

2014-15 School Improvement Plan

Hillsborough - 2972 - Mendez Exceptional Center - 2014-15 SIP			
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5707 N 22ND ST, Tampa, FL 33610					
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School Demographics					
School Type	Title I	Free/Reduced Price Lunch			
Combination	Yes	%			
Alternative/ESE Center	Charter School	Minority			
Yes	No	%			
School Grades History					
	Year				
	Grade				

#### **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 <u>https://www.floridaCIMS.org</u>.

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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

Preparing students today for the challenges of tomorrow.

#### Provide the school's vision statement

To provide a safe, caring and orderly environment that will foster each child's capacity for learning. Our faculty will create a positive atmosphere wherin each child feels acceptance and encouragement toward the achievement of success through the exercise of responsible choice.

#### School Environment

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

Students participate in weekly clubs, learning about cultures and various hobbies. There are schoolwide assemblies and monthly birthday celebrations that promote relationship building among staff and students.

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

The students are encouraged to have open communication with staff. Staff is always supervising students and students are welcome to share concerns and suggestions on various school topics. Students have a voice and are encouraged to participate in decision making on differnt topics. Therapists and Case Managers are available when students are in crisis or need to talk. Administration and staff is available during breakfast and lunch daily if studentss need to discuss something or have a concern.

# 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

The students follow a schoolwide level system daily. Behavioral expectations and disciplinary protocols are reviewed regularly with staff and students. Staff is trained at the beginning of the school year and ongoing throughout the year as needed to ensure the behavior level system is carried out with fidelity.

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

#### 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 suspension (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: Person Responsible/Group Responsible.

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); ELL/PSLT Representative.

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

DRA-2: School generated excel database; Individual teacher.

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

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 (for courses that have one, e.g., Read 180), School generated excel database; Coaches.

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

RESEARCH-BASED COMPUTER-ASSISTED INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS (e.g., iStation): Assessments included in computer-based programs; PLCs/Individual teachers/Reading coaches. \*\*Engagement - Information format: DATA SOURCE: Database: Person Responsible/Group Responsible.

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/Behavior Intervention Committee/PBS Team.

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

#### 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	Grade Level					Total	
mulcator	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Attendance below 90 percent	4	2	3	6	4	4	23
One or more suspensions	3	1	2	2	2	1	11
Course failure in ELA or Math	1	0	1	3	2	3	10
Level 1 on statewide assessment	4	2	2	5	5	5	23

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

Indicator			Gra	de Le	evel		Total
indicator	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Students exhibiting two or more indicators	4	2	3	5	4	5	23

# 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 (e.g., bi-weekly/monthly). 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; Saturday Academies) 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-thegrading 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 (e.g., parents, business partners, etc.) 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 and Specialty PSLT.

• 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?

Yes

#### PIP Link

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

#### Description

# 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

Mendez establishes community partnerships with various businesses to gain support, resources, and incentives throughout the school year. We currently have partnerships with the following: McDonald's, PNC Bank, PDQ, Gracepoint, TECO, Stewart Stainless, and Econo Print.

#### 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

#### Duties

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

Middle/High PSLT Members

The leadership team includes:

- Principal
- Assistant Principal for Curriculum
- Assistant Principal for Administration

- Guidance Counselor
- School Psychologist
- School Social Worker
- Academic Coaches (Reading, Math, etc. and other specialists on an ad hoc basis),
- ESE teacher
- Subject Area Leaders (Middle)
- Team Leaders (Middle)
- Department Heads (High)
- SAC Chair
- ELP Coordinator
- ELL Representative
- Attendance Committee Representative
- Behavior Team Representative or Behavior Specialist/Coach

(Note that not all members attend every meeting, but are invited based on the goals and purpose for the meeting)

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 test hypotheses about why student/school problems are occurring (identify root causes and barriers to success).

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 (e.g., frequency, duration, intensity) 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 Each PLC develops PLC action plan for SIP strategy implementation and monitoring.

o Assess the implementation of the strategies on the SIP using the following questions:

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?

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 Problem Solving Leadership Team (PSLT):

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 PSLT meets regularly (e.g., bi-weekly/monthly) The PSLT 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), guidance counselor(s), school psychologist, ESE specialist, content area coaches/specialists, PLC liaisons, and other school personnel as needed.

