

DUNEDIN HIGHLAND MIDDLE SIP 2013-14 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Dunedin Highland Middle School has 1146 students grades 6, 7 8, four administrators, 75 teachers, and 33 staff members. The mission of Dunedin Highland Middle School is that all students will learn, achieve, and succeed through excellence in educational practices(AVID) while building character and confidence.(Highlander Way).

To accomplish this mission, Dunedin Highland Middle School has 7 Goals:

- 1) Increase Reading Performance scores to 64% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 2) Increase Mathematics Performance scores to 61% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 3) Increase Science Performance scores to 58% students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 4) Increase the Writing Performance scores to 62% students achieving at level 3 or above on FCAT.
- 5) Close the achievement gap between Black and non-black students to our AMO 2014 targets;
- 6) Reduce the number and percent of discipline incidents for each student subgroup by 10% and
- 7) Increase parent involvement hours by 10% representing 50% of our parent population.

The core instructional strategies included in our action plans are: providing in-class modeling and coaching on a bi-weekly basis with a district coach during instruction time; utilizing data to differentiate and scaffold instruction; using research-based strategies in core instruction (e.g., 5E, AVID, Gradual Release, Text Dependent Questioning, Collaboration, Speaking and Listening, Content Enhancement, NG-CARPD); and utilizing Quadrant D project-based learning in appropriate settings.

The professional development efforts include the use of the literacy coach and Leadership Cadre to train and guide teachers in differentiating and scaffolding instruction.

The parent involvement efforts may be challenging for our school as many of our students are being raised by their grandparents. Because of the diversity of our learning community with our Center for Gifted Studies, Scots Fundamental Program and our traditional classrooms we have offer a variety of opportunities for our parents to become involved by featuring our annual Grandmother's Tea, our student led conferencing in Gifted Studies, Career Night, Morning Coffee with ESOL, Camp Highlander and Back to School Nights to recruit parents to become registered volunteers, and become an integral part of their child's education.

For more information about Dunedin Highland Middle's School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at www.dunedin-ms.pinellas.k12.fl.us