

Executive Summary: Dunedin Highland Middle School
School Improvement Plan for 2016-17

Dunedin Highland Middle School has 1088 students, grades 6-8, 4 administrators, 76 teachers, 3 guidance counselors, and 34 support staff members. The mission of Dunedin Highland Middle School is that all students will learn, achieve, and succeed through excellence in educational practices while building character and confidence. Dunedin Highland Middle School has met the requirements of the AdvancED Accreditation Commission and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement.

School Celebrations

A review of our most recent school achievement data has given us reasons to celebrate and build upon as a school. Those improvements include:

1. Our school is Odyssey of the Mind World Champions
2. Our school is National History Day state champion
3. Our school's Science Olympiad team received 2nd in the District competition
4. Our school received Secretary General award at Model UN
5. Our school certified 367 students in Microsoft, the top 10% in the state of Florida
6. Our school has an award winning Pipe Band
7. Our school had 4 teachers of the year.
8. Our school reduced its total out-of-school suspensions 2015-2016
9. Our school was named an AVID school.
10. Our school has strong business partnership with the community such as Caladesi Island

Primary Goals

To accomplish our mission, Dunedin Highland Middle has the following primary goals.

- 1) DHMS will Increase Reading scores to 62% of students reaching proficiency levels for each student subgroup;
- 2) DHMS will increase Mathematics scores to 63% of students reaching proficiency levels for each student subgroup;
- 3) DHMS will increase Science scores to 60% of students reaching proficiency levels for each student subgroup;
- 4) DHMS will increase Social Studies scores to 74% of students reaching proficiency levels for each student subgroup;
- 5) DHMS will reduce the achievement gap in black and non-black proficiency rates on state assessments.
- 6) DHMS will reduce the number and percent of discipline incidents for each student subgroup by 10-15%
- 7) DHMS will increase our number of parent involvement events that are "tied to student learning" by 50%.

Key Strategies:

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

- Provide students with opportunities to read informational and persuasive texts, write about the process and outcomes of their investigations.
- Use research-based strategies in core instruction (e.g., 5E, 10-70-20 model of instruction, Text Dependent Questioning, Speaking and Listening protocols, SIM, and AVID strategies).
- Conduct data chats with students to support students with goal-setting based on data.
- Utilize scales and rubrics aligned to a learning goal to assess and inform instruction.
- Work side by side with coaches who model best practices

Professional Development

The professional development efforts include the use of the year-long Marzano Framework with an emphasis on goal setting and scales. Our focus is centered on addressing student achievement and success by conducting PLCs that include plans around content standards, students' work, and students' data.

Parent and Community Engagement

DHMS provides parents, families, and communities with the necessary academic tools to increase student achievement. Several times during the year, DHMS hosts family nights at various locations to guarantee that our parents and stakeholder receive valuable academic information. Our parents' nights are carefully planned this year to include instruction on graphic organizers, AVID strategies, test strategies, data chats, and portal night. To evaluate our program we can ask these questions.
Did the families get to learn about a new tip or tool to support their child's learning at home?
Did they practice a new skill or strategy to support their child's learning?
Did the teachers hear from the families about what they know about their child that might help them be a better teacher to their child?

For more information about Dunedin Highland Middle School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at <http://www.pcsb.org/dunedin-ms>