

PLANO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Annual Report: 2007 - 2008
Campus Improvement Plan

School-Based
Improvement
Committee

Name of School: Armstrong Middle School

School Based Improvement Committee Members

2006-2007

Courtney Washington

Scott Pilgrim

Libby DeLeon

Renee Davis

Ben Moore

George Dickerson

Nixon Winter

Janice Truitt

Stephanie Koudelka (Stanton)

Terry Cavallito

Shirely Sadowski

Mindy Johnson

Alan Bertucci

Bonnie Hickox-Mehis

Diane Mueller

Krystal Pearl

Laura Wood

Debbie Saviano

Cathy Parker

Maureen Yervasi

Gisele Davies

New Members 2007 - 2008

Susan Saviano

Debra Babers

Karen Gay

Tonya Horton

Nikole Roberson

Glenda Rouse

Linda Flack

Guy Bradshaw

Marge Bertucci

Meeting Dates 2007 - 2008

September 28, 2007

February 8, 2008

May 23, 2008

Public Meeting 2007 - 2008

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2007-2008

Goal: Math

Increase passing percentage of African American and Economically Disadvantaged Students.

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Student Group: Targeted African American and Economically Disadvantaged Students

Action Step	Person / Team Responsible	Resources Required	Time Required For Completion
1. Increase the number of African American and Economically Disadvantaged students participating in Saturday School.	Laurie Newby/ESL Department	Math lessons from the PISD curriculum	May 2008
2. Facilitate small group objective specific instruction with targeted student groups (AA and ED) once a week.	Stephanie Stanton, Math Specialist	Teacher time	May 2008

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2007-2008

Goal: Math**Increase passing percentage of all students on TAKS assessment.**Page 2 of 16**Student Group: All Students**

Action Step	Person / Team Responsible	Resources Required	Time Required For Completion
1. Continue Math Masters Club for students needing support on specific math objectives identified by CogAT.	Stephanie Stanton and Math Department	Parental notification via e-classroom, parent letters, and school newsletters	May 2008
2. Communicate with parents regarding expectations for completion of the District mandated Practice Sheets.	Stephanie Stanton and Math Department	Parental notification via e-classroom, parent letters, and school newsletters	May 2008
3. Recruit volunteers for morning and afternoon math tutorials.	Stephanie Stanton , Math Department, PTA , Volunteers	Parental notification via e-classroom, parent letters, and school newsletters	May 2008

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Goal: Reading

Increase passing percentage of all students on TAKS assessment.

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Student Group: All Students

Action Step	Person / Team Responsible	Resources Required	Time Required For Completion
1. Increase students' reading opportunities by developing a reading contest which recognizes and rewards students for reading.	Renee Davis	Reading materials, Teacher time, rewards	May 2008
2. Provide weekly targeted small group instruction of students to all reading classes.	Renee Davis and Reading teachers	Reading materials, Teacher time	May 2008
3. Implement science texts into reading instruction.	Renee Davis, Science teachers, Reading teachers	Science magazines, articles, etc.	May 2008

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Goal: Special Education

Increase awareness and readiness of new SPED mandates regarding TAKS assessment.

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Student Group:

Action Step	Person / Team Responsible	Resources Required	Time Required For Completion
1. Accurately identify students taking TAKS M and TAKS A for general and special education teachers.	Glenda Rouse and SPED teachers	Facilitator time, training	May 2008
2. Train teachers on how to effectively incorporate special education accommodations and modifications in the classroom.	Glenda Rouse and SPED teachers	Facilitator time, training	May 2008
3. Implement consistent use of mandatory tutorials for all special education students failing core classes.	Glenda Rouse and SPED teachers	SPED strategies, Teacher time	May 2008
4. Incorporate AVID strategies during tutorials before and after school.	Glenda Rouse, Susan Saviano and SPED teachers	AVID strategies, training, Teacher time, materials	May 2008

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Goal: Citizenship/Student Behavior Management

Increase instructional time by improving school climate, safety and security.

