

**Hunters Creek Elementary School  
2012-2013 Results and 2013-2014 Next Actions**

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**School Vision, Mission and Purpose Statement**

**Vision:** Excellence in Educating the Whole Child

**Mission:** The Hunters Creek Elementary School community will prepare Students be globally competitive leaders and responsible citizens in The 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Purpose:** Hunters Creek Elementary School's purpose is to provide educational Excellence with a focus on meeting diverse learner needs to ensure that Each student is prepared to meet the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**School Executive's Message:**

Hunters Creek Elementary School continues its academic advancement and growth. The mission, vision and purpose guide our instructional program and decisions that impact the success of our students.

Through visionary leadership and a shared vision, the faculty and staff have embraced the implementation of challenging instructional programs and activities that engage students in learning about languages and world cultures. The students have embraced the inclusion of world language and cultural studies and are actively learning Mandarin Chinese and Spanish. The development of the Confucius Classroom and Splash! Language Immersion programs have set the stage for student growth and a foundation for learning a second language.

We continue to implement STEM as a theme at Hunters Creek Elementary. The faculty and staff develop STEM Academy activities and units of study to infuse the instructional program with rigor and academic challenges. With parent support, the involvement of active duty Marines, NASA, and training from various community agencies, our STEM Program continues to evolve and develop.

The instructional program is supported by the use of Professional Learning Communities that focus on various areas of the curriculum. Through careful study of grade level, class, and individual student performance data, we develop effective instructional strategies to address all academic needs.

Hunters Creek Elementary School has a purpose that has a foundation of meeting diverse student needs. It is through this purpose that we remain attentive to teaching and learning and strive to ensure success for all students.

**School's Strengths**

1. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math theme
2. STEM Academy
3. Student performance on 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science End-of-Grade results
4. FIRST Robotics competitive teams(3)
5. AVID site
6. 100% Highly Qualified Faculty
7. Varying forms of technology
8. Confucius Classroom
9. Splash! Language Immersion Program
10. Articulation across the White Oak District Schools

11. Met 100% of State and Federal AMOs
12. Met Expected Growth in all EVAAS Growth Standards
13. Exceeded Expected Growth overall in EVAAS
14. Exceeded Expected Growth in Science in EVAAS for three consecutive years

### **School's Challenges**

1. Parent Involvement
2. Performance level of Students with Disabilities
3. Reading performance levels: in comparison to the district performance levels in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
4. Math performance levels: in comparison to the district performance levels in 5<sup>th</sup> grade
5. Implementation of various state initiatives including assessments and curriculum
6. Acquisition of effective instructional processes to support implementation of Math Common Core State Standards
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### **2013-2014 Focused Next Actions:**

#### **Strategic Plan Goal 1 Next Steps**

- Implement Splash! In two first grade classrooms
- Improve use of PLCs to assess instruction and improve learning
- Develop and implement a schedule for the Confucius Classroom
- Research locations for additional Little Free Libraries

#### **Strategic Plan Goal 2 Next Steps**

- Implement PLC schedules to improve instruction
- Provide professional development for Project-based Learning
- Implement PD that will focus on global studies
- Identify effective PD activities to support global studies and STEM implementation

#### **Strategic Plan Goal 3 Next Steps**

- Develop appropriate schedules to implement DARE for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Identify fund source to support DARE Program
- Review and update bullying intervention program
- Review the Instructional Intervention Program to include research-based strategies to support teachers and students with discipline issues

#### **Strategic Plan Goal 4 Next Steps**

- Identify and purchase equipment for distance education programs and learning opportunities
- Collaborate with district technology leaders to identify appropriate equipment
- Provide funding to expand the number of robotics team
- Develop process for gathering parent survey results

#### **Strategic Plan Goal 5 Next Steps**

- Provide professional development for teachers new to the school and district
- Monitor completion of all required assessments
- Provide professional development on the effective development and use of PEPs
- Continue acquiring emerging forms of technology to further the implementation of STEM

**Greatest Accomplishment for 2012-2013:**

It is with great pride that Hunters Creek Elementary has developed a world language/culture program that includes two languages: Mandarin and Spanish. Students in K-1 are developing a second language through the effective teaching of teachers from Columbia, Costa Rica, and Ecuador. Students in 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades are learning the Chinese culture and language through the development of a Confucius Classroom led by a teacher from China.