

John C. Calhoun Elementary School

School Summary Report 2017-2018

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Summary of 2016– 2017 School Year

The assessment component of our plan at John C. Calhoun Elementary calls for the use of DRA2 to monitor the reading progress of students who are having difficulty throughout the year. DRA2 is also used for benchmark testing three times during the year to see if students are progressing in line with national norms. This year we have implemented a new program where all of the students who scored “at-risk” or “intensive” were tested more frequently. Testing students bi-monthly has allowed us to get a more accurate picture of the effectiveness of our interventions, and we adjust them accordingly. All of this information will provide a better idea of how students are performing and how best to meet their needs.

JCCE teachers also monitor student progress through SLOs. This process allows teachers to see the growth that their students make as the year progresses and aids in the development of individual student goals.

Our students took the SCReady State Test for the first time in 2016. The student score information was

Rated in the categories of Does Not Meet, Approaches, Meets and Exceeds. The test report information was used to look at achievement levels and to set goals for future student growth and achievement. We hope for further information as to what “Approaches” means and the weights assigned to the category.

The school also administers MAP Tests three times per year, once in the Fall, once in the winter, again in the Spring. MAP is a way of gauging academic growth and projecting where students will perform on the SCReady Tests.. All students at JCCE showed growth according to their MAP scores and in accordance to the SLO’s . Translating the scores into their SCReady equivalents allows us to compare the past scores from SCReady to how they performed this year on MAP.

JCCE continues to use the Data Room in the school. Each student in the school is tracked based on his or her MAP, CAI, and other data sources to help identify individual student performance and mastery of standards.

The schedule for third through fifth grades remained the same. Each teacher in these grade levels are departmentalized by ELA, Math, and Science

and Social Studies. Students changed classes four times a day and received instruction in each area for an hour and fifteen minutes. This allowed the teachers to specialize in a certain area where they placed all of their planning and expertise. It also allowed the students to experience changing classes and build the responsibility required to succeed in Middle School where this is a requirement.

The 2016-2017 School Year was a very productive year. We were very pleased by our performance and proud of the community support we have been able to maintain.

2017-2018
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Mission Statement

The mission of John C. Calhoun Elementary School is to develop proficient, creative, self-motivated students by providing quality educational opportunities in a safe, nurturing environment, which supports innovations and lifelong learning.



Summary of the 2017-2018 School Year

We continue to use the curriculum guidelines for our core program this year and follow the same outline for SRA as we have done in the past.

The assessment component of our plan calls for the use of DRA2 to monitor the reading progress of students who are having difficulty throughout the year. DRA2 is also used for benchmark testing three times during the year to see if students are progressing in line with national norms. We are continuing our program where all of the students who scored "at-risk" or "intensive" were tested more frequently. Testing students bi-monthly has allowed us to get a more accurate picture of the effectiveness of our interventions, and we adjust them accordingly. All of this information will provide a better idea of how students are performing and how best to meet their needs and we continue to see the number of "at-risk" students decrease.

Guided Reading is used in ELA classes to give teachers the opportunity to work with small groups for more intensive skill strategies as well as the enrichment of higher leveled readers to increase comprehension skills.

We were also encouraged by this year's MAP scores. MAP testing is administered once in the Fall, once in the winter, again in the Spring. MAP is a way of gauging academic growth and projecting where students will perform on the SCREADY tests. All students at JCCE showed growth according to their MAP scores. Translating the scores into their SCREADY equivalents allows us to compare the past scores from ACT Aspire to how they performed this year on MAP.

Creative scheduling allowed each of these teachers an hour each morning to work with our students in the areas of Math and Reading based on needs through our Student Learning Objectives. SLO's drive classroom instruction for individual students as well as whole group needs. This sys-

tem allows teachers to better differentiate instruction for students.

JCCE continues to use the Data Room in the school. Each student in the school is tracked based on his or her MAP, CAI and other data sources to help identify individual student performance and mastery of standards.

We continue to departmentalize 3rd-5th grades. Each team of teachers are responsible for two core subjects based on their strengths (ELA, Math, Science or Social Studies). Students change classes four times a day and receive instruction in each area for an hour and fifteen minutes. This allows the teachers to specialize in a certain area where they can place all of their planning and expertise. It also allows the students to experience changing classes and build the responsibility required to succeed in Middle School where this is a requirement. We hope that this change in scheduling will increase test scores as well as better prepare students for the next level.

Thus far, the 2017-2018 School Year has been a productive year. We are encouraged by the data we have seen and look forward to the results from this year's testing.

