

MORGAN FITZGERALD MIDDLE SIP 2013-14 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Morgan Fitzgerald Middle (MFMS) School has 1239 students in grades 6th, 7th and 8th grades; four administrators, 95 teachers, and 30 staff members. The mission of Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School is to strive to generate a challenging learning environment that inspires high expectations for success through development-appropriate instruction that permits individual differences and learning styles. MFMS promotes a safe, orderly, caring, and supportive environment. Student's self-esteem is fostered by positive relationships with students and staff. We strive to have our parents, teachers, and community members actively involved with our student's learning.

To accomplish this mission, Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School has 5 Goals:

- 1) Our reading goal is to increase the percentage of students who score a Level 3 or above on FCAT from 58% to 67%.
- 2) We plan to increase the percentage of students at FCAT 3.5 or above from 56% to 70%.
- 3) The focus for math is to increase mathematical concepts and skills which will increase our Math FCAT scores from 52% Level 3 and above to 62%.
- 4) The primary objective for science is to improve our current level of performance on the science FCAT from 50% to 60%.
- 5) We will address African American students (Bradley MOU) learning gains in reading by implementing best practices to improve our reading scores of 39% to 48% and in mathematics from 25% to 34%.

The core instructional strategies included in our action plans are as follows: align lessons with a course standard or benchmark and to the district/school pacing guide; incorporate into the lesson a goal/essential question and Common Core strategies with complex text; provide a teacher explanation of how the class activities relate to the learning goal and providing an adequate response to the essential question. Focus and/or refocus class discussions by referring to the learning goal/essential question; institute a scale or rubric that relates to the learning goal that is posted for all students to view and make reference. Distribute formative assessments to gauge learning and understanding. Implement differentiated instruction as necessary for ED, ELL, and SWD and other subgroups. Ensure that teacher reference scale or rubric throughout the lesson.

The professional development efforts include determining necessary resources both within and outside of the school and to create a calendar for professional development throughout the school year which will allow faculty and staff opportunities to attend training. Administrators will conduct periodic walkthroughs and review lesson plans and provide instructional staff feedback.

The parent involvement efforts at Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School include a Parent Involvement Committee who meets once a month to plan activities for our parents. We have at minimum of one activity per semester. We also have our monthly PTA meetings and our bi-monthly SAC meetings that are open to all parents and businesses in our area.

Additional information regarding Morgan Fitzgerald Middle's School Improvement Plan is located on our website at www.fitzgerald-ms.pinellas.k12.fl.us