

NINA HARRIS SIP 2013-14 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Nina Harris ESE Center School has 240 students grades Prek to 12th, two administrators, 43 teachers, and 98 staff members. The mission of Nina Harris ESE Center is to provide a safe, nurturing environment where special needs students can build self-esteem to maximize their success at home, school and in the community. Based on our belief that all children can learn and contribute to society, students at Nina Harris are offered a full spectrum of opportunities to participate in and learn appropriate academic, social and daily living skills.

To accomplish this mission, Nina Harris ESE Center has 6 Goals:

- 1) Increase the percentage of students making learning gains in Reading on the Florida Alternate Assessment in Levels 1-3 by 5 points or more and maintaining Level 4 or above in Reading.
- 2) Increase the percentage of students making learning gains in Writing on the FAA by 5%.
- 3) Increase the percentage of students making learning gains in Math on the FAA in Levels 1-3 by 5 points or more and maintaining Level 4 or above in Math.
- 4) Increase the percentage of students making learning gains in Science on the FAA by 5%.
- 5) Increase student engagement by increasing student attendance by 5% and reducing the number of behavior calls by 5%.
- 6) Increase the number of Black Students at Level 4 or above in reading and math by 5% or more as measured by the 2014 FAA.

The core instructional strategies included in our action plans are: utilizing data analysis from a data analysis template to pinpoint areas needing further instruction; and using research-based strategies in core instruction (e.g., TouchMath, Gradual Release, Scaffolding, Wait Time, Errorless Learning).

The professional development efforts include Communication Strategies training for all teachers to develop a consistent communication system for their non-verbal and low-verbal students; TouchMath training; STOIC training to increase levels of student engagement; PLC's will focus on the new Common Core Connectors for Intellectually Disabled students.

The parent involvement efforts for us as a new Title 1 school are detailed in our Parent Involvement Plan (PIP). We will focus on holding parent workshops to provide information about our curriculum and assessment, as well as learning strategies for parents to help their students at home. We will hold the workshops at flexible times in the morning and evenings to increase the options for parents to attend.

For more information about Nina Harris ESE Center's School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at www.ninaharris.org