

Executive Summary of St. Petersburg High School's School Improvement Plan

St. Petersburg High School has 2000 students in grades 9-12, five administrators, 101 teachers, and 44 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 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. These improvements include:

1. Over the last four years SPHS has earned an "A" or "B" grade from the state of Florida.
2. The students earned the 4th highest ELA achievement rate among all High Schools in Pinellas County.
3. In addition, SPHS students earned the 4th highest Mathematics achievement rate among all High Schools in Pinellas County.
4. We are also proud that our graduation rate reached 90% for the 2016-17 school year, which is the highest in history.

Primary Goals

To accomplish this mission, St. Petersburg high has four major goals:

1. Increase the percent of students scoring Level 3 or above on the FSA Assessment in Language Arts to 65%, 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 1 and Geometry EOCs to 49% and 54% respectively.
3. Decrease the number of out of school suspensions by 10% for all subgroups during the 2017-18 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 5% in the graduation rate between black and non-black students for the 2017-18 school year.

Key Strategies

The core instructional strategies included in our action plans are:

- ensuring that all students are appropriately placed in their courses
- utilizing data to differentiate and scaffold instruction

- using research based strategies in core instruction such as the gradual release model, text dependent questioning, student collaboration and utilizing project-based learning in appropriate setting
- conducting routine walkthroughs to ensure viable and appropriate instructional practices are being implemented and used consistently
- 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 Schoolwide 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 <https://www.pcsb.org/stpete-hs>.