Benito Middle School



2014-15 School Improvement Plan

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10101 CROSS CREEK BLVD, Tampa, FL 33647

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School Demographics

School Type	Title I	Free/Reduced Price Lunch
Middle	No	46%

Alternative/ESE Center	Charter School	Minority
No	No	61%

School Grades History

Year	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Grade	Α	Α	Α	Α

School Board Approval

This plan is pending approval by the Hillsborough 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.

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

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

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Purpose and Outline of the SIP

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

Part I: Current School Status

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

Part II: Needs Assessment

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

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

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

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

Appendices

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

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

Differentiated Accountability

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

DA Regions

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

DA Categories

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

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

DA Turnaround and Monitoring Statuses

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

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

2014-15 DA Category and Statuses

DA Category	Region	RED
Not In DA	4	Jim Browder
Former F		Turnaround Status
No		

Part I: Current School Status

Supportive Environment

School Mission and Vision

Provide the school's mission statement

To provide an education that enables each student to excel as a successful, responsible citizen.

Provide the school's vision statement

To become the district leaders in developing students.

School Environment

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

Conduct faculty and staff introductions via the morning show and homeroom during the first week of school. Review of student ethnic enrollment report.

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

Faculty and staff are visable during the school day in the hallways, courtyard area, and cafeteria. At the start of the school year we hold discipline assemblies for each grade level.

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

We established a discipline committee, which created a school-wide discipline plan that is regulary reviewed and revised. We have created posters of our five school-wide rules. They are posted in classrooms and common areas around the school. These rules apply to all students on campus, on the bus, and at the bus stop. In addition, we reviewed the district student handbook and teachers have created their own classroom rules.

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

Guidance conselors meet with students to address social and emotional needs. We provide a peer counseling class where students are trained for peer mediation. Students have access to the school social worker, school psychologist and an IEP counselor for ESE students. We have also started the Check and Connect mentoring program for at-risk students.

- -The RTI/MTSS team monitors the effectiveness of behavioral strategies and interventions by reviewing student data.
- The RTI/MTSS team uses the problem solving process (Problem Identification, Problem Analysis, Intervention Design and Implementation and Evaluation to identify the problem, why is it occuring, develop solutions, and monitor the progress of interventions.
- o Identify the problem (based on an analysis of the data disaggregated via data sorts) in multiple areas curriculum content, behavior, and attendance.
- o Develop and target interventions such as academic interventions, counseling, mentoring, and other pupil services.
- o Identify appropriate progress monitoring assessments/data collection tools to be administered at

regular intervals matched to the intensity of the level of instructional/behavioral/intervention support provided.

o Review progress monitoring data at regular intervals to determine when student(s) need more or less support (e.g., frequency, duration, intensity) to meet established class, grade, behavior, and/or school goals (e.g., use of data-based decision-making to fade, maintain, modify or intensify intervention and/or enrichment support).

- -RTI/MTSS will use the following guiding questions when reviewing data/interventions.
- 1. Does the data show implementation of strategies are resulting in positive student growth?
- 2. To what extent are we making progress toward the school's SIP goals?
- 3. If we are making progress, what can we do to sustain what is working?
- 4. What barriers to implementation are we facing and how will we address them?
- 5. What should we do next? What should be our plan of action?

Early Warning Systems

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

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

Early warning indicators include:

Attendance (5 or more absences of any type per grading period)

One or more suspensions (in or out of school)

Excessive tardies (5 or more per grading period)

ELA/Math course failure

Level 1 FCAT score

Early warning system data can come from the following sources:

**Core Curriculum (Tier 1) - Information format: DATA SOURCE: Database Management Systems: Arlene McDermott.

FCAT RELEASED TESTS: School generated excel database; Reading Coach/Math Coach/AP. BASELINE & YEAR DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS: Scantron Achievement Series; Leadership Team/ PLCs/Individual teachers.

DISTRICT GENERATED ASSESSMENTS FROM THE OFFICE OF ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY (NAME THE ASSESSMENTS): Scantron Achievement Series; Data Wall, Dashboard; Leadership Team/PLCs/Individual teachers.

SUBJECT-SPECIFIC ASSESSMENTS GENERATED BY DISTRICT-LEVEL SUBJECT SUPERVISORS IN READING, LANGUAGE ARTS, MATH, WRITING, & SCIENCE (NAME THE ASSESSMENTS): Scantron Achievement Series, Data Wall, PLC Logs; Leadership Team/PLCs/Individual teachers.

FAIR: Progress Monitoring and Reporting Network (PMRN), IPT, Data Wall; Reading Coach/Reading Resource Teacher/Reading PLC Facilitator.

CELLA: Sagebrush (IPT); Liz Martinez, Rebecca Charriez

TEACHERS' COMMON ASSESSMENTS ON UNITS OF INSTRUCTION/BIG IDEAS: PLC Database, PLC Logs; Individual teachers/Team Leaders/PLC Facilitators/Leadership Team Member.

**Supplemental/Intensive Instruction (Tiers 2 and 3) - Information format: DATA SOURCE: Database: Person Responsible/Group Responsible: RTI/MTSS Team

ASSESSMENTS DATA COLLECTED FROM EXTENDED LEARNING PROGRAMS: School generated excel database; Leadership Team/ELP Facilitator.

FAIR OPM: School generated excel database; Leadership Team/Reading Coach.

ONGOING ASSESSMENTS WITHIN INTENSIVE COURSES (Middle/High): Database provided by course materials (AOR, Inside Curriculum, Expert 21, Math 180, and I Can Learn); Reading Coach/Math SAL.

CURRICULUM BASED MEASUREMENTS: Leadership Team/PLCs, Individual Teachers, Reading Coaches.

RESEARCH-BASED COMPUTER-ASSISTED INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS (AOR, Inside Curriculum, Expert 21, Math 180, and I Can Learn): PLCs/Individual teachers/Reading coaches. **Engagement - EET Observations, Domain 3: Principal.

ATTENDANCE DATA (Absenteeism, Chronic Absenteeism, Truancy): District Databases: Reports on Demand, IPT, EASI; Attendance Clerk/Attendance Committee/PSLT/PLCs.

DISCIPLINE DATA (Out-of-school suspensions, in-school suspensions, ATOSS, Discipline Referrals): District Databases: Reports on Demand, IPT, EASI; PSLT/PLCs.

DROPOUT PREVENTION DATA (Withdrawal codes, academic outcomes, attendance, discipline data): District databases: Reports on Demand, IPT, EASI, Dashboard, Site generated early warning systems; PSLT/PLCs/Guidance Counselors.

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

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

Indicator	G	Total		
	6	7	8	Total
Attendance below 90 percent	22	27	50	99
One or more suspensions	6	2	8	16
Course failure in ELA or Math	0	26	40	66
Level 1 on statewide assessment	73	71	87	231
	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
	6	7	8	TOLAI
Students exhibiting two or more indicators	11	9	15	35

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

The purpose of the core Leadership Team is to:

- 1. Review school-wide assessment data on an ongoing basis in order to identify instructional needs at all grade levels.
- 2. Support the implementation of high quality instructional practices at the core and intervention/enrichment (Tiers 2/3) levels.
- 3. Review ongoing progress monitoring data at the core to ensure fidelity of instruction and attainment of SIP goal(s) in curricular, behavioral, and attendance domains.
- 4. Communicate school-wide data to PLCs and facilitate problem solving within the content/grade level teams.

The Leadership team meets regularly (bi-weekly). Specific responsibilities include:

- Oversee the multi-layered model of instructional delivery (Tier 1/Core, Tier 2/Supplemental and Tier 3/Intensive)
- Create, manage and update the school resource map
- Ensure the master schedule incorporates allocated time for intervention support at all grade levels.
- Determine scheduling needs, and assist teacher teams in identifying research-based instructional materials and intervention resources at Tiers2/3
- Facilitate the implementation of specific programs (e.g., Extended Learning Programs during and

after school) that provide intervention support to students identified through data sorts/chats conducted by the PLCs.

- Determine the school-wide professional development needs of faculty and staff and arrange trainings aligned with the SIP goals
- Organize and support systematic data collection (e.g., district and state assessments; during-the-grading period school assessments/checks for understanding; in-school surveys)
- Assist and monitor teacher use of SMART goals per unit of instruction. (data will be collected and analyzed by PLCs and reported to the Leadership Team/PSLT)
- Strengthen the Tier 1 (core curriculum) instruction through the:
- o Implementation and support of PLCs
- o Review of teacher/PLC core curriculum assessments/chapters tests/checks for understanding (data will be collected and analyzed by PLCs and reported to the Leadership Team/PSLT)
- o Use of Common Core Assessments by teachers teaching the same grade/subject area/course (data will be collected and analyzed by PLCs and reported to the Leadership Team/PSLT) o Implementation of research-based scientifically validated instructional strategies and/or interventions. (as outlined in our SIP)
- o Communication with major stakeholders (parents) regarding student outcomes through data summaries and conferences.
- On a monthly basis, assist in the evaluation of teacher fidelity data and student achievement data collected during the month.
- Support the planning, implementing, and evaluating the outcomes of supplemental and intensive interventions in conjunction with PLCs.
- Work collaboratively with the PLCs in the implementation of the C-CIM (Core Continuous Improvement Model) on core curriculum material.
- Coordinate/collaborate/integrate with other working committees, such as the Literacy Leadership Team (which is charged with developing a plan for embedding/integrating reading and writing strategies across all other content areas).

Family and Community Involvement

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

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

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

Will the school use its PIP to satisfy this question?

No

PIP Link

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

Description

We have established a system for effective communication with parents and guadrians via our school website, PTSA, Parent Link, MySpot, and monthly newsletter.

The school holds events in which parents are encouraged to attend such as:

- -Sneak Peek
- -Open House
- -Conference Nights
- -PTSA sponsored Health and Fitness Night

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

We work with PTSA and SAC to compile a list of past and current business partners, and establish a list of potential future businesses/organizations for recruitment.

Enlist the Reading Coach, Teachers, and Media Specialist to collaborate with local libraries to develop reading incentives.

Establish partnerships with the local Fire and Police Departments to provide presentations on topics such as: fire safety, bullying, and crime prevention.

Through the Great American Teach-In we invite local business professionals to share career expertise with students.

Effective Leadership

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

School Leadership Team

Membership

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

Name	Title
Sanders, John	Principal
McDermott, Arlene	Assistant Principal
Chisholm, Bill	Assistant Principal

Duties

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

The leadership team includes:

- Principal John Sanders
- Assistant Principal for Curriculum Arlene McDermott
- Assistant Principal for Administration Angus Chisholm
- Guidance Counselors Elizabeth Martinez and Pamela Davis
- ESE Specialist Matthew Hensley
- Subject Area Leaders (Middle) Sherri Jackson, Janet Carini, Donna Hodnett, Shane Moody and Barbara Lind
- Team Leaders (Middle) Kim Morrison Jones, Andy Alwood, Terese Frost, Patrica Contardo, Patricia Brown, Kelly Broadbelt and Helen Rosacia
- SAC Chair Nichelle Glenn and Dominique Thompson

PSLT/MTSS Coordinator—Principal/Assistant Principal: Coordinate and oversee the decision making process to ensure integrity and consistency of the PS/RtI implementation at the building level. The principal should attend

PSLT/MTSS meetings at the Tier 1 level, provide specific procedures for resource allocation, and monitor the fidelity of instruction/intervention at the school-wide and classroom levels (Tier 1) PSLT/MTSSMeeting Facilitator— e.g., School Psychologist, Reading Coach, School Social Worker, Guidance Counselor and ESE Specialist. The facilitator opens the meeting with a brief description of what the team expects to accomplish during the meeting. The facilitator is to establish and maintain a supportive atmosphere throughout the meeting by encouraging participation from team members, clarifying and summarizing information communicated during the meeting, design specific procedures for ongoing communication between school staff and PSLT, and assist with monitoring the fidelity of intervention implementation across each tier.

PSLT Content Specialist— Reading Coach, Subject Area Leaders and ESE Specialist. Ensures that when new content curricular materials are obtained, implementers are adequately trained to use the materials, check fidelity of use of curricular materials and strategies, determine what elements need to be included in an effective core instructional program and assist the team in identifying which instructional strategies are most effective to address areas of concerns. The Content Specialist may also assist with monitoring the fidelity of instruction and intervention implementation across each tier. PSLT Data Consultant— e.g., Assistant Principal, Reading Coach, ESE Specialist, and/ or Guidance Counselor: Prior to the meeting, the Data Consultant assists team members with collecting, organizing, analyzing, graphing and interpreting data. The data should be presented in easily understandable visual displays to guide the decision making process.

PSLT Recorder—Records the plans of the team, including meeting minutes/notes. This person will capture all important information, especially related to instruction/ intervention specifics, progress monitoring, data analysis, and future meeting dates. The recorder may need to ask for clarification several times during the meeting to ensure that enough detail is recorded so that a person who did not attend the meeting would be able to clearly understand the nature and implementation of the instructional/intervention plan

The Leadership Team/PSLT communicates with and supports the PLCs in implementing strategies by distributing Leadership Team members across the PLCs to facilitate planning and implementation. Once strategies are put in place, the Leadership Team members who are part of the PLCs regularly report on their efforts and student outcomes to the larger Leadership Team/PSLT.

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

- In an effort to engage in a systematic date-based problem solving process, the school's Leadership Team/PSLT and PLCs use the problem solving process (Problem Identification, Problem Analysis, Intervention Design and Implementation and Evaluation to engage in data-driven decision making for core instruction. The process is outlined below:
- o Analyze student outcomes and make data-driven decisions:
- 1. What is the problem? (Problem Identification)
- 2. Why is it occurring? (Problem Analysis and Barrier Identification)
- 3. What are we going to do about it? (Action Plan Design and Implementation)
- 4. Is it working? (Monitor Progress and Evaluate Action Plan Effectiveness)
- o Identify the problem (based on an analysis of the data disaggregated via data sorts) in multiple areas curriculum content, behavior, and attendance
- o Develop and target interventions based on confirmed hypotheses.
- o Identify appropriate progress monitoring assessments to be administered at regular intervals matched to the intensity of the level of instructional/intervention support provided.
- o Develop grading period or units of instruction//intervention goals that are ambitious, time-bound, and measureable (e.g., SMART goals).
- o Review progress monitoring data at regular intervals to determine when student(s) need more or less support (monthly) to meet established class, grade, and/or school goals (e.g., use of data-based decision-making to fade, maintain, modify or intensify intervention, remediation and/or enrichment support).
- o At the end and beginning of each year, schools take an inventory of resource materials, staff and allocation of funds for their building to determine the necessary resource materials and personnel available to meet the needs of their students. The leadership team/PSLT develops a resource map to identify gaps in resources and to ensure resources are available and allocated across the building for use by all grade levels and teachers.

