School Improvement Overview

Northwest High School

System Goal: All students will meet 2 or more Evidence of Learning Measures.

School Goal(s):

- All 9th and 10th graders will be on track for graduation and academically eligible.
- All 11th and 12th graders will meet the college and career readiness standards.

Instructional Goal(s): All students, with a focus on special education, ESOL, FARMS, African American, and Hispanic students will receive a C or higher in all classes.

Pre-K Goals:	
K-2 Goals:	
3-5 Goals:	
6-8 Goals:	
9-10 Goals:	All students, with a focus on special education, ESOL, FARMS, African American, and Hispanic students will earn a C or higher in all courses. This will ensure students are on track for graduation and academically eligible.
11-12 Goals:	All students, with a focus on special education, ESOL, FARMS, African American, and Hispanic students will receive a C or higher in all courses. This will ensure students have the skills they need to demonstrate college and career readiness.

	What will the focus of your work be?
Professional Learning on the Standards	Literacy: Unpacking Common Core State Standards
	Common writing strategies/rubrics
	Unpacking the standards connected to the EOL district measures for each grade level at the transition and end of year benchmarks
	Teacher created assessments that match the standards assessed on EOL assessments
	Vertical articulation planning within departments
	Math: Continuing to apply Common Core State Standards
	Continue to apply the 8 Standards of Mathematical Practice into planning and instruction
	Unpacking the standards connected to the EOL district measures for each grade level at the transition and end of year benchmarks
	Exploring and implementing the new Algebra 1 curriculum and methodology of teaching
	Teacher created assessments that match the standards assessed on EOL assessments
	Vertical articulation planning within departments
Analyzing Data to Inform Instruction	Performance Matters/Unify training
	Use research to determine the purpose and best practices regarding reteaching and reassessment, and checks for understanding
	Completing data analysis in PLC's, for both summative and formative assessments and common writing tasks, and

	using the findings to plan for instruction
	Error Analysis in PLCs to plan for reteaching
	EOS Support Team Student check-ins to gather student voice data
Equitable and Culturally Responsive Instructional Strategies	Growth Mindset resources
	Professional development on embedding equitable practices into planning
	Differentiation
	Relationship building through Jag Circles- Relationship-building activities in classrooms during a designated 30 minute time, twice a month on a rotating basis. Each class period will have a Jag Circle at least once a semester.
	Study Circles with staff and students- Facilitated discussion group for students and staff who reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of our school. During the Study Circle, facilitators will help students and staff build relationships, learn about each other's experiences, and talk about the impact of race and culture on teaching, learning, and the school environment.
	Use of academic language across content areas
School Climate and Culture	ILT agendas, emailed prior to ILT, and detailed notes and decisions emailed to all staff in order to further open communication within the school and a collaborative work environment
	RTs and Admin will continue to communicate information from MCPS in a timely fashion. RTs will take staff feedback back to their respective RT meetings in order to help facilitate open communication within all levels of MCPS.
	Staff social committee consisting of a member from each department.
	Researched based articles/videos
	Sources of Strength- upstream suicide prevention program

Student Leadership Class- will help to facilitate the creation of materials for Jag Circles and Study Circles

Vertical articulation planning within departments to promote student success

Wellness Initiatives- meditation at lunch, mental health awareness week