

Northwoods Park Middle
2012-2013 Results and 2013-2014 Next Actions
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Vision: Excellence in Education

Mission: The Northwoods Park Middle School community will prepare students to be globally competitive leaders and responsible citizens in the 21st Century.

Purpose: Inspiring learners to open global gateways

School Executive's Message: Northwoods Park Middle continues to provide opportunities for students to develop critical thinking skills through various approaches to teaching and learning. As an AVID/IB School, we engage our students with active learning strategies and organizational skills in an environment emphasizing connections between disciplines and a global perspective to equip them for success in middle school, high school and beyond.

Northwoods Park Middle Strengths:

- AVID implementation
- Partnership with VIF to implement Global Connections within Humanities (Social Studies)
- Structuring time to support Data Analysis PLCs with Lisa Thompson as facilitator and IMPACT planning with Instructional Coach and other support staff
- Met expected growth overall as indicated in EVAAS Value Added reports
- Reading growth in sixth and eighth grade
- Met growth in Algebra and eighth grade Science

Northwoods Park Middle Challenges:

- Providing appropriate resources for a more rigorous curriculum with limited budgets
- Responding to the unique needs of our at-risk learning population
- Maintaining technology needs
- Structuring time for staff to attend training sessions and maintain required actions (parent conferences, development of PEPs and IEPs, and planning differentiated units of study)
- Revamping math instruction to meet state and federal targets

2013-2014 Focused Next Actions:

- Technology integration and project-based learning
- Flexible scheduling to provide remediation and enrichment opportunities
- Evaluate resources for teaching and learning
- Provide additional training and support to facilitate PLCs
- Evaluate and update PBIS processes and practices
- Celebrate staff and student accomplishments
- Plan and organize classroom visitation days to invite parents and community members with a focus on IB, AVID, and STEM initiatives

Greatest Accomplishment in 2012-2013:

- Community engagement days embraced opportunities to highlight STEM instruction and Project-based learning as well as Cultural Arts.
- All grades participated in scheduled Data Analysis sessions with Lisa Thompson to review areas of strength and weakness and to engage in collaborative inquiry to improve teaching and learning.