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“Together We Can”

2021-2022 SIC Report to the People

Principal’s Message

The 2021-2022 school year is an historic year for our school and district. This year Hampton District 1 and Hampton District 2 became the consolidated Hampton County School District. This year has been a year of transition, but none the less, a wonderful year of teaching and learning.

The district’s motto is “Together We Can.” We exemplify this motto through our ongoing collaborative district-wide meetings as well as our school-level meetings. This year, we continue to focus on student growth, the social-emotional needs of staff and students, and professional growth of all staff members. Below you will find a list of this year’s initiatives/strategies for continuous improvement:

1. **Intervention-** a 60 minute intervention period is included in each student’s daily schedule. Two of the programs we use with our Tier 2 and 3 reading and math students are described below:
 - **Read 180** – is blended learning intervention program that builds reading comprehension, academic vocabulary, and writing skills for struggling students.
 - **Math 180**[®] is an engaging and motivating digital math intervention program with flexible print for students in middle school who need to build foundational skills to close skills gaps and to successfully transition to Algebra.
2. **Acellus (Science and Social Studies)** – Acellus is a learning accelerator. It uses video-based lessons with cutting-edge technology to accelerate learning, elevate standardized test scores, reduce dropout rates and transition more students into careers and college.
3. **Second Step Social Emotional Curriculum-** Middle school is a time of change. Second Step helps t teach powerful skills and competencies—like handling strong emotions, setting and meeting goals, making good decisions, and forging positive relationships—while building the safe, supported learning environment middle schoolers need to succeed. We continue to use this program on SEL Mondays and during our small group guidance sessions.
4. **EMS House Academic and Behavior Houses-** staff promotes positive behaviors and academic engagement and growth with the use of points and competitions. Students that meet expectations are invited to participate in competitions and celebrations.

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5. **SC State 1890 Research & Extension-** this year we partnered with S.C. State to offer a leadership club to a selected group of students. Students participated in club sessions and field trips throughout the year.
6. **Low Country Food Pantry** – Boxes of food are delivered to the school monthly for families.
7. **Family Nights-** this year families were invited to participate in several informational evening sessions ---- Literacy Night, Assessment Night, Winter Program, and SIC Nights. Our students did a phenomenal job leading some of those sessions.



EMS Academic and Behavior Houses
 “Knights”



EMS Academic and Behavior Houses
 “Trojans”



EMS Academic and Behavior Houses
 “Spartans”

The initiatives listed above help us to meet the academic, social-emotional, and physical needs of our students. We are looking forward to celebrating this year’s growth during the 2022-2023 school year. **Thank you to all our parents, community members and staff** for your participation in helping to make this year a successful year for our students and school.

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