

Second Chance School Sopchoppy Education Center

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School Demographics

School Type

High

Title I

No

Free/Reduced Price Lunch

%

Alternative/ESE Center

No

Charter School

No

Minority

%

School Grades History

Year

Grade

School Board Approval

This plan was approved by the Wakulla County School Board on 10/20/2014.

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	1	Melissa Ramsey
Former F	Turnaround Status	
No		

Part I: Current School Status

Supportive Environment

School Mission and Vision

Provide the school's mission statement

To provide the opportunity and support for students to successfully transition to other district programs, or graduate.

Provide the school's vision statement

The academic and behavioral needs of all students are met through individualized, differentiated instruction that correlates to the Florida Standards.

School Environment

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

- * All students are part of an initial intake and orientation with the school principal.
- * Intake information and all student records are reviewed by all staff members to determine the best course of action for that student.
- * Staff works with each student, every day, in small group and individual settings.
- * Staff meets daily to review student needs and assess student progress.

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

- * Students are supervised by multiple staff members at all times.
- * The principal maintains an open door policy and meets frequently with individual students.
- * Staff and students interact in both academic and nonacademic settings.

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 school implements a behavioral system that is used to monitor all students in each classroom and during transition times.
- * Clear behavioral expectations are covered in depth during the intake and orientation for each student.
- * The behavior plan is points based.
- * The rubric for consequences is clearly explained and staff meets daily to assure that the system is being fairly and consistently enforced.
- * All discipline actions are reviewed by and implemented by the school principal further ensuring fairness and consistency.

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

- * All students are provided the opportunity for counseling. This is provided both at regularly scheduled times and on an as needed basis.

- * Other services are provided by the school and district as needed.
- * These include those listed on IEP's, 504 plans, testing for other services, and mentoring.

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

Students who demonstrate one or more of the following indicators are reviewed, then principal and staff meet to determine action steps such as computer assisted credit recovery or referral to agencies:

- Attendance below ninety percent;
- Failure in any course required for promotion to high school;
- Level 1 score on statewide assessments;
- Suspension from class or school;
- Involvement with Department of Juvenile Justice.

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
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Attendance below 90 percent	3	9	16	9	14	12	6	69
One or more suspensions	2	6	13	6	9	5	1	42
Course failure in ELA or Math	1	6	3	4	3	1	1	19
Level 1 on statewide assessment	1	4	1	2	1	0	0	9

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

Indicator	Grade Level				Total
	6	7	8	9	
Students exhibiting two or more indicators	1	2	2	2	7

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

- Individual orientation, with family, for each student.
- Small class size.
- Individualized, differentiated instruction.
- Extended time for class work and assessments.
- One on one instruction.
- Counseling.
- Daily progress monitoring by staff and administration.
- Parental contact.
- Individual and group awards for performance.

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

Parental involvement at Sopchoppy Second Chance School consists of parents coming in for one-on-one orientation with the principal, and then availability for parent-student-teacher conferences whenever the parent or staff requests them.

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

The school hosts community events in the auditorium.

The city provides access to recreational facilities for students such as the community tennis courts.

Community groups provide consumable materials such as paper, pencils, pens to the school for student use.

Students participate in local SWAT program. (Students Working Against Tobacco) which has a partnership

with the community Tobacco Free coalition.

The community supports the restoration and maintenance of our original school building which is listed in the Historical Registry.

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
Crouch, Michael	Principal
O'Donnell, Tim	Teacher, K-12
Commander, Nancy	Teacher, K-12
Brown, Thomas	

Duties

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

The principal oversees that the interventions are in place with needed instructional materials and teacher support. The teachers implement the small group and individualized strategies.

Documentation and data of the effectiveness of the strategies are ongoing and reviewed by the District MTSS person responsible for this.

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

Data-based problem-solving includes looking at all data from academic assessments, plus reviewing behavioral progress. From there, the school-based leadership team meets as a unit to discuss individual students and their needs. All resources are allocated for small group instruction, differentiated learning, individualized instruction, and behavior management.

Title II provides some Professional Development for teachers. Title X Homeless provides for students who meet this classification. Early Head Start provides child care if teen parents need it. The Health Department provides health and sex education. Nutrition programs follow the Homeless and the Free/Reduced breakfast and lunch federal guidelines.

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Membership

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

Name	Stakeholder Group
Michael Crouch	Principal
Tim O'Donnell	Teacher
Beth O'Donnell	Business/Community
Dr. Thomas Askins	Business/Community
Joyce Ashburn	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

The School Advisory Council reviewed the previous year's School Improvement Plan to set goals for the current school year to address areas of need.

Development of this school improvement plan

The School Advisory Council gave input and reviewed the academic and behavioral aspects of the School Improvement Plan.