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Student Group: All Students

Action Step	Person / Team Responsible	Resources Required	Time Required For Completion
1. Introduce staff to Positive Behavior Support (PBS) through monthly faculty meetings.	PBS Committee	Committee time	May 2008
2. Model effective PBS classroom management strategies and positive language.	PBS Committee	Committee time	May 2008
3. Educate staff on student diversity trends and how to make connections with the student population we serve.	PBS Committee	Committee time	May 2008
4. Reward students complying with expected behavior.	AMS Staff	Incentives	May 2008
5. Reward teachers implementing PBS strategies.	PBS Committee	Incentives	May 2008
6. Recognize and publicize Character Awards via morning announcements, newsletters, e-News, marquee, and during lunch.	Melissa Bowman, Team Leaders, Counselors, Admin.	Staff time, incentives	May 2008
7. Increase college awareness through college days and door decorations.	AMS Staff	Staff time	May 2008
8. Continue to implement the GEM Mentoring Program.	Joan McIntosh, AMS Staff	Staff time	May 2008
9. Educate staff and students on characteristics of bullying and reporting procedures.	Joan McIntosh, Counselors	Staff time, training	May 2008
10. Implement a confidential reporting system for students.	Joan McIntosh, Counselors	Student involvement, material	May 2008
11. Provide for intervention when bullying occurs: mediation, counseling, discipline, CIS groups, CARE referrals.	Joan McIntosh, Counselors, CIS, CARE Committee	Staff time, training	May 2008

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Goal: AVID

Increase college readiness by implementing AVID Strategies school-wide.

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Student Group: All Students

Action Step	Person / Team Responsible	Resources Required	Time Required For Completion
1. Train staff on AVID strategies via school-wide professional development, faculty and department meetings.	AVID Site Team	AVID materials, Site Team/Teacher time	May 2008
2. AVID strategies discussed in monthly department meetings.	Susan Saviano, Department Chairs	Teacher time	May 2008
3. School-wide binder checks.	Team Leaders	teacher time, binders, rubrics	May 2008

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Goal: AVID

Increase AVID students opportunity to participate in rigorous courses.

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Student Group: AVID Students

Action Step	Person / Team Responsible	Resources Required	Time Required For Completion
1. Review criteria and selection process for honors courses.	AVID Site Team	AVID Site Team time, District criteria	May 2008
2. Analyze all components of the CogAT to determine student eligibility in honors courses.	Susan Saviano and Nikole Roberson	CogAT scores, Staff time	May 2008

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Goal: AVID

Increase awareness of AVID Program.

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Student Group:

Action Step	Person / Team Responsible	Resources Required	Time Required For Completion
1. Add an AVID link to school website.	Susan Saviano and Victor Trujillo	Technology, AVID information	May 2008
2. Create an AVID bulletin board.	Susan Saviano and AVID Students	AVID information	May 2008
3. Include AVID information in parent and newsletters.	Team Leaders and Susan Saviano	AVID information	May 2008
4. Include an AVID station at Open House.	AVID Counselors	AVID information (brochures)	May 2008
5. Introduce AVID Program to feeder elementary schools.	AVID Counselors	AVID information (handouts)	May 2008
6. Include student testimonials at parent and faculty meetings.	Susan Saviano and AVID Students	Meeting time	May 2008
7. Solicit community/business partners to support AVID Program.	AVID Site Team	Partners' time	May 2008

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Goal: Social Studies

Increase students' vocabulary comprehension of Social Studies concepts and mastery of TAKS objectives.

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Student Group: All Students

Action Step	Person / Team Responsible	Resources Required	Time Required For Completion
1. Introduce a vocabulary assessment that focuses on student mastery of concepts via "Word of the Day" and weekly writing assignments.	Social Studies Department	PISD curriculum	May 2008
2. Implement a Connection Day which focuses on concepts and content specific to Objective 1 of the TEKS via games, hands on activities, and computer activities.	Eighth Grade SS teachers	Teacher time, computer software, Whiz Quiz	May 2008

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Goal: Social Studies

Increase the commended passing percentage on TAKS assessment from 36% to 50%.

