



Executive Summary: Garrison-Jones Elementary

School Improvement Plan for 2016-17



Garrison-Jones Elementary School has 650 students grades Prek to 5th, 2 administrators, 52 teachers, and 27 staff members. The mission of Garrison-Jones Elementary we believe that the purpose of education is to develop the whole child through a broad based curriculum which fosters a positive self-concept, creativity, self-discipline, values and life skills. Garrison-Jones Elementary 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 increased our FSA 2015-2016 mathematics score by 12%
- 2.) Our 4th grade FSA ELA 20125-2016 increased by 12%.
- 3.) Our school is one of the few in the district that has both a primary and intermediate STEM Academy for a total of 4 academies.
- 4.) Our school has expanded our SEM (Schoolwide Enrichment Program) to include 4th and 5th grade students.
- 5.) Our school now has a fully implemented the Dual Language program from VPK through 5th grade.
- 6.) Our school implemented the AVID program 3rd grade thru 5th grade.

Primary Goals

To accomplish our mission, Garrison-Jones Elementary has the following primary goals (please provide 5-10 goals).

- 1) Increase Reading scores to 64% of students reaching proficiency levels for each student subgroup.
- 2) Increase Mathematics scores to 75% of students reaching proficiency levels for each student subgroup.
- 3) Increase Science scores to 59% of students reaching proficiency levels for each student subgroup.
- 4) Close the achievement gap in ESE ELA by 7% percent.
- 5) Decrease students with attendance below 90% by 2%.
- 6) Decrease students with excessive referrals by 1%.

Key Strategies:

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

- We will use iStation as a reading intervention to track students reading growth. Teachers will use the data collected to confer with students and guide whole and small group instruction.
- We will offer iStation training for teachers with Cherie Marsh, where the focus is using iStation data to help plan and support small reading groups.
- Use Jan Richardson's Guided Reading strategies to continue small group reading instruction, as well as other successful reading strategies that promote students reading growth and enrichment.
- We will use journaling across curriculum to increase student writing skills in all content areas.
- We will continue to use Number Talks throughout grade levels to increase student engagement and mathematical computational fluency through the use of computational strategies.
- We will have "Just In Time Training" that will focus on Standards Based Instruction in ELA, Mathematics and Science.

- We will continue to focus science instruction using a project based inquiry focused on the nature of Science and the students will participate in the annual science showcase during the curriculum fair and the district science showcase.
- We will maintain four after school STEM Academies to to increase STEM for students with an increase focused on under-represented populations.

Professional Development

The professional development efforts include the use of Collaborative Planning, Learning Goals and Scales based on Dr. Robert Marazón's Building Expertise conference attendees, Learning Science International effective teaching practices, iStation to analyze monthly ISIP reports, "Just In Time" content specialists to support effective strategies in ELA, Math, and Science, Aligning Instructional Activities with Standards Based and cognitive level.

Parent and Community Engagement

Parent engagement efforts will engage stakeholders effectively in support of the school's purpose and direction. This year we will be providing a parent AVID training, Student Led Conferences for our parents to come in and have their children walk them through their learning outcomes, Bullying Prevention training for parents and community stakeholders, National Walk and Roll to school event in coordination with community leaders, parents, and faculty. Parent FSA workshops, how to Support FSA at home, Branch Ranch, Field Day, Annual Veteran's Day Recognition celebration, World Language International night sponsored by the International after school club.

For more information about Garrison-Jones Elementary School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at <http://www.pcsb.org/garrison-es>