

Mid Year Report 2011-2012-2011-2012 School Plan 1-27-12

The following are items that MMS has accomplished so far this school year to achieve the academic goals funded by School Land trust funds

a. Morgan Middle School will continue a writing plan for student's school wide that develops good ideas, organize those ideas clearly and maintains proper conventions.

The computer based on line writing program "My Access" has been purchased to help teachers in scoring and assessment of school wide prompts to which students will write. Each student school wide has written to different responses and recorded a score during Advisory and English classes.

b. Morgan Middle School will continue a reading emphasis school wide that assesses the reading level of all students annually and offers remediation and accelerated reading experiences.

Each student school wide has been assessed by using the Gates MacGinitie test. MMS has continued to have a reading class for accelerated readers during the school day taught by a MMS teacher. All remedial reading students will have opportunities during the school day and after school to receive remedial instruction as in the past. In addition, the staff will receive reading instruction to help students school wide and in the reading classes to meet students' needs.

c. Teachers have met in regularly scheduled team meetings and developed methods and objectives for teaching test taking strategies and study skills.

d. Teachers have continued to provide effective content area vocabulary instruction which will increase comprehension. Teachers will learn and then implement "classroom instruction that works" or Best Practices. This quest will be accompanied by investigation of areas in which we might better serve middle school age children which might include a more positive school climate. We also would like to increase the promptness of students regarding completion of assigned academic work.

e. Anecdotal data indicates that all students will benefit from extended core directed learning opportunities in not only Math, Science, Reading & Writing, but also Social Studies, Health/PE, Foreign Language, Technology and Fine Arts. Many teachers are presently involved in extended learning activities that have been designed by teachers and are currently in action by those teachers.

f. Costs related to the attendance of the 2012 Association of Middle School local

conference by a team of MMS faculty to learn the latest in Best Practice for exemplary school wide programs.

g. We purchased 15 computers to maintain a current new rotation to our labs.

h. The Student Responsibility and After School personnel with all students in Math, Science, Social Studies, Health/PE, Foreign Language, Social Studies, Fine Arts, Reading, and Writing were compensated.

i. MMS purchased core textbooks, related instructional supplies and media center materials.

j. Student surveys were utilized to ascertain items related to the learning environment; this was to develop a focus that will inform students of the ways to increase their physical, social and emotional well being.