To ensure teacher support systems and small group and individual needs are met, the School

Leadership Team:

- 1. Review school-wide assessment data on an ongoing basis in order to identify instructional needs across the school and all grade levels.
- 2. Support the implementation of high quality instructional practices during core and intervention blocks.
- 3. Review progress monitoring data at the core to ensure fidelity of instruction and attainment of SIP goal(s) in curricular, behavioral, and attendance domains.
- 4. Communicate school-wide data to PLCs and facilitate problem solving within the content/grade level teams.

The School Leadership Team meets regularly (e.g., bi-weekly/monthly) The meeting calendar is structured around the district's assessment calendar to ensure there are opportunities to review assessment outcome data and engage in the problem solving process for appropriate data-driven decisions. The members on the team include administrator(s), content area coaches/specialists, PLC liaisons, and other school personnel as needed.

To build capacity multi-tiered system of instructional delivery (Tier 1/Core, Tier 2/Supplemental and Tier 3/Intensive), the PSLT/MTSS:

- Supports school teams with creating, managing and updating the school's resource maps for academic and non-academic areas.
- Ensures the master schedule incorporates allocated time for intervention support at all grade levels and assist teacher teams in identifying evidence-based strategies and materials for intervention delivery.
- Coordinates data sorts at the beginning of each year to identify students in need of enrichment, remediation and intervention support at each tier.
- Determines the school-wide professional development needs of faculty and staff and arrange trainings aligned with the SIP goals.
- Strengthen Tier 1 core instruction by:
- o Implementing evidence-based instructional strategies and/or interventions. (as outlined in the SIP)
- o Supporting PLCs with planning and delivering rigorous core instruction.
- o Ensuring opportunities for common assessments are provided across each grade level.
- o Reviewing common assessment data to monitor students Response to Core Instruction.
- o Monitoring the fidelity of instructional practices.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Membership

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

Name	Stakeholder Group
John Sanders	Principal
Dominque Thompson	Teacher
Sherri Jackson	Teacher
Barbara Lind	Teacher
Terese Frost	Teacher
Yvonne Braver	Parent
Magda Jones	Parent
Rebecca Charriez	Teacher
Talicia Smith	Teacher
Patricia Brown	Teacher
Ademuyiwa Oyenusi	Student
Ellie Pleune	Student
Emily Hoang	Student
Arlene McDermott	Education Support Employee
Ann Marie Cooper	Parent
Amy Bartley	Parent
Terri Zajac	Education Support Employee
Julia Lacy	Student

Duties

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

Evaluation of last year's school improvement plan

The School Leadership Team and the SAC reviewed student achievement data and student discipline data to set goals for the upcoming school year. The group examined successful inititiatives that were put in place for 2013-2014 school year and edited and revised as needed for the 2014-2015 school year.

Development of this school improvement plan

In partnership with the School Leadership Team, the SAC will analyze and assess all pertinent school data that affects student achievement, evaluate progress towards meeting the prior year's school improvement goal(s), develop the school improvement plan, vote on the school improvement plan, monitor the school improvement plan, review the school improvement plan as needed, plan and carry out activities that support the school improvement plan, develop a SAC budget to support the school improvement plan goals, monitor the spending of the SAC budget, and make adjustments to the budget as needed.

The SAC committee will be involved in the generation of the Standard and Non-Standard Waiver approvals and the SAC composition form. In addition members of the SAC will construct in collaboration with the School- Based Leadership Team (SBLT), the SAC budget. The SAC committee will be involved in the adoption of the SIP and in mid-year reflection and report. The SAC committee will be involved in overseeing professional development to aid faculty and staff in maintaining fidelity with maintaining SIP goal.

All the steps that are part of the school improvement plan reflect and relate to the areas of curriculum, instruction, assessment and behavior. Input, with time for reflection, was sought from staff and SAC

committee to do the analyses of these areas. Using data and all components of the school improvement plan, the goals of the SAC committee will be directly tied to student achievement progress.

Preparation of the school's annual budget and plan

SAC submits a budget within the SIP to support strategy implementation and/or professional development.

In the event that the state does not allocate SAC funds to schools, the district may elect to allocate district dollars to schools to support SIP goals. If and when they become available, schools will be notified of the allocation by the Business Division. An initial allocation of 90% is based on the average un-weighted FTE from the prior year. The second allocation is based on the current year's average un-weighted FTE minus the amount initially allocated. The second allocation usually falls in the month of March. Schools are notified by the Business Division when the first and second allocations have been completed.