Preparation of the school's annual budget and plan

The school administrator provided the School Advisory Council with all information pertaining to the school's annual budget. The SAC provided input to help develop an annual budget plan for school improvement.

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

Any funds allocated will be used to enhance the instructional and behavioral programs at the school.

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
Crouch, Michael	Principal
Commander, Nancy	Teacher, K-12
Brown, Thomas	Teacher, K-12

Duties

Describe how the LLT promotes literacy within the school

Major initiatives of the LLT include working on how to comprehend cold reads with answers based on text and reading to be able to write answers using the text as a basis for the answer.

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

Teachers meet daily with the school principal to monitor student progress and behavior. Teachers share methods and ideas to maintain the positive working relationship among staff members. Teachers accommodate individual student needs by providing additional time in academic areas, including collaborative instruction, as needed.

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

Strategies include continuing to advertize jobs online and recruit from the colleges highly qualified, in-field teachers. Principal Michael Crouch is responsible for this.

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

New teachers to Wakulla are paired with a Mentor Teacher for the year and are required to complete a new teacher program. At this time, there are no new teachers at Sopchoppy Education Center.

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

The school uses textbooks that are state adopted and aligned with Florida's standards. The school district provides opportunity for professional development based on acquiring and demonstrating knowledge of, and implementation of, Florida's standards.

The staff participates in data days to analyze student needs and align instruction with Florida standards.

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

Teachers analyze data from state assessments to differentiate and individualize student instructional needs.

Instructional modifications can include: more one on one instruction time, increased time for student assessments, reduction in the number of questions coupled with immediate feedback for student responses.

Students are given prompts that correlate to Florida standards in all subjects, including those subjects with state level assessments.

Students are given access to various Florida school district websites that have instructional material and practice tests correlated to standards from state level assessments.

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: 0

Students may earn eight credits during the school year and replace a D or an F using credit recovery or computer assisted instruction.

Students who have failed or been retained and have fallen behind their cohort may use these options to accelerate the process by which they can graduate by gaining additional credits.

Strategy Rationale

Students may recover failed credits.

Students may improve grade point average to become eligible to graduate before age twenty.

Strategy Purpose(s)

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

Person(s) responsible for monitoring implementation of the strategy

Crouch, Michael, michael.crouch@wcsb.us

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

Student progress, completion of credit recovery courses with satisfactory grades.

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

Teachers are very familiar with all students and their academic needs.

Teachers provide instruction to all student cohorts.

Student schedules are designed to provide maximum opportunity for each student to transition successfully to the next school level.

Individualized, differentiated instruction allows each student to maximize learning opportunities and for each teacher to adjust learning strategies for each student to transition successfully to the next school level.

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

Academic and career planning are taught in two different areas in order to cover all students.

Students in Grade 8 take U.S. History and Career Planning with career information imbedded in the social studies class. All students take a Critical Thinking and Research class in which they can research careers to see what postsecondary training is needed, what the local job opportunities are, salaries, etc.

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

Applied and integrated courses help students see the relevance of what they are learning. For example, the scientific hypothesis is applied to real world scenarios; the Economics course offers financial literacy concepts for the individual student such as local cost of living; Intensive Reading passages are chosen to engage the student and also to inform, such as with how to read instructions on government documents.

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

Student readiness is being improved through offering higher level math courses to the high school students, and working with over-age Grade 8 students to take some high school credit courses while still in middle school so they can catch up to their peers. More writing opportunities and emphasis also help increase readiness for post-secondary training.

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

No data

School Improvement Goals

The following key is intended to help readers understand how the sections of this document correspond to the steps of the 8-step planning and problem-solving framework used in the School Improvement Plan. The Quick Key numbers can help registered users go directly to the point of entry for any given goal, barrier and strategy within the online survey.

Problem Solving Key

G = Goal

B =
Barrier

S = Strategy

1 = Problem Solving Step  S123456 = Quick Key

Strategic Goals Summary

- G1.** Increase total number of students scoring proficiency the FSA Math, Algebra I EOC and Geometry EOC.
- G2.** Increase total number of students scoring proficiency on the English Language Arts FSA.
- G3.** Decrease the number of students who have less than 90% attendance from 69 to 55.

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. Increase total number of students scoring proficiency the FSA Math, Algebra I EOC and Geometry EOC. 1a

G049335

Targets Supported 1b

Indicator	Annual Target
FSA - Mathematics - Proficiency Rate	34.0
Algebra I EOC Pass Rate	45.0
Geometry EOC Pass Rate	50.0

Resources Available to Support the Goal 2

- Small class size, individualized instruction, credit recovery, state adopted textbooks, MobyMax computer-based program.

Targeted Barriers to Achieving the Goal 3

- Attendance.

