

WESTGATE ELEMENTARY SIP 2013-14 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Westgate Elementary School has six hundred seventeen (617) students in grades Kindergarten through Grade Five, two (2) administrators, forty two (42) teachers, and thirty (30) staff members. The mission of Westgate Elementary is to provide an environment in which learners continue to succeed through quality teaching.

To accomplish this mission, Westgate Elementary has Six Goals:

- 1) Increase Reading scores to 85% of students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 2) Increase Mathematics scores to 60% of students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 3) Increase Science scores to 57% of students achieving at level 3 and above on FCAT;
- 4) Bradley MOU: Increase the achievement level of black student in reading (25% to 48%) to and in math from (10% to 35%); based on AMO targets.
- 5) Reduce the number and percent of discipline incidents for each student subgroup by 40%
- 6) Increase parent involvement hours by 30% representing 50% of our parent population.

The core instructional strategies included in our action plans are: collaborative planning aligned to the common core shifts in reading and math focused on learning goals, monthly coaching on Marzano strategies through Learning Science International, the use of formative assessments in making instructional decisions, the utilization of data to differentiate and scaffold instruction, the use of research-based strategies in core instruction (e.g., 5E, Text Dependent Questioning, Collaboration, Close Reading, and the utilization of project-based learning in appropriate settings. Additionally, positive behavior supports will be provided in the form of an effective school wide behavior plan.

The professional development efforts in our plan include the use of the Learning Science International Marzano Coach, Reading Staff Developers, Math Lead Teachers, Professional Learning Communities and book study.

The parent involvement efforts in our plan have resulted in an increase in parent participation in school sponsored events. We will continue to provide a variety of opportunities for parental engagement. The school has an active School Advisory Council and Parent Teacher Association involved in school improvement initiatives. Title 1 sponsored Reading and Math Night workshops for parents and instructional materials allow parents to extend the learning at home. All Pro Dads and iMoms events provide parents the opportunity to discuss academic issues such as Common Core Standards.

For more information about Westgate Elementary's School Improvement Plan, please go to our website at www.westgate-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us