The law encourages each local SAC to design their own budget (without infringement at the district level) in order to carry out the school improvement process in their school. Subject to the following restrictions, the law does not set any limitations on how the money can be spent. The principal may not override the recommendation of the SAC. Funds may not be used for capital improvement. Funds may not be used for any project or program that has a duration of more than one year. However, a program or project formerly funded may receive funds in a subsequent year. The SAC is responsible for determining how funds will be appropriated. The SAC must vote on each item in the budget.

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

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

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

Literacy Leadership Team (LLT)

Membership

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

Name	Title
McDermott, Arlene	Assistant Principal
Chisholm, Bill	Assistant Principal

Duties

Describe how the LLT promotes literacy within the school

The LLT (transitioning to an Instructional Leadership Team model) is a subset of the Problem Solving Leadership Team. The team provides leadership for the implementation of the goals, strategies, and actions steps related reading and writing on the SIP. Members include:

Principal

Assistant Principal

Reading Coach/Resource Teacher

ESE Teacher

ELL Representative

Grade Level Representatives

The principal is the LLT (ILT) chairperson. The reading coach is a member of the team and provides extensive expertise in data analysis and reading/writing instruction in all content areas. The LLT (ILT) is grounded in a shared or distributive leadership model where content teachers, the reading coach, instructional support staff, and the principal all participate equally in the decision-making process based on the team's review of data and its application to the specific SIP reading and writing goals focus.

The LLT (ILT) members monitors reading/writing data, identifies school-wide and individual teachers' reading/writing-focused instructional strengths and weaknesses, and creates a professional development plan to support identified instructional needs in conjunction with the Problem Solving Leadership team's support plan. Additionally the principal ensures that time is provided for the LLT ILT to collaborate and share information with all site stakeholders including other administrators, teachers, staff members, parents and students.

Public and Collaborative Teaching

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

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

To promote professional collaboration to improve teacher practice and instruction, we have established dates on the calendar for grade level meetings, department meetings, PLCs, faculty meetings, and school site professional development. We provide teachers with opportunities to watch colleagues and observe best practices. We provide rolling inservices on a variety of research-based instructional strategies.

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

Teacher Interview Day and Recruitment Fairs occur in June under the oversight of Human Resources. All applicants must be pre-approved by the District to attend these events. SDHC is implementing the Empowering Effective Teachers (EET) initiative, which awards salary increases to all teachers based on sustained performance and progress up the career ladder. Performance levels are tied to a 3-year average of value added measures. The teacher evaluation is based on that value added, along with peer/mentor evaluation data and principal/administration evaluation data. PLCs and the District's Mentoring program for new teachers are essential for teacher retention.

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

District based mentors are provided to teachers new to teaching through the EET initiative. Weekly visits by mentors can include planning, modeling, data analysis, coaching, conference, and problem solving. Mentors work individually with new teachers, developing unique plans to support professional growth. The district-based mentor has strengths in the areas of leadership, mentoring, and increasing student achievement. We also provide school-based peers/buddies who regularly meet with new teachers as they make the transition to our school.

Ambitious Instruction and Learning

Instructional Programs and Strategies

Instructional Programs

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

Hillsborough County Public Schools use state-adopted standards as the foundation for content area instruction. Florida adopted Common Core State Standards in mathematics, language arts, and literacy in history/social studies, science, and technical subjects in July 2010, which were fully implemented in 2013-14. The Common Core (CC) standards may be accessed at: http://www.cpalms.org/Standards/Common_Core_Standards.aspx. These standards describe the level of student achievement for which the state will hold schools accountable for students' learning. The domains, strands, standards, and benchmarks which comprise the Florida Standards are authorized by Section 1003.41, F.S., and are adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE). Rule 6A-1.09401, FAC, requires public schools to provide appropriate instruction to assist students in the achievement of these standards. Section 1008.25, F.S., requires each district school board to incorporate the Florida Standards into the district student progression plan.

The benchmarks are in the subject areas of mathematics beyond college and career ready (calculus, discrete mathematics, and financial literacy), science, social studies, the arts (dance, music, theatre, and visual arts), health education, physical education, world languages, gifted education and special education skills.

HCPS has, as required by state statute, adopted a comprehensive plan for student progression, which includes standards for evaluating each student's performance, including mastery of the Florida Standards. The plan also provides specific levels of performance in reading, writing, science, and mathematics at each grade level that includes the levels of performance on statewide assessments (as established by the Commissioner) at which a student must receive remediation or be retained. The HCPS pupil progression plan can be viewed at: http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us/instruction/StudentProgressionPlan/index.asp.

Pursuant to State law, HCPS Board policies require purchasing current instructional materials so that each student has a textbook or other instructional materials as a major tool of instruction in core courses of the appropriate subject areas of mathematics, language arts, science, social studies, reading, and literature for grades K-12. The primary objective of such instructional materials shall be to enrich, support, and implement the educational program of the school. These purchases shall be for instructional materials included on the State-adopted list, except as otherwise provided in State law, and shall be made within the first two years of the adoption cycle. The primary objective of such instructional materials shall be to enrich, support, and implement the educational program of the school.

