

## **Executive Summary of Blanton Elementary's School Improvement Plan**

Blanton Elementary School has 547 students from grades PreK to 5th, two (2) administrators, thirty five (35) teachers, seven (7) Title I Hourly Teachers under Title I, eleven (11) Specialists, seventeen (17) Support Staff and seven (7) food service employees. The mission of Blanton Elementary School is to inspire lifelong learning and to provide opportunities for students to gain knowledge, skills and develop character for success in our changing world.

To accomplish this mission, Blanton Elementary has 9 Goals:

- 1) As measured by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, Blanton Elementary School will increase by one level Student Wellness.
- 2) Increase Reading scores to 75% of students achieving proficiency on the Florida State Assessment in English Language Arts.
- 3) Increase Mathematic scores to 75% of students achieving proficiency on the Florida State Assessment in Mathematics.
- 4) Increase Science scores to 75% of students achieving a proficiency level of 3 and above on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) 2.0.
- 5) Blanton Elementary School will close the achievement gap between Black and Non-Black students to our Reading AMO 2015 targets.
- 6) Close the achievement gap between Black and Non-Black students to our Math AMO 2015 targets.
- 7) Reduce the number and percent of discipline incidents for each student subgroup by 10%.
- 8) Increase parent involvement by 10% representing 50% of our parent population.
- 9) Increase writing scores to 75% of students achieving a proficiency level on the Florida State Assessment in Writing.

The core instructional and monitoring strategies included in our action plans are:

- implementation of research based reading, math and science interventions
- increase students writing time
- monitor student absences and tardies to increase learning time
- motivate students to read through active participation in Istation, iReady, Voyager's Ticket to Read and Scholastic's Reading Counts

- motivate students to do math through active participation in ST Math, VMath Live, iReady Math, Journey's Sour to Success.
- set and communicate an explicit purpose for learning in each lesson presented in the classroom
- increase levels of active engagement in all school based activities through differentiation of curriculum and incorporating multiple modalities as measured by walkthrough notes and IPI data
- on-going progress monitoring of all students who are not performing at grade level proficiency as indicated by PCSB Common Assessments, FAIR-FS data, Scholastic' Reading Level Inventory and Formative Assessments, as well as other teacher assessments.

The professional development efforts include the use of the SBLT, Literacy Team, LLC members, site-based IPI evaluators, embedded District Reading, Math and Science Coaches, as well as "Just In Time" Coaches provided by Pinellas County Schools to train and guide teachers in differentiating and scaffolding instruction.

The parent involvement efforts are a challenge for our school as many parents work during the school day. As a strategy to increase parent involvement, the school has moved SAC and PTA meetings to 5:30 pm. Additionally, Blanton Elementary School will be hosting more evening training and family events. Ongoing parent informational meetings with academic support information will occur throughout the year.

For more information about Blanton's School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at <http://www.blanton-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us>.