Plan to Monitor Progress Toward G1. 8

Student progress reports, teacher developed tests, FSA data, EOC data

Person Responsible

Michael Crouch

Schedule

Quarterly, from 8/18/2014 to 6/5/2015

Evidence of Completion

Teacher developed tests scores, 6,7,8 FSA Math scores, Geometry and Algebra I EOC scores.

G2. Increase total number of students scoring proficiency on the English Language Arts FSA. 1a

G049330

Targets Supported 1b

Indicator	Annual Target
FSA - English Language Arts - Proficiency Rate	34.0

Resources Available to Support the Goal 2

- Small group instruction, one on one instruction, credit recovery, Renaissance Learning Accelerated Reader, MobyMax computer-based program, state adopted textbooks.

Targeted Barriers to Achieving the Goal 3

- Student attendance, lack of student engagement.

Plan to Monitor Progress Toward G2. 8

Informal Reading Assessments, FAIR testing.

Person Responsible

Michael Crouch

Schedule

Semiannually, from 8/18/2014 to 6/4/2015

Evidence of Completion

FAIR-FS reports and FSA results.

G3. Decrease the number of students who have less than 90% attendance from 69 to 55. 1a

G046615

Targets Supported 1b

Indicator	Annual Target
Attendance Below 90%	55.0

Resources Available to Support the Goal 2

- Small class sizes. Intensive reading and math classes available. Computer assisted instruction.

Targeted Barriers to Achieving the Goal 3

- Attendance could be improved for several students.

Plan to Monitor Progress Toward G3. 8

Increase learning gains in Reading and Math.

Person Responsible

Michael Crouch

Schedule

Quarterly, from 8/18/2014 to 6/8/2015

Evidence of Completion

As assessed by Florida Standards Assessment

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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Barrier **S** = Strategy

1 = Problem Solving Step  S123456 = Quick Key

G3. Decrease the number of students who have less than 90% attendance from 69 to 55. **1**

 G046615

G3.B1 Attendance could be improved for several students. **2**

 B120695

G3.B1.S1 Parental contact via phone and e-mail. Counseling for the student and parent conferences to reduce truancy. **4**

 S132598

Strategy Rationale

To maximize opportunities for academic success students should be in attendance for at least 90% of the school year.

Action Step 1 **5**

Improve student attendance to 90% or better.

Person Responsible

Michael Crouch

Schedule

Daily, from 8/18/2014 to 6/4/2015

Evidence of Completion

Daily attendance records. Conferences and staff meetings.

Plan to Monitor Fidelity of Implementation of G3.B1.S1 6

Documentation of student and parental contact. Tracking student attendance.

Person Responsible

Michael Crouch

Schedule

Biweekly, from 8/18/2014 to 6/4/2015

Evidence of Completion

Daily attendance records. Documentation of student and parental contact.

Plan to Monitor Effectiveness of Implementation of G3.B1.S1 7

Monitor and track student daily attendance records. Review targeted students for changes in attendance.

Person Responsible

Michael Crouch

Schedule

Quarterly, from 9/2/2014 to 6/4/2015

Evidence of Completion

Daily attendance records. Review of attendance changes for targeted students.

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
G3.B1.S1.A1	Improve student attendance to 90% or better.	Crouch, Michael	8/18/2014	Daily attendance records. Conferences and staff meetings.	6/4/2015 daily
G1.MA1	Student progress reports, teacher developed tests, FSA data, EOC data	Crouch, Michael	8/18/2014	Teacher developed tests scores, 6,7,8 FSA Math scores, Geometry and Algebra I EOC scores.	6/5/2015 quarterly
G2.MA1	Informal Reading Assessments, FAIR testing.	Crouch, Michael	8/18/2014	FAIR-FS reports and FSA results.	6/4/2015 semiannually
G3.MA1	Increase learning gains in Reading and Math.	Crouch, Michael	8/18/2014	As assessed by Florida Standards Assessment	6/8/2015 quarterly
G3.B1.S1.MA1	Monitor and track student daily attendance records. Review targeted students for changes in attendance.	Crouch, Michael	9/2/2014	Daily attendance records. Review of attendance changes for targeted students.	6/4/2015 quarterly
G3.B1.S1.MA1	Documentation of student and parental contact. Tracking student attendance.	Crouch, Michael	8/18/2014	Daily attendance records. Documentation of student and parental contact.	6/4/2015 biweekly

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 Opportunities

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

G3. Decrease the number of students who have less than 90% attendance from 69 to 55.

G3.B1 Attendance could be improved for several students.

G3.B1.S1 Parental contact via phone and e-mail. Counseling for the student and parent conferences to reduce truancy.

PD Opportunity 1

Improve student attendance to 90% or better.

Facilitator

Crouch, Michael

Participants

Staff

Schedule

Daily, from 8/18/2014 to 6/4/2015

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