Instructional Strategies

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

HCPS utilizes Problem-Solving and Response to Instruction/Intervention/Multi-tiered Systems of Support Framework as defined by Florida.

PS-Rtl/MTSS is the practice of providing high-quality instruction and intervention matched to student needs using learning rate over time and level of performance to make important instructional decisions. PS-Rt/MTSS involves the systematic use of assessment data to most efficiently allocate resources in order to improve learning for all students. To ensure efficient use of resources, schools begin with the identification of trends and patterns using school-wide and grade-level data. Students who need instructional intervention beyond what is provided universally for positive behavior or academic content areas are provided with targeted, supplemental interventions delivered individually or in small groups at increasing levels of intensity.

The RtI/MTSS framework is characterized by a continuum of academic and behavior supports reflecting the need for students to have fluid access to instruction of varying intensity levels. Three tiers describe the level and intensity of the instruction/interventions provided across the continuum. The three tiers are not, conversely, used to describe categories of students or specific instructional programs. The three tiers are characterized as follows:

- Tier 1: Core Universal Instruction and Supports General academic and behavior instruction and support designed and differentiated for all students in all settings
- Tier 2: Targeted Supplemental Interventions and Supports More focused, targeted instruction/ intervention and supplemental support in addition to and aligned with the core academic and behavior curriculum and instruction
- Tier 3: Intensive Individualized Interventions and Supports The most intense (increased time, narrowed focus, reduced group size) instruction and intervention based upon individual student need provided in addition to and aligned with core and supplemental academic and behavior, curriculum, instruction, and supports

The problem-solving process is critical to making the instructional adjustments needed for continual improvement in both student level of performance and rate of progress and is critical for assessing (through students' response) the effectiveness of the instruction/interventions provided. Throughout the continuum of instruction and intervention, problem solving is used to match instructional resources to educational need. Teams continue to engage in problem solving to ensure that student success is achieved and maintained. The four critical parts of the on-going problem-solving cycle as a consistent way of work for teams are as follows:

- I. Define the problem by determining the difference between what is expected and what is occurring. Ask, "What specifically do we want students to know and be able to do when compared to what they do know and are able to do?" When engaged in problem solving at the individual student level, the team should strive for accuracy by asking, "What exactly is the problem?"
- II. Analyze the problem using data to determine why the issue is occurring. Generate hypotheses (reasons why students are not meeting performance goals) founded in evidence-based content area knowledge, alterable variables, and instructionally relevant domains. Gather assessment data to determine valid/non-valid hypotheses. Link validated hypotheses to instruction/intervention so that hypotheses will lead to evidence-based instructional decisions. Ask, "Why is/are the desired goal(s) not occurring? What are the barriers to the student(s) doing and knowing what is expected?" Design or select instruction to directly address those barriers.
- III. Develop and implement a plan driven by the results of the team's problem analysis by establishing a performance goal for the group of students or the individual student and developing an intervention plan to achieve the goal. Then delineate how the student's or group of students' progress will be monitored and implementation integrity will be supported. Ask, "What are we going to do?"
- IV. Measure response to instruction/interventions by using data gathered from progress monitoring at agreed upon intervals to evaluate the effectiveness of the intervention plan based on the student's or group of students' response to the intervention. Progress-monitoring data should directly reflect the targeted skill(s). Ask, "Is it working? If not, how will the instruction/intervention plan be adjusted to

better support the student's or group of students' progress?" Team discussion centers on how to maintain or better enable learning for the student(s).

HCPS offers a variety of programs designed to meet the diverse needs of students. In Middle and High Schools, these supplemental and enrichment programs include SpringBoard reading support, computer aided interventions (myOn reader, Dimension U), Tutorial support, Robotics, Science Olympiad, AVID, Advanced Placement, IB, Dual Enrollment, Grade Enhancement Courses, Career Pathways, Program Completers, Industry Certfications, Magnet Programs, credit recovery, and extended year programs.

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

Strategy: Extended School Day

Minutes added to school year: 2,100

Core content grade enhancement and academic tutorials.

Strategy Rationale

Increase student academic achievement, grade promotion rates and decrease school drop-out rates and student failures.

Strategy Purpose(s)

· Core Academic Instruction

Person(s) responsible for monitoring implementation of the strategy McDermott, Arlene, arlene.mcdermott@sdhc.k12.fl.us

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

Student D/F report and report cards.

