



Executive Summary: Skycrest Elementary School

School Improvement Plan for 2017-18

Skycrest Elementary School has 612 students grades Prek to 5th, two administrators, 53 teachers, and 36 staff members. The mission of Skycrest Elementary School is to “Inspire and Expect Excellence.” Skycrest Elementary School will collaborate to inspire and expect excellence rising to achieve 100% student success. Skycrest 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 has maintained a C grade for the past three years.
- 2.) Our school improved its 5th Grade SSA Science proficiency by 7 percent.
- 3.) Our school improved its 2nd Grade SAT 10 ELA proficiency by 5 percent.
- 4.) Our school improved its 4th Grade FSA ELA proficiency by 6 percent.
- 5.) Our school improved its 4th and 5th Grade FSA Math proficiency by 3 and 5 percent.
- 6.) Our school had zero out-of-school suspensions.
- 7.) Our school was recognized for having four teachers with a Highly Effective rating by the State.

Primary Goals

To accomplish our mission, Skycrest has the following primary goals:

- 1) Increase the number of students demonstrating proficiency in the English Language Arts (ELA) Florida State Assessment (FSA) from 40 % to 57%, as well as increase the learning gains of all students, in particular those in the lowest 25% from 52% to 57%.
- 2) Increase the number of students demonstrating proficiency in the Mathematics Florida State Assessment (FSA) from 57% to 65%, as well as increase the learning gains of all students, in particular those in the lowest 25% from 42% to 53%.
- 3) Increase the number of students demonstrating proficiency on the Science State Assessment from 49% to 64%.
- 4) Increase the number of Black student demonstrating proficiency on the English Language Arts (ELA) FSA from 24 % to 57%, Mathematics FSA from 37% to 65%, and Science SSA from 24% to 64%.
- 5) Increase the number of ELL students demonstrating proficiency on the English Language Arts (ELA) FSA from 18% to 57%, Mathematics FSA from 46% to 65%, and Science SSA from 25% to 64%.
- 6) Increase the number of ESE students demonstrating learning gains on the English Language Arts (ELA) FSA, Mathematics FSA, and Science SSA by 50%.
- 7) 97% of all students will be in attendance 90% or greater by May 2018 as measured by School Profile (total year).

Key Strategies:

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

- Create a consistent Language for learning to increase student’s level of critical and creative thinking by the school-wide implementation of Thinking Maps.
- Increase daily explicit vocabulary instruction in all content areas.
- Implement strategies to improve speaking and listening skills in all content areas.
- Continue and/or implement Class Meetings to build community and build relationships with students (Restorative Practices).
- Reviewing student work samples as part of our Professional Learning Communities.
- Conducting data chats with individual and grade level teachers with goal-setting based on data.

- Utilizing scales and rubrics aligned to a learning goal to assess and inform instruction.
- Utilize culturally responsive strategies in planning and delivering instruction to all students.
- Conduct frequent observations and walkthroughs with timely and effective feedback.

Professional Development

The professional development efforts include the use of the yearlong Thinking Maps, Marzano Instructional Framework, Restorative Practices, and ELL strategies to train and guide teachers in training, planning, and scaffolding instruction.

Parent and Community Engagement

Parent engagement efforts are a challenge for our school as many parents work during the school day. As a strategy to increase volunteer hours and parental involvement, the school is hosting monthly evening meetings featuring parent-teacher conferencing (data chatting), family involved curriculum nights, and routine evening hours for various volunteer activities benefiting the students.

For more information about Skycrest's School Improvement Plan, please visit our website at <https://www.pcsb.org/skycrest-es>