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Student Group: All Students

Action Step	Person / Team Responsible	Resources Required	Time Required For Completion
1. Implement a 100 Club to increase student performance.	Social Studies Department	Incentives	May 2008
2. Recognize five outstanding students per six weeks.	Social Studies Department	Incentives	May 2008
3. Analyze CogAT data and conference with students in need of support.	Social Studies Department, Eighth grade teachers	CogAT scores, Teacher time	May 2008
4. Vertically align sixth and seventh grade TEKS to support eighth grade TEKS.	Social Studies Department	Assessment materials, Teacher time	May 2008

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Goal: Writing**Increase the number of students earning 3s, 4s, and commended on TAKS Writing assessment.**Page 12 of 16**Student Group: Seventh Grade Students**

Action Step	Person / Team Responsible	Resources Required	Time Required For Completion
1. Incorporate more examples of exemplary writing by students and published authors in all language arts classes.	Language Arts Department	Writing samples, library resources	May 2008
2. Share "golden lines" from student writing samples with student body during morning announcements and class time.	Shirley Sadowski and LA Dept.	Student writing samples	May 2008
3. Encourage all teachers to emphasize correct grammar and mechanics on all assignments.	All Teachers/Staff Shirley Sadowski, Linda Eckstein, Monte Morgan	Teacher time, Writing strategies	May 2008
4. Continue holding the Writer's Workshop for seventh grade students.		Grant monies, Teacher time	May 2008

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Goal: Attendance**Maintain an exemplary campus attendance rating.**Page 13 of 16 **Student Group: All Students**

Action Step	Person / Team Responsible	Resources Required	Time Required For Completion
1. Recognize perfect attendance every six weeks with certificate and special celebration.	Renee Davis, Carolina Morales	Teacher time, incentives	May 2008
2. Communicate attendance expectations through newsletters, Phone-Master, e-News and e-Classroom.	Carolina Morales, Sharon Chappellear	Staff time	May 2008
3. Contact parents of students with attendance concerns after two unexcused absences.	Joan McIntosh, Carolina Morales, Sharon Chappellear	Staff time, parental support	May 2008

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Goal Indicator: Science

Increase comprehension of science concepts via Science Club.

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Student Group: 86-100% CogAT Range Students

Action Step	Person Responsible	Resources Required	Date Completed
1. Target key academic skills based on objectives discovered from MAP testing.	Science Dept., Linda Flack	Science curriculum and Teacher time	May 2008
2. Increase the opportunity of students to participate in hands-on inquiry based activities.	Science Dept., Linda Flack	MAP scores, CogAT scores, Gizmo-website	May 2008

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Goal Indicator: Science

Increase comprehension of science concepts via science vocabulary development.

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Student Group:

Action Step	Person Responsible	Resources Required	Date Completed
1. Increase students' exposure to science vocabulary through Word Walls and Science Journals.	Science Dept., Linda Flack	Science Curriculum and Teacher Time	May 2008

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Goal Indicator: Science

Increase comprehension of science concepts through interdisciplinary activities.

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Student Group:

Action Step	Person Responsible	Resources Required	Date Completed
1. Students will review science concepts in core classes via short content focused science questions.	Science Dept., Linda Flack	Science Curriculum	May 2008

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Goal Indicator: Drug Awareness

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Student Group: All Students

Action Step	Person Responsible	Resources Required	Date Completed
a) Educate staff and students on characteristics of and reporting procedures for drug abuse through Red Ribbon week and classroom guidance.	Counselors and Officer Schmidt	Training, teacher time	September 2008
b) Implement a confidential reporting system for students.	Counselors and Officer Schmidt	Student involvement, materials	May 2008
c) Provide for intervention when drug abuse occurs: outside counseling, discipline, parental support.	Administrators, Counselors, Officer Schmidt	Training, time	May 2008

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2007 2006	Reading	Math	Writing	History	Science	SDAA II
All Students	94% 87%	86% 81%	97% 96%	93% 88%	73% n/a	94% 84%
African Am	95% 89%	80% 69%	97% 96%	91% 88%	64% n/a	
Hispanic	91% 80%	82% 74%	99% 94%	87% 77%	48% n/a	
White	98% 91%	92% 89%	95% 99%	99% 95%	88% n/a	
Econ Disadv	92% 80%	78% 72%	95% 93%	87% 79%	54% n/a	