Student Transition and Readiness

PreK-12 Transition

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

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

In Hillsborough County Public schools, all kindergarten children are assessed for Kindergarten Readiness using the FLKRS (Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener.) This state-selected assessment contains a subset of the Early Childhood Observation System and the first two measures of the Florida Assessments in Reading (FAIR). The instruments used in the screening are based upon the Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Standards. Parents are provided with a letter from the Commissioner of Education, explaining the assessments. Teachers will meet with parents after the assessments have been completed to review student performance. Data from the FAIR will be used to assist teachers in creating homogeneous groupings for small group reading instruction. Children entering Kindergarten may have benefited from the Hillsborough County Public Schools' Voluntary Prekindergarten Program. This program is offered at elementary schools in the summer and during the school year in selected Head Start classrooms and as a blended program in several Early Exceptional Learning Program (EELP) classrooms. Starting in the 2012-2013 school year, students in the VPK program were given the state-created VPK Assessment that looks at Print

Knowledge, Phonological Awareness, Mathematics and Oral Language/Vocabulary. This assessment continues to be administered at the start and end of the VPK program. A copy of these assessments are mailed to the school in which the child is registered for kindergarten, enabling the child's teacher to have a better understanding of the child's abilities from the first day of school. Parent Involvement events for Transitioning Children into Kindergarten include Kindergarten Round-Up. This event provides parents with an opportunity to meet the teachers and hear about the academic program. Parents are encouraged to complete the school registration procedure at this time to ensure that the child is able to start school on time.

SEE: HCPS Pupil Progression Plan

Students are programmed & scheduled appropriately through clear communication with feeder schools, utilizing district scheduling guidelines, At- Risk lists, and early warning systems based on a student's need for support.

School based Spring and Summer orientation programs include: elective fairs, school visits, open houses, parent and student information meetings, magnet information sessions and district Career and College Nights.

High Schools hold ongoing articulations between and amongst feeder schools to best assist with the transition into 9th grade, through vertical planning sessions with feeder school departments, ESE, ELL, AVID, and magnet articulation amongst schools.

Hillsborough County Public Schools offers numerous summer camp offerings, including AVID/GAP camps, IB camps, Transition, band and athletic camps.

College and Career Readiness

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

Annually the school will hold elective fairs with present and incoming students. Based on interest, we will establish Course Selection Sheets and course offerings to best meet their needs. The Guidance Department, ESE Specialist, AVID Coordinator, Department Heads, teachers and the APC will then articulate with feeder schools and assist students in signing up for courses and programs based on their Automatic Course Requests and their individual interests. School Counselors will visit classes to review the curriculum guide and course descriptions. They will distribute Course Selection Sheets and provide information about selecting courses for the following school year. These Course Selection Sheets are then sent home for parent review and signature.

On an annual basis, the school will review new course offerings at the state and district level to continue to offer rigorous and relevant coursework and to meet the State Standards.

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

Courses and coursework are established in Professional Learning Communities, Advanced Placement, IB, Dual Enrollment, Career Themed Courses, Career Pathways, Program Completers, the Magnet Programs and AVID classes to help students see the relationships both cross-curricular and within subjects to establish relevance to a student's future. Many of these programs help guide and establish a student for postsecondary readiness (Industry Certifications, college credit, job skills, etc).

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

District-Level

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department provides our counselors with the Programs of Study to help guide students with their educational pathway. The Program of Study maps out the courses and timeline for students to be program completers and successfully transition to postsecondary institutions.

Our district provides a variety of opportunities for students to learn about career pathways at postsecondary institutions through programs such as:

- Amazing Race -Provides 12th grade students an opportunity to gather enrollment requirements, scholarship opportunities and program offerings for incoming college freshmen
- Hi-TEC Trek Provides 11th graders with an opportunity to explore Hillsborough County's postsecondary technical centers career and program opportunities.
- Wings of Imagination Provides rising 10th grade girls with the opportunity to explore AS degree programs offered through Hillsborough Community College.
- College and Career Connections Provides Career and Technical Education teachers, middle and high school counselors the opportunity to visit the four Hillsborough HiTEC centers and five HCC Campuses.

Additionally, the Hillsborough County Career Pathways Consortium coordinates articulation agreements to provide Career and Technical Education Program Completers with free credit at postsecondary institutions across the state of Florida.

Through the AVID program, students are engaged in on-going college readiness activities. Students in technology classes will integrate math and science into classroom activities. Through the Benito MakerSpace club, students are engaged in on-going academic projects.

Describe strategies for improving student readiness for the public postsecondary level based on annual analysis of the <u>High School Feedback Report</u>, as required by section 1008.37(4), Florida Statutes

N/A

School-Level

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

1 = Problem Solving Step S123456 = Quick Key

Strategic Goals Summary

To increase student achievement in the areas of reading and writing as we transition to the new Florida Standards and maintain our school grade of an A.

Strategic Goals Detail

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

G1. To increase student achievement in the areas of reading and writing as we transition to the new Florida Standards and maintain our school grade of an A. 1a

Targets Supported 1b



Indicator	Annual Target
AMO Math - All Students	82.0
AMO Reading - All Students	80.0
Middle School Performance in EOC and Industry Certifications	92.0

Resources Available to Support the Goal 2

 Hillsborough Writes practice, FAIR-FS, writing baseline simulation, academic tutorials, teacher professional development, EET observations, model classrooms, coaching cycles, and itinerant staff.

