



East Washington School Corporation

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East Washington Middle School 2012-13 School Improvement Plan

**Review and Revisions will be conducted on an annual basis for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years.*

Goal 1: To Improve Student Math Achievement

- **Focus on Number Sense Skills**
- **Focus on Geometry Skills**
- **Teacher Collaboration between Grade Levels**

Goal 2: To Improve Student Language Arts Achievement

- **Teacher Collaboration between Grade Levels**
- **Focus on Language Convention Skills**
- **Increase Student Performance in the area of Writing for Different Purposes**
- **Incorporate the Indiana ISTEP+ Writing Rubric**

Goal 1: To Improve Student Math Achievement

Objective: The percentage of students that pass the Indiana ISTEP+ Math Assessment will increase from the prior year's administration.

***Strategy Name: Focus on Number Sense Skills**

Description: A focus will be placed on improving students' math skills in the area of number sense through initiating daily practice in a mini-lesson format.

Activity: Daily Warm-ups

Description: At the beginning of math class, students will engage in whole group math activities that place emphasis on the area of number sense.

Begin and End Date: September 17, 2012-May 17, 2013

Funding: None Needed

Responsible Staff: MS Math Teachers

***Strategy Name: Focus on Geometry Skills**

Description: A focus will be placed on improving students' math skills in the area of geometry through a deliberate, thorough emphasis on this topic.

Activity: Purposeful Planning

Description: Geometry lessons will be planned for and taught prior to ISTEP+ testing window.

Begin and End Date: January 7, 2013 – May 1, 2013

Funding: None Needed

Responsible Staff: MS Math Teachers

Activity: Digital Resources

Description: Students will use technology to engage in available digital resources that place emphasis on geometry standards for their grade level.

Begin and End Date: January 7, 2013 – May 1, 2013

Funding: None Needed

Responsible Staff: MS Math Teachers and Technology Team

***Strategy Name: Teacher Collaboration**

Description: Math Teachers will utilize collaboration time to engage in professional dialogue to improve successful grade level transition. An updated scope and sequence of our math curriculum will be developed.

Activity: Math Teacher Collaboration Time

Description: Math teachers will meet twice a month across grade levels for professional dialogue and to create a scope and sequence of our math curriculum. Instructional strategies will also be shared.

Begin and End Date: October 15, 2012 – May 1, 2013

Funding Needed: None Needed

Responsible Person: MS Principal and Math Teachers Grades 5-8

Goal 2: To Improve Student Language Arts Achievement

Objective: The percentage of students that pass the Indiana ISTEP+ Language Arts Assessment will increase from the prior year's administration.

***Strategy Name: Teacher Collaboration Between Grade Levels**

Description: Language teachers will utilize collaboration time to develop a consistent focus on writing techniques. Instructional strategies will be discussed, refined, and shared.

Activity: Writing Collaboration Time

Description: Language Arts Teachers will meet twice a month across grade levels to outline specific writing strategies. Documentation will be kept and updated each meeting.

Begin and End Date: October 15, 2012 - May 1, 2013

Funding: None Needed

Responsible Staff: MS Principal and Language Arts Teachers Grades 5-8

***Strategy Name: Focus on Language Conventions**

Description: A focus will be placed on improving students' proper usage of language conventions through embedding the teaching of these skills within daily writing, every day edits, and content writing.

Activity: Embedding Language Conventions within Writing

Description: Language Conventions will be taught within various styles of writing.

Begin and End Date: Oct. 15, 2012 – May 17, 2013

Funding: None Needed

Responsible Staff: MS Classroom Teachers

Activity: Every Day Edits

Description: Each day, the students will correct a sentence/paragraph citing proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

Begin and End Date: August 20, 2012-May 17, 2013

Funding: None Needed

Responsible Staff: MS Language Arts Teachers

Activity: Content Writing

Description: All teachers will hold students accountable for proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation for all writing assignments within their content area.

Begin and End Date: September 17, 2012-May 17, 2013

Funding: None Needed

Responsible Staff: MS Teachers

***Strategy Name: Increase Student Performance in the Area of Writing for Different Purposes**

Description: Students will engage in writing activities that focus on various writing styles. Emphasis will be placed on persuasive writing, written responses to literature, short stories, autobiographies and biographies, and informational text.

Activity: Leveled Writing Samples

Description: All language arts teachers will provide students with leveled writing samples to analyze for strengths and weaknesses.

Begin and End Date: October 15, 2012-May 17, 2013

Funding: None Needed

Responsible Staff: MS Language Arts Teachers

Activity: Student/ Teacher Writing Conferences

Description: All language arts teachers will conduct student/teacher writing conferences to provide guidance and check for understanding.

Begin and End Date: October 15, 2012-May 17, 2013

Funding: None Needed

Responsible Staff: MS Language Arts Teachers

Activity: Audience, Purpose, and Format

Description: All language arts teachers will model how to identify the audience, purpose, and format required for each writing assignment.

Begin and End Date: October 15, 2012-May 17, 2013

Funding: None Needed

Responsible Staff: MS Language Arts Teachers

***Strategy Name: Incorporate the Indiana ISTEP+ Writing Rubric**

Description: Teachers will use the Indiana Writing ISTEP+ Rubric to assess Student Writing.

Activity: Writing Rubric ISTEP+

Description: Teachers will be provided a copy of the Indiana Writing Rubric used for ISTEP+.

Begin and End Date: October 15, 2012-May 17, 2013

Funding: None Needed

Responsible Staff: MS Principal

Activity: Writing Rubric Professional Development

Description: Professional Development will be provided on usage of the rubric through an in-house workshop.

Begin and End Date: September 25, 2012....7:30 am/ 3:15 pm

Funding: None Needed

Responsible Staff: MS Principal and Amanda Hurst

Activity: Utilize Rubric

Description: Teachers will utilize the rubric when scoring writing assignments.

Begin and End Date: October 15, 2012-May 17, 2013

Funding: None Needed

Responsible Staff: MS Teachers