

Executive Summary: St. Petersburg High School

St. Petersburg High School has 2100 students in grades 9-12, five administrators, 110 teachers, and 45 support staff members. The mission of St. Petersburg High School is to graduate all of our students with the skills to be successful in a global society by offering a rigorous and supportive learning environment. St. Petersburg High School has met the requirements of the AdvanceED 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. These improvements include:

1. Over the last four years SPHS has earned an "A" or "B" grade from the state of Florida.
2. Our students earned the 4th highest ELA achievement pass rate among high schools in Pinellas County.
3. SPHS students earned the 4th highest pass rate among Pinellas High Schools on the U.S. History assessment.
4. Our school reduced its total of out of school suspensions by 15% from the previous school year.
5. Our overall graduation rate is 89%, which is the highest graduation rate SPHS has ever attained.
6. SPHS had three students named National Merit semifinalist for the 2015-16 school year.
7. 95% of our graduating IB students earned their IB diplomas.

Primary Goals

To accomplish this mission, St. Petersburg High has the five major goals:

1. Increase the percent of students scoring Level 3 or above on the FSA Assessment in Language Arts to 60%, while improving the percentage of students making learning gains on the ELA Assessment to 60%.
2. Increase the pass rate for our students who take the Algebra, Geometry and Algebra II EOC's to 30%, 50% and 55% respectively.
3. Decrease the number of out of school suspensions by at least 10% for all subgroups during the 2016-17 school year as compared to last year.
4. Continue to close achievement gaps between black and non-black students in all academic and behavior areas, resulting in gaps of no more than 10% in the graduation rate between black and non-black students for the 2016-17 school year.
5. Increase the pass rate for our students taking the Biology EOC from 62% to 70%.
6. Improve our overall graduation rate to 90% or higher for the 2016-17 school year.

Key Strategies

The core instructional strategies included in our action plans are:

- Ensuring that all students are appropriately placed in courses aligned to their educational goals.
- Using research-based strategies in core instructions, such as, gradual release model, text Dependent questioning, and speaking and listening protocols.
- Conducting routine walkthroughs to ensure a viable and appropriate instructional practices are being implemented and used consistently.
- Utilizing project-based learning when appropriate to setting.
- Providing in-class modeling and standards-based exemplars to help students self-assess their progress towards reaching the identified standard.

Professional Development

The professional development efforts include the use of the School wide Leadership team and district resource teachers to guide the teacher in the use of Standards Based instruction and Differentiated Instruction. Language Arts teachers along with Social Studies teachers will attend core-connection training several times throughout the school year in order to identify key instructional content that will be focused on. In addition, each core department has set-up Model classrooms within their department to demonstrate the Marzano framework including the use of Learning Goals/ Scales, common board configuration and best practices for student success.

Parent and community Engagement

The parent involvement at St. Petersburg High School is overall very strong. Parents are involved in assisting at extra-curricular activities, chaperoning field trips, and helping in the school offices. St. Petersburg High School has hosted several volunteer information nights and has volunteer information on our school website and marquee. Moreover, the PTSA has hosted regular evening meeting with featured speakers on academic success, college admissions processes, and other relevant topics. These meeting have been well received by our parents. The Family and community liaison activity recruit mentors and tutors for our students.

For more information about St. Petersburg High School's School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at www.stpetehigh.com