

PLANNED IMPROVEMENT FOR THE SCHOOL AND DISTRICT

The three goals of the Mendota High School Improvement Plan for 2007-2008 include the following:

1. All students will increase their reading comprehension across the curriculum.
2. Students will utilize practical math problems and skills, such as WorkKeys Applied Mathematics skills across the curriculum; and,
3. To create an environment with a focus on improved teaching and learning practices that includes the use of technology and provides all students opportunities to demonstrate transforming learning.

Mendota High School measures student performance with respect to State Goals for Learning, the Illinois Learning Standards, and local learning objectives by utilizing Explore, Plan, and PSAE test trend data. The School Improvement team also incorporates classroom observations and parent/student survey data. Local learning objectives are analyzed with grade distribution reports, localized semester exam and item analysis data, and student graduation rates and attendance rates.

Improvement is needed in the area of teaching and learning math, reading, and technology skills across the curriculum. Student progress is meeting the AYP target area according the School Report Card data; however, as the AYP target continues to rise, improvement to meet these goals will continue to be a focus.

This year, the primary focus will be reading across the curriculum. Testing will target incoming 9th graders in the fall of their 8th grade year. There is a need to correctly identify students and register them in appropriate skill-level curriculum, develop and implement pre-test and post-data opportunities to measure student growth, offer staff development, and promote K-12 articulation and curriculum mapping. In addition, we are also administering local-pre-test and post-test assessments in Reading Comprehension using PLATO technology to all 9th graders.

In mathematics, we will provide staff development, promote K-12 articulation, and review curriculum to ensure comprehensive coverage of the core curriculum. We will use ACT Quality Core to analyze our mathematics curriculum and student achievement.

Mendota High School will continue efforts to improve reading comprehension across the curriculum. Technology integration is a critical element in these goals.