• 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.

• Facilitates the implementation of specific programs (e.g., Extended Learning Programs during and after school; Saturday Academies) that provide support to students in need of remediation of core skills.

• Determines the school-wide professional development needs of faculty and staff and arrange trainings aligned with the SIP goals.

• Organizes and support systematic data collection (e.g., universal screenings, formative, ongoing progress monitoring and summative data).

• Assists and monitor teacher use of SMART goals for core instruction and intervention groups. (data will be collected and analyzed by PLCs and reported to the PSLT)

• 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.

Describe how the school-based MTSS Leadership Team functions (e.g., meeting processes and roles/functions). How does it work with other school teams to organize/coordinate MTSS efforts? The MTSS Leadership Team meets on a weekly basis and reports to the principal upon conclusion of meeting. The Team functions as a support mechanism to ensure high quality instruction/intervention services that coincides with each student's needs. Utilizing performance levels and learning rates over time, data-based decisions are used to guide instruction. The MTSS reviews school-wide data to address the progress of low-performing students and determine the enrichment and accelerations needs of higher performing students. The overall goal for all students is to achieve adequate yearly progress and improve other long-term goals ( behavior, attendance, etc.). All decisions are made by analyzing student data and the team uses the Collaborative Culture Solving Model as a guide. The MTSS team is considered the main leadership team in our school and will meet monthly and utilize the problem solving process to do the following:

• Oversee the multi-layered mode of service delivery (Tier 3/Intensive)

• Based on student data, recommend implement, and coordinate supplemental services (Tier3) that match students' non-mastery of skills through:

• Tutoring during the day in small group/individual pull-outs in reading, math and science

• Extended Learning Programs during and before/after school

• Intensive Math and Reading courses

• Determine scheduling needs, curriculum needs and intervention resources based on specific, identified needs gathered from data analysis

• Determine school-wide professional development needs of staff and faculty and arrange trainings aligned with SIP goals

Title I, Part A

Services are provided to ensure students who need additional remediation are provided support through: after-school, Saturday School and summer programs, quality teachers through professional development, content resource teachers, and mentors.

Title I, Part C- Migrant

The migrant advocate provides services and support to students and parents. The advocate works with teachers and other programs to ensure that the migrant students' needs are being met. Title I, Part D

The district receives funds to support the Alternative Education Program which provides transition services from alternative education to school of choice

Title III

Services are provided through the district for educational materials and ELL district supported services to improve the education of immigrant and English Language Learners

Title X- Homeless

Supplemental Academic Instruction (SAI)

SAI funds will be coordinated with the Title I funds to provide summer school, reading coaches, and extended learning opportunity programs.

Violence Prevention

Gracepoint provides links and encouragement to attend community based domestic violence programs.

Nutrition Programs

Free and reduced lunch

Provide healthy snack options

#### School Advisory Council (SAC)

#### Membership

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

Name	Stakeholder Group
Giana Gerhart	Teacher
Essie Johnson-Wilson	Principal
Helen Rosfield	Education Support Employee
Rony Narcisse	Education Support Employee
Jon Grosskopf	Teacher
Kim Duran	Teacher
Susan Kurtin	Parent
Carol Keaton	Parent
Dawn Means-Strange	Parent
Veronica Valerio	Parent
Maggie Wilson	Parent
Matthew Loewy	Student
Jonathan Gonzalez	Student
De'Anna Hill	Student
Myra Eggert	Business/Community
Ahmad Ariyanfar	Business/Community

#### 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

In partnership with the School Leadership Team, the SAC will analyze and assess all pertinent school data that affects student achievement, and evaluate progress towards meeting the prior year's school improvement goal(s). That analysis will then guide the development of this year's SIP.

#### 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, 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.

#### Preparation of the school's annual budget and 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.

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

Describe the use of SAC funds.

Name and Number of Strategy from the School Improvement Plan Description of Resources that improves student achievement or student engagement Projected Amount Final Amount 5B. In grades, 10% of SWD will score a Level 3 or above on the 2014 FCAT Reading Test or the percentage of non-proficient students will decrease by 10% in 2014 (Safe Harbor Target: 10%) Students will participate in a district-wide "Battle of the Books" competition. Students will actively participate with other students from alternative sites, reading selected chapter books designed to test their comprehension, sequencing, plot and main idea. Incentives for this event to promote student engagement are as follows: audio books, chapter books, trophies, goodie bags, medals and ribbons. \$124.50

# 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
Johnson Wilson, Essie		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.

