

PLANNED IMPROVEMENT FOR THE SCHOOL AND DISTRICT

This is the final section of the school report card in which your school and district provide information below on areas of success and areas for planned improvement based on your school's improvement plan.

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NCHS PRIORITY GOALS---2008-2009

Goal 1: Improve student writing skills in a variety of contexts.

- An adult tutor is available to work with students to improve student writing skills.
- An Intervention Strategies study hall provides structure, communication between student/teacher/parent, instruction in study skills, and consistency to help students improve their study habits.
- Students will implement the Writer's Workbench software to evaluate writing samples. This will allow the students to correct/make changes to their work before they turn it in to the teacher.
- The District Writing Curriculum is being implemented in several classes. Students are developing portfolios of sample writing examples.

Goal 2: Improve student reading for information skills in a variety of contexts.

- An adult tutor is available to work with students to develop reading strategy skills.
- An Intervention Strategies study hall provides structure, communication between student/teacher/parent, instruction in study skills, and consistency to help students improve their study habits.
- Teachers will implement reading strategy skills they learned last year from Phyllis Hostemeier, a professional reading consultant.

Goal 3: Increase the use of technology by:

- providing student and community access to current technology
 - Several LCD projectors have been installed in additional classrooms.
 - Teachers are using student responders to engage students in various activities.
- offering teacher professional development in technology and its implementation
 - March 2008 Teacher Institute focused on areas of technology.
- using Grade Quick in grade recording
 - Training for new staff and refresher offered during 2008 SIP activities

Goal 4: Improve communication opportunities between the following:

- Students and Staff
 - Address students of poverty issues
 - Administration will attend a conference on school dropouts and their relationship to poverty
- Staff and Parents
 - Focus on improving communication and relationships with parents
 - We encourage staff to make at least five parent contacts each quarter, for example: by phone, email, post card, face-to face
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Oct. 9-10.
 - Parents and Administration Numerous letters on various topics sent to parents throughout school year
- Administration and Staff
 - Various activities are planned to develop relationships among staff members and between staff and administration.
- School website updated daily to provide current information to parents and community

Goal 5: Improve school safety and emergency preparedness training in the following manner:

- Address bullying and harassment
 - Student assembly in fall focused on personal decision making, making appropriate choices, definition of success
 - Teachers are expected to address issues of bullying and harassment immediately, document the situation and involve administration as needed
- Monitor the emergency management plan
 - Involve law enforcement in emergency drills and disaster drills
 - Review of plan during SIP days activities
- Provide professional development for staff