



Executive Summary of Blanton Elementary School's Improvement Plan



2015-2016

Blanton Elementary School has 548 students from grades PreK to 5th, two (2) administrators, forty-three (43) teachers, seven (7) Hourly Teachers and one (1) Paraprofessional Teacher under Title I, ten (10) Specialists and (17) Support Staff 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. Blanton Elementary will work toward Bronze Level recognition with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation.
2. Blanton Elementary will increase Reading scores to 75% of students achieving proficiency on the 2016 Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) in English Language Arts (ELA).
3. Blanton Elementary will increase Mathematic scores to 75% of students achieving proficiency on the 2016 Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) in Mathematics.
4. Blanton Elementary will increase Science scores to 75% of students achieving a proficiency level of 3 and above on the 2016 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) 2.0.
5. Blanton Elementary School will close the achievement gap between Black and Non-Black students to meet or exceed 75% proficiency as measured by the 2016 Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) in English Language Arts (ELA).
6. Blanton Elementary School will close the achievement gap between Black and Non-Black students to meet or exceed 75% proficiency as measured by the 2016 Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) in Mathematics.
7. Blanton Elementary School will reduce the number and percent of discipline incidents for each student subgroup by 10%.
8. Blanton Elementary School will increase parent involvement by 10% representing 50% of our parent population.
9. Blanton Elementary School will increase writing scores to 75% of students achieving a proficiency level on the 2016 Florida State Assessment (FSA) in Writing.

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

- ❖ Instructional programs and materials aligned to the Florida Standards are implemented by following the District modules / units provided for English Language Arts, Writing, Math and Science. District and Teacher developed Learning Goals and Scales are aligned to Marzano's Instructional Framework and used to promote student mastery of the Florida Standards. Professional Learning Communities meet weekly to review and analyze performance data, drive differentiated instruction, and build teacher and student success.
- ❖ Teachers will create Learning Goals and Scales to monitor student progress in order to assess readiness to move on, remediate, or enrich. Additional monitoring occurs through the review of teacher lesson plans available in classrooms and through classroom walkthroughs. Informal and formal observations and frequent walkthroughs also support the alignment of the Florida Standards within the core instructional program.
- ❖ Researched based interventions are provided daily during a designated period of time, by trained individuals in a program designed to remediate students' demonstrated deficiencies.
- ❖ Data is collected and analyzed to determine the effectiveness of the Core Instruction that occurs during the school day with both a pre and posttest assessment, as well as ongoing formative assessments.
- ❖ The school day is extended to provide interventions for student demonstrated deficiencies, support and enrichment.

Professional Development in academic and behavioral areas is ongoing throughout the school year. Facilitation and support are provided by a "Just in Time" Science Coach, embedded reading and math coaches, a MTSS Coach, our AVID, Olweus Bully Prevention and SBLT Teams and Administrators. Continuous learning at Blanton Elementary School is an expectation for all staff and students.

Parent Involvement efforts include hosting more events a varied times to better accommodate family schedules. Such events include: Meet the Teacher, Saturday campus visit, Title I Annual Meeting, Back to School Open House, Kindergarten Roundup and Transition night, grade level information training and conference nights. In partnering with our parents for success of all students, grade level information nights provide parents an opportunity to understand the Florida Standards and Expectations, AVID strategies, as well as technology assistance that is provided to support instruction.

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