



Baptist Hill Middle High School SIC 2017 Report to Parents

Baptist Hill Middle High School's mission is to inspire students to excel in higher levels of academic performance. This year has been filled with great academic performances and achievements. Our middle school students continue to close the achievement gaps in both reading and math. Our high school students continue to close gaps of achievement in college and career readiness.

This year we increased our high school course offering to our 8th grade students. Current 8th grade students now have an opportunity to earn a maximum of 5 high school credits. We extended our after school tutorial program to provide high stakes test preparation for both middle and high school students. Students received intensive direct instruction in English and math 2 days per week for 10 consecutive weeks along with an evening meal and free transportation. As a result, Baptist Hill had very positive outcome from WorkKeys. Over half of our seniors obtained Silver-level or above job certification. Even more impressive, is Baptist Hill's steady progress in narrowing the achievement gap. According to Measurements of Academic Progress assessment (MAP), nearly half of our middle students have seen an increase in both reading and math, which equates to one year of academic growth.

As a part of our school culture plan, we held our first Annual Black History school wide assembly, our first Middle School Formal and extended our school garden program through a \$5000 Lowe's Community Grant.

Our teachers are participating in a Digital Learning Cohort which enables them to integrate technology in the classroom. We have increased our students' access to technology through the use of mobile chromebook carts and iPads. This access encourages students to use their school email to communicate with teachers and counselors, technology and information literacy, and maximizes their capacity for lifelong learning and skills for college and career readiness.

Our focus to prepare our students for college and career readiness can be seen through the success of the school district's only Barbering Program located here at Baptist Hill. Five of our male students participated in a new partnership and internship program with Steven's Towing. As a part of our mission, all seniors participated in community service and a job shadowing experience. In addition, we have increased the number dually enrolled high students at Trident Technical College. Through our partnership with Trident Technical College, a plan has been established to increase the number of Early College Program participants.

We are dedicated to our mission to Inspire; Educate; and Excel.

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