Evaluate and implement the SIP reading strategies across all subject areas

Professional Development

• Modeling, Observation of research-based reading strategies within individual lessons across the content areas

- On-going data analysis
- Continue Reading Plan

#### 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

Schools Build a Collaborative Culture Through Regularly Scheduled PLC Meetings Core Beliefs:

• No school can help all students achieve at high levels if teachers work in isolation.

• Schools improve when teachers are given the time and support to work together to clarify essential student learning, develop common assessments for learning, analyze evidence of student learning, and use that evidence to learn from one another.

• PLCs measure their effectiveness on the basis of results rather than intentions.

• All programs, policies, and practices are continually assessed on the basis of their impact on student learning.

• All staff members receive relevant and timely information on their effectiveness in achieving intended results.

• PLC meetings will be regularly scheduled.

Essential Characteristics of a PLC

• Shared mission, vision, values, goals

• Educators in a PLC benefit from clarity regarding their shared purpose, a common

understanding of the school they are trying to create, collective communities to help move the school in the desired direction, and specific, measurable, attainable, results-oriented, and time-bound (SMART) goals to mark their progress.

Collaborative teams focused on learning

• In a PLC, educators work together interdependently in collaborative teams to achieve common goals for which they are mutually accountable. The structure of the school is aligned to ensure teams are provided the time and support essential to adult learning.

Collective inquiry

• Teams in a PLC relentlessly question the status quo, seek new methods of teaching and learning, test the methods, and then reflect on the results. Building shared knowledge of both current reality and best practice is an essential part of each team's decision-making process.

Action orientation and experimentation

• Members of a PLC constantly turn their learning and insights into action. They recognize the importance of engagement and experience in learning and in testing new ideas. They learn by doing.

Commitment to Continuous improvement

• Not content with the status quo, members of a PLC constantly seek better ways to achieve mutual goals and accomplish their fundamental purpose of learning for all. All teams engage in an ongoing cycle

of:

- ? Gathering evidence of current levels of student learning
- ? Developing strategies and ideas to build on strengths and address weaknesses in that learning
- ? Implementing the strategies and ideas
- ? Analyzing the impact of the changes to discover what was effective and what was not
- ? Applying the new knowledge in the next cycle of continuous improvement
- Results orientation
- Educators in a PLC assess their efforts on the basis of tangible results.

# 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. 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.

The Salary Differential program for identified high needs Title I schools helps to recruit and retain high quality teachers. All new hires must be approved by the District. This program requires teachers to be rated in the "good to excellent" range, be highly qualified for their position, and to have completed, signed and implemented an Individualized Professional Development Plan (IPDP).

# 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.

#### 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 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

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#### 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: 1,920

PLC's will meet to identify students requiring specific reading needs.

#### Strategy Rationale

Provide teacher professional development and collaboration

#### Strategy Purpose(s)

• Teacher collaboration, planning and professional development

*Person(s) responsible for monitoring implementation of the strategy* Johnson Wilson, Essie, essie.johnsonwilson@sdhc.k12.fl.us

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

Informal/formal assessments both pre and post tests will be utilized to determine effectiveness

#### Strategy: Before School Program

Minutes added to school year: 3,720

Math and reading remediation

#### Strategy Rationale

All students invited

#### Strategy Purpose(s)

Core Academic Instruction

*Person(s) responsible for monitoring implementation of the strategy* Gerhart, Giana, giana.gerhart@sdhc.k12.fl.us

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

Academic assessement data, pre/post assessment data

#### **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

#### 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 an open house with present and incoming students. Based on interest, we will establish Course Selection Sheets and courses offerings to best meet their needs. The Guidance Department, ESE Specialists, and teachers 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 and Edgenuity 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. School-Level

#### 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

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School-Level

Students may participate in the following:

• Using SAI funds, Saturday SAT and ACT prep classes are offered. Information regarding SAT and ACT prep classes and testing dates will be provided to students and parents.

• All juniors will participate in the SAT School-Day. Utilizing test preparation and SAT online to prepare prior to the free SAT opportunities. Other additional free SAT opportunities are available to juniors to take the SAT.

