

CLEARWATER INTERMEDIATE SIP 2013-14 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Clearwater Intermediate School has 326 students, grades 6th-8.5, two administrators, 39 teachers, and 6 staff members. The mission of Clearwater Intermediate is to teach life skills emphasizing hands-on activities, use of technology and building positive relationships.

To accomplish this mission, Clearwater Intermediate has 2 Goals:

- 1) Student achievement will increase when teachers develop and purposefully implement rigorous, engaging, and differentiated lessons that align with the Common Core Standards. In addition in 2014, 8-10% of black students will make learning gains in Reading and Math (Bradley MOU).
- 2) Student achievement will increase when students' social, emotional, physical, and behavioral needs are addressed.

The core instructional strategies included in our action plans are: implement engaging lessons aligned to the Common Core Standards and to state standards (supports Bradley MOU goal as well), utilize formative assessments in classrooms to inform differentiation in instruction (supports Bradley MOU goal as well), increase instructional rigor which is aligned with the cognitive complexity levels of standards and benchmarks, increase student engagement in daily classroom lessons and implement differentiated instruction, utilize interventions that support core instructional goals and objectives, implement school-wide writing expectations, provide social, emotional and behavioral interventions that address students' needs, effectively implement the processes and procedures in the School-wide Behavior Plan, increase parent involvement and communication, implement character education lessons into classrooms on a monthly basis, complete Healthy Schools Program 6-Step Process online and promote awareness of the Healthy Schools Program, track physical education students' health-related fitness levels in PCS student information system.

The professional development efforts include incorporating a lesson plan template, increasing student engagement, implementing Common Core lessons into daily instruction, implementing a scaffolded writing plan school-wide, and providing classroom management techniques.

The parent involvement efforts are a challenge for our school as many parents work during the school day and many parents do not live within close proximity of Clearwater Intermediate School. As a strategy to increase our parent involvement, we will hold Title 1 parent involvement activities throughout the school year in coordination with other activities before and after school.

For more information about Clearwater Intermediate's School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at <http://it.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools/clearwater-ms>