

PINELLAS SECONDARY SIP 2013-14 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pinellas Secondary School has about 190 students, grades 6 to 12, two administrators, 33 teachers, and 15 staff members. The mission of Pinellas Secondary School is to promote learning in a safe environment through logical decision making, guidance from staff, and provide opportunities that will empower students to responsibly take control of their education.

To accomplish this mission, Pinellas Secondary has 12 Goals:

- 1) To decrease the percentage of students who score below Level 3 on the reading FCAT assessment by 5% and to increase those who make annual learning gains by 3% as reported by whole school or sub groups when available.
- 2) To decrease the percentage of students who score below Level 3 on the mathematics FCAT and EOC assessment by 5% and to increase those who make annual learning gains by 3% as reported by whole school or sub groups when available.
- 3) To decrease the percentage of students who score below Level 3 on the science FCAT and EOC assessment by 5% and to increase those who make annual learning gains by 3% as reported by whole school or sub groups when available.
- 4) To decrease the percentage of students who score below Level 3.5 on the FCAT Writes assessment by 5% and to increase those who make annual learning gains by 3% as reported by whole school or sub groups when available.
- 5) Goal Related to Bradley MOU Black Academic Achievement::To increase the percentage of black students who score on or above Level 3 on the FCAT and EOC assessment by 5%.
- 6) Goal Related to Bradley MOU Student engagement for black students: To increase the active engagement of black students in academics will increase by decreasing referrals and suspensions by 10%.
- 7) Goal Related to Bradley MOU Black graduation rate: Due to being an alternative school and having students involuntary placed (violation of Code of Student Conduct); all our students are under their sending school graduation data.
- 8) Goal Related to Bradley MOU Black advanced coursework: To increase the percentage of black students enrolled in rigorous advanced coursework through satellite centers by 5 %
- 9) Reduce number of in and out of school suspensions by 10 %.
- 10) To work proactively with parents to increase participation in their child's academic achievement by 25%.
- 11) Identify and reduce number of potential drop outs based on grade retention, high absenteeism, failing grades, and low standardized test performance by 5%.
- 12) Identify and complete the Healthier Generation 6 Step Process.

The core instructional strategies included in our action plans are: 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, CCSS, NG-CARPD); utilizing project-based learning in appropriate settings, focus lessons, hands-on activities, comprehensive skill building, and opportunities for course recovery.

The professional development efforts include the use of the literacy team to train and guide teachers in differentiating and scaffolding instruction. We also utilize the behavior specialist and student service teams to train all staff in Crisis Prevention Intervention strategies.

The parent involvement efforts are a challenge for our school as many parents display an unwillingness to be involved in their child's education. Because it is not a neighborhood school, transportation interferes with parents' involvement. Parents have limited awareness of community resources and how to access services. Our strategies to increase parent engagement include:

- 1) Parent/Student Intake Conferences – Pinellas Secondary School will hold student/parent intake conferences to transition their child to PSS for the assigned time from their zoned school
- 2) Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) – The VE Specialist will provide supplemental instructional support provided by Title I during the development of the student's IEP
- 3) Community Partnerships – PSS will work with community providers (SES) to provide places to work with students on reading/math skills (tutoring); outlets for parenting skills
- 4) Parent Workshops – PSS staff will offer parenting workshops during the school year in regards to building positive relationships with their child

For more information about Pinellas Secondary School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at <http://it.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools/Pinellas-sec/index.html>