• College Visits - Various college representatives visit school sites to share information about their specific colleges or universities with students.

• ASVAB - Students interested in possibly enlisting in the military are given an opportunity to take this aptitude test.

• Hi-TEC Centers Field Trip - Students will be given the opportunity to visit multiple centers and learn more about the programs offered at these technical schools.

• USF Senior Access Day - Disadvantaged and underrepresented students are invited to visit USF and learn about careers in various health professions.

• Ready to Work - Students in 12th grade have the opportunity to complete three assessments in the areas of math, reading and interpreting data on the computer in the Success Center. After completing the assessments students are sent a certificate that indicates their scores and the correlating skills. The students then show this certificate to an employer when applying for a job, which makes them more marketable.

• Senior Night - All seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend senior night, where they receive the senior handbook and counselors share valuable information about the senior year. This includes postsecondary information, a timeline of what seniors should be doing during the course of the year, SAT/ACT test dates, etc.

Junior Night - Juniors and their parents are presented with important information about

postsecondary planning, a timeline of what they should be doing during the course of the year, SAT/ ACT test dates, etc.

• Through the AVID program, students are engaged in on-going college readiness activities.

• College Night – The district offers four college nights throughout the county for students to speak directly with over 100 college and university representatives.

• All targeted juniors take the PERT. Based on the results, students are placed in college readiness coursework to prepare for college entrance and college level coursework.

• Financial Aid Night- The district offers eight financial aid nights for students and parents to understand the financial aid process, Bright Futures and state/local scholarship process.

• Pasos al Futuro- The district offers several Pasos al Futuro events throughout the school year for English Language Learners and Spanish speaking families by facilitating a comprehensive presentation that intends to demystify the college planning, admission and financial aid process for students and their families.

• Guidmii- is a web-based academic planning tool available for middle and high school students. The Guidmii platform enables secondary students and parents to develop a roadmap to college and career readiness. Students and parents can view the student's academic options, track high school graduation requirements, obtain information regarding Bright Futures, scholarships, and college admissions information.

### **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

B =

G = Goal **S** = Strategy Barrier

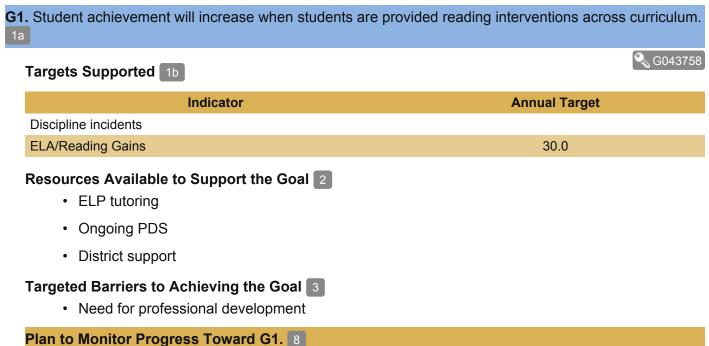
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### **Strategic Goals Summary**

Student achievement will increase when students are provided reading interventions across G1. curriculum.

### **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



Students engaged in effective reading instruction with appropriate interventions across curriculum.

#### **Person Responsible**

#### Schedule

Quarterly, from 8/19/2014 to 6/5/2015

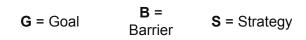
#### Evidence of Completion

FAIR-FS, student assessment data, district formatives and interim assessments, EOCs, teacher assessments, observation data, student grades, IEP data

#### **Action Plan for Improvement**

For each strategy selected in the plan to reduce a targeted barrier to a strategic goal, this section lists the rationale for that strategy (i.e., why the school believes it will reduce the barrier) and the action steps that have been identified as necessary to implementing the strategy, including details such as the point person, timing and duration, and evidence of completion. At the end of each set of action steps is the plan for monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of the respective strategy.

