



Executive Summary: Pinellas Secondary

School Improvement Plan for 2017-18

Pinellas Secondary School has 219 students in grades 6th to 12th, two administrators, 38 teachers, and 12 staff members. The mission of Pinellas Secondary is to educate and prepare each student for college, career, and life.

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 improved attendance rates and earned district recognition.
- 2.) Our school reduced its total out-of-school suspensions by 10 percent.
- 3.) Our school was awarded the Bronze level recognition America's Healthiest Schools/Let's Move Active Schools.
- 4.) Our students completed 36 National Recognized Certifications.

Primary Goals

To accomplish our mission, Pinellas Secondary has the following primary goals

- 1) Increase Mathematics scores by 5% for each student subgroup;
- 2) Increase Science scores by 5% for each student subgroup;
- 3) Close the achievement gap in ELA between black and non-black students by 5 percent.
- 4) Reduce the number and percent of discipline incidents for each student subgroup by 10%.
- 5) Increase our number of parent involvement events that are "tied to student learning" by 50%.
- 6) Increase Reading scores by 5% for each student subgroup;

Key Strategies:

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

- Providing in-class modeling and standards-based exemplars to help students self-assess their progress toward the standard.
- Reviewing student work samples as part of our instructional rounds and PLCs as a periodic "rigor" check.
- Using research-based strategies in core instruction (e.g., 5E, Gradual Release, Text Dependent Questioning, Speaking and Listening protocols);
- Utilizing project-based learning in appropriate settings;
- Conducting data chats with students to support students with goal-setting based on data;
- Utilizing scales and rubrics aligned to a learning goal to assess and inform instruction.

Professional Development

The professional development efforts include the use of the year long Marzano Framework with an emphasis on goal setting and scale development, the use of our literacy team to train and guide teachers in differentiating and scaffolding instruction and having teachers meet in Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) to conduct data chats regularly to review student responses and work samples to inform instruction.

Parent and Community Engagement

Parent engagement efforts are a challenge for our school as many parents work during the school and all of our students are bussed into the school. As a strategy to increase parent involvement, PSS staff will offer parenting workshops (academic, behavior, parenting skills, test-taking strategies) during the school year in regards to building positive relationships with their child Parent Meetings/Trainings: PSS will offer parent meetings/trainings per survey results at Pinellas Secondary School (PSS) during the 2017-2018 school year.

Title I Parent Informational Package and Annual Family Engagement Events -Parent Involvement Plan, Compact - overview/input about upcoming news/events, budget; FSA info; FOCUS training/concerns; college readiness; building relationships.

Meeting dates/times will be sent via Connect-ED, PSS newsletter/school Email, fliers, posters, phone calls the school is hosting quarterly evening meetings featuring data review, parent workshops and trainings.

For more information about Pinellas Secondary's School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at www.pinellassecondary school.org