

BELCHER ELEMENTARY SIP 2013-14 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Belcher Elementary School has 670 students grades Pre-k to 5th, two administrators, 59 teachers, and 40 additional support staff members. The mission of Belcher Elementary School is to Believe in our students, Act on those beliefs, and our students will Achieve to our high standards.

To accomplish this mission, Belcher Elementary has 6 Goals:

- 1) Increase Reading scores to 71% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 2) Increase Mathematics scores to 66% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 3) Increase Science scores to 60% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 4) Close the achievement gap between Black and non-black students to our AMO 2014 targets;
- 5) Reduce the number and percent of discipline incidents for each student subgroup by 40% and
- 6) Increase parent involvement hours by 30% representing 50% of our parent population.

The core instructional strategies included in our action plans are: providing support to help teachers create formative assessments; utilizing data to differentiate and scaffold instruction; using research-based strategies in core instruction (e.g., 5E, Gradual Release, Text Dependent Questioning, Collaboration, Speaking and Listening, Content Enhancement); and utilizing Whole Brain Teaching and Cooperative Learning Structures to increase student engagement in learning.

The professional development efforts include the use of the literacy and math teams to train and guide teachers in differentiating and scaffolding instruction.

The parent involvement efforts are a challenge for our school as many parents work during the school. As a strategy to increase parent involvement is to create a variety of monthly activities for parents and students to attend for both information and strategy development in all subjects.

For more information about Belcher Elementary's School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at www.belcher-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us