#### **Problem Solving Key**



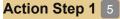
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#### G1. Student achievement will increase when students are provided reading interventions across curriculum. 🚹

G1.B2 Need for professional development 2

G1.B2.S1 Provide staff development focused reading interventions

#### **Strategy Rationale**



One facuty meeting a month to provide staff development regarding reading strategies: Administrative staff, teachers

#### Person Responsible

#### Schedule

Monthly, from 8/11/2014 to 6/5/2015

#### **Evidence of Completion**

Strategies implemented in the classroom, sign-in sheets, student assessment

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#### Action Step 2 5

Reading and vocabulary interventions 2x weekly during homeroom

#### Person Responsible

Essie Johnson Wilson

#### Schedule

Weekly, from 8/19/2014 to 6/5/2015

#### **Evidence of Completion**

Lesson plans, observation data, student assessment data

#### Action Step 3 5

Classroom word walls

#### **Person Responsible**

Essie Johnson Wilson

#### Schedule

Weekly, from 8/29/2014 to 6/5/2015

#### Evidence of Completion

interactive word walls, updated regularly

#### Action Step 4 5

#### myON Reader, supplemental reading

#### Person Responsible

Essie Johnson Wilson

#### Schedule

Daily, from 8/19/2014 to 6/5/2015

#### Evidence of Completion

myON reports, observation data

Plan to Monitor Fidelity of Implementation of G1.B2.S1 6

#### Teacher participation in PD

#### Person Responsible

Essie Johnson Wilson

#### Schedule

Semiannually, from 8/11/2014 to 6/5/2015

#### **Evidence of Completion**

PDS records, sign-in sheets, dashboard

#### Plan to Monitor Fidelity of Implementation of G1.B2.S1 6

Implementation of reading strategies/interventions in the classrooms

#### Person Responsible

Essie Johnson Wilson

#### Schedule

Daily, from 8/19/2014 to 6/5/2015

#### Evidence of Completion

FAIR-FS, student assessment data, lesson plans, PLC logs

#### Plan to Monitor Effectiveness of Implementation of G1.B2.S1 🔽

Interventions being implmemted across curriculum

#### **Person Responsible**

Essie Johnson Wilson

#### Schedule

On 6/5/2015

#### Evidence of Completion

Lesson plans, student assessment data, observation data

### **Appendix 1: Implementation Timeline**

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

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Mendez Exceptional Center	

Source	Task, Action Step or Monitoring Activity	Who	Start Date (where applicable)	Deliverable or Evidence of Completion	Due Date/ End Date
G1.B2.S1.A1	One facuty meeting a month to provide staff development regarding reading strategies: Administrative staff, teachers		8/11/2014	Strategies implemented in the classroom, sign-in sheets, student assessment	6/5/2015 monthly
G1.B2.S1.A2	Reading and vocabulary interventions 2x weekly during homeroom	Johnson Wilson, Essie	8/19/2014	Lesson plans, observation data, student assessment data	6/5/2015 weekly
G1.B2.S1.A3	Classroom word walls	Johnson Wilson, Essie	8/29/2014	interactive word walls, updated regularly	6/5/2015 weekly
G1.B2.S1.A4	myON Reader, supplemental reading	Johnson Wilson, Essie	8/19/2014	myON reports, observation data	6/5/2015 daily
G1.MA1	Students engaged in effective reading instruction with appropriate interventions across curriculum.		8/19/2014	FAIR-FS, student assessment data, district formatives and interim assessments, EOCs, teacher assessments, observation data, student grades, IEP data	6/5/2015 quarterly
G1.B2.S1.MA1	Interventions being implmemted across curriculum	Johnson Wilson, Essie	8/19/2014	Lesson plans, student assessment data, observation data	6/5/2015 one-time
G1.B2.S1.MA1	Teacher participation in PD	Johnson Wilson, Essie	8/11/2014	PDS records, sign-in sheets, dashboard	6/5/2015 semiannually
G1.B2.S1.MA2	Implementation of reading strategies/ interventions in the classrooms	Johnson Wilson, Essie	8/19/2014	FAIR-FS, student assessment data, lesson plans, PLC logs	6/5/2015 daily

### 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. Student achievement will increase when students are provided reading interventions across curriculum.

**G1.B2** Need for professional development

**G1.B2.S1** Provide staff development focused reading interventions

#### PD Opportunity 1

One facuty meeting a month to provide staff development regarding reading strategies: Administrative staff, teachers

#### Facilitator

Administrative staff, teachers, myON reading consutant

#### Participants

All staff

#### Schedule

Monthly, from 8/11/2014 to 6/5/2015

### **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