Targeted Barriers to Achieving the Goal 3

· PLCs are not consistently done with fidelity.

Plan to Monitor Progress Toward G1.

PLC logs will be reviewed regularly by administrators and SALs.

Person Responsible

John Sanders

Schedule

Biweekly, from 8/21/2014 to 5/29/2015

Evidence of Completion

PLC logs, teacher observation data, student grades

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

G = Goal **B** = Barrier **S** = Strategy

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G1. To increase student achievement in the areas of reading and writing as we transition to the new Florida Standards and maintain our school grade of an A. 1

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G1.B1 PLCs are not consistently done with fidelity.

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G1.B1.S1 Ensure that PLCs are done with consistency and fidelity. 4

Strategy Rationale

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Research shows that teacher collaboration increases student achievement. Professional learning communities foster a collaboration of teachers and administrators who work together to seek out best practices to continuously improve student learning in order to get results.

Action Step 1 5

PLC meeting calendar for the school year

Person Responsible

John Sanders

Schedule

Biweekly, from 8/21/2014 to 5/29/2015

Evidence of Completion

Posted on Benito Internal and a calendar was given to faculty at the start of the school year.

Action Step 2 5

Common planning times created via the master schedule.

Person Responsible

Arlene McDermott

Schedule

Daily, from 8/21/2014 to 5/29/2015

Evidence of Completion

PLC logs

Action Step 3 5

Lessons focused on data analysis and rigorous content and student learning

Person Responsible

Arlene McDermott

Schedule

Biweekly, from 8/21/2014 to 5/29/2015

Evidence of Completion

Administrative walk-throughs and classroom observations.

Action Step 4 5

District PLC Overview Workshop

Person Responsible

Arlene McDermott

Schedule

On 12/15/2014

Evidence of Completion

Participants sign-in sheet, District Professional Development System

Plan to Monitor Fidelity of Implementation of G1.B1.S1 6

PLC logs will be reviewed regularly by administrators and SALs

Person Responsible

John Sanders

Schedule

Monthly, from 8/21/2014 to 5/29/2015

Evidence of Completion

Administrative walk-throughs and classroom observations.

Plan to Monitor Effectiveness of Implementation of G1.B1.S1 7

An increase in PLCS done with fidelity

Person Responsible

John Sanders

Schedule

Quarterly, from 8/21/2014 to 5/29/2015

Evidence of Completion

FAIR testing, student grades, EET Domain 3

Appendix 1: Implementation Timeline

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

Source	Task, Action Step or Monitoring Activity	Who	Start Date (where applicable)	Deliverable or Evidence of Completion	Due Date/ End Date
G1.B1.S1.A1	PLC meeting calendar for the school year	Sanders, John	8/21/2014	Posted on Benito Internal and a calendar was given to faculty at the start of the school year.	5/29/2015 biweekly
G1.B1.S1.A2	Common planning times created via the master schedule.	McDermott, Arlene	8/21/2014	PLC logs	5/29/2015 daily
G1.B1.S1.A3	Lessons focused on data analysis and rigorous content and student learning	McDermott, Arlene	8/21/2014	Administrative walk-throughs and classroom observations.	5/29/2015 biweekly
G1.B1.S1.A4	District PLC Overview Workshop	McDermott, Arlene	10/15/2014	Participants sign-in sheet, District Professional Development System	12/15/2014 one-time
G1.MA1	PLC logs will be reviewed regularly by administrators and SALs.	Sanders, John	8/21/2014	PLC logs, teacher observation data, student grades	5/29/2015 biweekly
G1.B1.S1.MA1	An increase in PLCS done with fidelity	Sanders, John	8/21/2014	FAIR testing, student grades, EET Domain 3	5/29/2015 quarterly
G1.B1.S1.MA1	PLC logs will be reviewed regularly by administrators and SALs	Sanders, John	8/21/2014	Administrative walk-throughs and classroom observations.	5/29/2015 monthly

Appendix 2: Professional Development and Technical Assistance Outlines

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

Professional Development Opportuntities

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

G1. To increase student achievement in the areas of reading and writing as we transition to the new Florida Standards and maintain our school grade of an A.

G1.B1 PLCs are not consistently done with fidelity.

G1.B1.S1 Ensure that PLCs are done with consistency and fidelity.

PD Opportunity 1

PLC meeting calendar for the school year

Facilitator

SALs

Participants

Subject area/grade level teachers

Schedule

Biweekly, from 8/21/2014 to 5/29/2015

PD Opportunity 2

Lessons focused on data analysis and rigorous content and student learning

Facilitator

PLC facilitators

Participants

subject area/grade level teachers

Schedule

Biweekly, from 8/21/2014 to 5/29/2015

PD Opportunity 3

District PLC Overview Workshop

Facilitator

District Representative

Participants

Subject area/grade level teachers and PLC leaders

Schedule

On 12/15/2014

Technical Assistance Items

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

Budget Rollup

	Summary
Description	Total
Grand Total	0