that has 50 percent or more students scoring below level 3 in grades 3-5 on the statewide, standardized ELA assessment.
- The percentage of students in kindergarten through grade 3, based on 2021-2022 end of year screening and progress monitoring data, who are not on track to score Level 3 or above on the statewide, standardized ELA assessment.
- Other forms of data that should be considered: formative, progress monitoring and diagnostic assessment data.

**Grades K-2: Instructional Practice specifically relating to Reading/ELA**

n/a

**Grades 3-5: Instructional Practice specifically relating to Reading/ELA**

n/a

**Measurable Outcomes:**

State the specific measurable outcome the school plans to achieve for each grade below. This should be a data based, objective outcome. Include prior year data and a measurable outcome for each of the following:

- Each grade K-3, using the new coordinated screening and progress monitoring system, where 50 percent or more of the students are not on track to pass the statewide ELA assessment.
- Each grade 3-5 where 50 percent or more of its students scored below a level 3 on the most recent statewide, standardized ELA assessment and
- Grade 6 measurable outcomes may be included, as applicable.

**Grades K-2: Measureable Outcome(s)**

n/a

**Grades 3-5: Measureable Outcome(s)**

n/a

**Monitoring:**

Describe how the school's Area(s) of Focus will be monitored for the desired outcomes. Include a description of how ongoing monitoring will take place with evaluating impact at the end of the year.

n/a

**Person responsible for monitoring outcome:**

Select the person responsible for monitoring this outcome.

**Evidence-based Practices/Programs:**

Describe the evidence-based practices/programs being implemented to achieve the measurable outcomes in each grade and describe how the identified practices/programs will be monitored. The term "evidence-based" means demonstrating a statistically significant effect on improving student outcomes or other relevant outcomes as provided in 20 U.S.C. Â§7801(21)(A)(i). Florida's definition limits evidence-based practices/programs to only those with strong, moderate or promising levels of evidence.

- Do the identified evidence-based practices/programs meet Florida's definition of evidence-based (strong, moderate or promising)?
- Do the evidence-based practices/programs align with the district's K-12 Comprehensive Evidence-based Reading Plan?
- Do the evidence-based practices/programs align to the B.E.S.T. ELA Standards?

n/a

**Rationale for Evidence-based Practices/Programs:**

Explain the rationale for selecting the specific practices/programs. Describe the resources/criteria used for selecting the practices/programs.

- Do the evidence-based practices/programs address the identified need?
- Do the identified practices/programs show proven record of effectiveness for the target population?

n/a

**Action Steps to Implement:**

List the action steps that will be taken to address the school's Area(s) of Focus. To address the area of focus, identify 2 to 3 action steps and explain in detail for each of the categories below:

- Literacy Leadership
- Literacy Coaching
- Assessment
- Professional Learning

**Action Step****Person Responsible for Monitoring**

n/a

## Positive Culture & Environment

A positive school culture and environment reflects: a supportive and fulfilling environment, learning conditions that meet the needs of all students, people who are sure of their roles and relationships in student learning and a culture that values trust, respect and high expectations. Consulting with various stakeholder groups is critical in formulating a statement of vision, mission, values, goals, and employing school improvement strategies that impact the school culture and environment. Stakeholder groups more proximal to the school include teachers, students and families of students, volunteers and school board members. Broad stakeholder groups include early childhood providers, community colleges and universities, social services and business partners.

### Describe how the school addresses building a positive school culture and environment.

The staff at Somerset Academy South Homestead work diligently to involve parents in a variety of activities at school. There are opportunities such as PAL's meetings, Open House, family night events, and EESAC meetings.

The mission and vision of the school are shared with parents through the School Advisory Council meetings and at family events. There is ongoing communication regarding students' progress between parents and teachers using a variety of means such as phone calls, emails, written notes, conferences, and Class Dojo.

Grade level meetings are conducted through common planning times on a weekly basis to promote best instructional practices.

Admin meetings are conducted on a monthly basis to meet with all admin roles and lead teachers, along with the principal for data chats and making projections.

The school has implemented "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" and holds monthly zoom meetings, schoolwide, with our school psychologist.

### Identify the stakeholders and their role in promoting a positive school culture and environment.

The stakeholders involved in building a positive school culture and environment are the Principal, Curriculum Coaches, Counselor, ESOL and ELL Liaisons, Teacher Leaders (School Leadership Team) and Teachers. The Principal's role is to oversee and monitor the school's initiatives and respond to concerns. The Coaches and Liaisons will monitor and assist in ensuring all information is shared with stakeholders in a timely manner. The Counselor will monitor student behavior and social-emotional skills. Teacher leaders will support best practices. All stakeholders are responsible to connect and build relationships with students, parents, and families.