

# Northwoods Park Middle School

2013-2014 Results and 2014-2015 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:**

The Northwoods Park Middle School staff is a cohesive and collaborative group of professional educators. They provide a variety of opportunities for students to be involved and engaged in school through various sports, clubs, and programs in order to meet the needs of the whole child. However, as a staff, our primary concern is providing instruction that ensures students meet academic growth. Students in grades 6-8 did not meet overall growth in reading, math or science. With 46 identified targets for Annual Measurable Objectives, our students met 32 of the 46 targets (69.6%) and at each grade level and in all three areas of accountability, our subgroup of black students did not meet growth. As a result, focused next actions identify steps to enhance effective instruction and provide support for all students.

## **School's Strengths:**

- AVID at all three grade levels
- AVID instructional approach apparent in all classes
- Community Support
- Knowledgeable and active support staff (media specialist, Digital Learning and Teaching Facilitator, Instructional Coach)

## **School's Challenges:**

- Meeting growth in reading, math and science
- Protecting instructional time with the current master schedule
- Increasing student achievement in reading and math
- Addressing the unique needs of our at-risk learning population
- Training staff for International Baccalaureate Middle Year's Programme

## **2014-2015 Focused Next Actions:**

- Use flexible scheduling for enrichment and remediation with focused instruction based upon CCES to address subgroups for academic growth
- Expand student groups to provide support for at risk students (Embodi and Girls on Track)
- Increase use of technology for instruction and assessment in grades 6-8 (1:1 in grades 7 and 8)
- Use USA Test Prep for cross-curricular literacy instruction
- Continue subject area PLC's analyze data and plan instruction
- Provide professional development that digs deeper into AVID, IB, Global Gateway, and technology
- Maximize support of Instructional Coach and Digital Learning and Teaching Facilitator
- Recognize and celebrate staff and student accomplishments
- Revise the school's PBIS plan
- Implement United Way's CHEW (Children Eating Healthy On Weekends) Program for up to 20 students
- Plan events that increase parent awareness of school initiatives and programs

## **Greatest Accomplishment in 2013-2014:**

Northwoods Park Middle School implemented IB Language B instruction for all students in Grades 6-8 as a component of our International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme.