

Dixon Middle School  
2009-2010 Results

Goal One

- Expanded AR nonfiction selections to promote literacy and support classroom curriculum.
- Utilized a new, web-based version of PLATO to improve remediation of kids who were non-proficient on EOG exams.
- Implemented changes to EC services by including a Life Skills class, offering inclusion, pull-out services and curriculum assistance to the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades, and matching the curriculum assistance EC model (that Dixon High School offers) with our eighth graders.
- Implement and monitor new advanced language arts courses (Creative Writing, Journalism, and Yearbook.)

Goal Two

- Teachers participated in NC Wise training to master required skills.
- Teachers received training and information on the new teacher appraisal instrument.
- Dixon Middle school fostered the growth of its new international partnership with Jiangsu Tian Yi High School by teaching lessons that focused on global awareness during 1<sup>st</sup> period.
- Dixon Middle School agreed to host a Chinese guest teacher for the 2010-2011 school year.
- A “new” computer lab has been created and utilized in the annex building.
- Funds were utilized to purchase more technology for classroom use, including E-Slates, Flip cameras, and additional ELMOs.

Goal Three

- Students participated in intramural sports and other activities as an incentive for acting responsibly, following school rules and policies, and completing assigned tasks
- Safe and Civil/Character Education lesson were taught on a weekly basis.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> grade Drama class created character education videos.
- All students participated in Horizons; three themed events that were incorporated into all lessons and will have special activities, assemblies and presentations. These three areas of focus included college and careers, global culture, and science.

Goal Four

- Strengthened our relationship with Dixon High School by working together with The College Board, Hanban and The Center for International Understanding to secure guest teachers for the 2010-2011 school year.
- Electronic calendars were created and maintained for meetings and the two computer labs.

- The Journalism class created and maintained an online news magazine through the school website.
- Community support was utilized in the implementation of the Horizons program(s).

#### Goal Five

- Utilized scanners and ID cards for the cafeteria and media center to improve efficiency.
- Held all parent-teacher conferences after the final class bell to ensure that professional planning time was protected.
- Moved desktop computers from teacher classrooms and the media center to the “new” computer lab in the annex building. There were twenty-six computers in the lab.
- Identified and distributed Tier One laptops to eight additional staff members.

Although there have been growing pains and there is continued room for growth, the Dixon Middle School strategic plan has been a success. Chinese will be offered as an exploratory class and additional staff members will be afforded the opportunity to participate in the Chinese Summer Bridge Program, sponsored by College Board and Hanban.

With the addition of professional early release days and year-long training on Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment plans, I believe that the next plan for Dixon Middle School will move us from good to great. Our staff, teachers, administrators, students and community look forward to facing the challenges ahead.