

**Morton Elementary School
2012-2015
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Excellence In Teaching and Learning**



School Executive's Message: Empowering Minds!

Excellence in Teaching and Learning is our overall vision for the Morton learning community. Morton Elementary School is deliberately focused on empowering the minds of our students through rigorous learning experiences that provide opportunities for students to envision, imagine, create, think critically, problem solve and be innovative. Additionally, we are collaborating with all of the White Oak area schools, in a global partnership with China which will provide opportunities for our students to engage in foreign languages and cultures.

Key Areas of Focus for 2012-2015

- To increase student proficiency and growth on the READY EOG in all subgroups of Math, Reading and Science.
- To utilize Professional Learning Communities in all areas of our educational community.
- To incorporate global studies and foreign language opportunities for all students.
- To implement a school-wide positive behavior support program.
- To utilize Problem Based Learning strategies and STEM activities throughout the instructional program.

Key Challenges to Address for 2012-2015

- Providing adequate professional development for Common Core, Essential Standards and instructional technology.
- Maintaining and refurbishing technology to support instructional program.
- Adapting our learning community to the continuous educational changes in a global world.

Anticipated Outcomes of 2012-2015 Morton Elementary Strategic Plan

Morton Elementary will increase student growth and proficiency in reading, math and science. We will utilize Professional Learning Communities to make innovative and positive changes within the instructional program. Technology will be used throughout instructional activities to facilitate and enhance student learning opportunities and global connections. Positive Behavior Support will become an integral component of the school community to foster pride, citizenship, and good decision making in our students. All Morton Elementary stakeholders will be collaborative partners in our educational community to support teaching and learning.