

School Improvement Plan for 2011-12

Academic Goal

Goal 1: To improve students' writing skills

Objective: Students in grades 3-8 will show progress in specific writing skills (organization, support, sentence structure, word choice, and mechanics) as evidenced by the Educational Records Bureau (ERB) writing assessment.

Strategies

- Kindergarten through second grade will continue to use rubrics for assessing student writings.
- Implement the ERB writing rubric in Grades 3-8.
- Provide teacher, student, and parent training for the online ERB writing program (WRaP).
- Continue elementary and middle school collaboration meetings for writing across the curriculum.
- Provide professional development opportunities for middle school teachers to communicate writing expectations across the curriculum.
- An ERB assessment writing portfolio with annual ERB writing assessments will be provided for student in grades 3-8 with results. These portfolios will travel with students each year and will be used by teachers to assess writing growth.

Goal 2: To strengthen reading instruction

Objective: Teachers will implement research-based best practices for teaching reading.

Strategies

- Create a scope and sequence for reading instruction in grades 6-8.
- Continue to analyze our current resources and instructional methods, evaluating where improvements can be made.
- Purchase reading resources that will enhance best teaching practices.
- Provide professional development to implement best practices in reading across the curriculum at all grade levels.

Technology Goal

Goal 3: To increase student and teacher use of technology for learning

Objective: To expand and enrich students' and teachers' use and knowledge of existing technology

Strategies

- Analyze current technology curriculum
- Investigate best practices in computer literacy and assessments.
- Continue collaboration between technology instructor, media specialist, and other resource teachers with the classroom teachers to enhance student learning.
- Provide professional development and real time application to practice the additional components of RenWeb and other existing technology resources.
- Share technology skills through a variety of avenues, such as faculty meetings, department meetings, professional development days, etc.

Climate/Spiritual Goal

Goal 4: To promote Christ-like attributes within and outside the SPCS community

Objective: The school community, under the leadership of the Spiritual Emphasis committee, will create and organize opportunities for student and teacher involvement and leadership in Christian service.

Strategies

- Include students and guidance personnel on the Spiritual Emphasis committee.
- Introduce and implement R.O.C.K. (Rules of Christian Kindness)
- Reevaluate morning devotion schedule.
- Increase the number of student-led chapels.
- Provide more hands-on opportunities for service to the community.
- Investigate the possibility of starting Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
- Encourage relationships with local pastors in the community through chapels, special services, and Bible classes.