

# Southwestern Randolph Middle School School Improvement Plan 2022-2023

### **Comprehensive Progress Report**

Mission: The mission of Southwestern Randolph Middle School is to develop globally aware, future-ready graduates by promoting collaboration, innovative/critical

thinking, communication, and leadership skills.

Vision: The vision of Southwestern Randolph Middle School is to create a student-focused community that fosters 21st Century learning.

#### Goals:

By June of 2023, Southwestern Randolph Middle School will show an increase in overall EOG proficiency composite score by 5.5 percentage points, from 44.5% to 50% or greater, as measured by EOG tests in grades 6-8 in reading, math, and 8th grade science. (A3.01, A4.01, A4.17, B3.03)

By June of 2023, Southwestern Randolph Middle School will show an increase in EOG proficiency in both math (43% to 48% or greater) and reading (41.2% to 46.2% or greater) composite scores, as measured by results of EOG Reading and Math tests at the conclusion of the 22-23 school year. (A4.01, A4.17, C2.01)

By June of 2023, Southwestern Randolph Middle School will show a 50% decrease or more in discipline incidents resulting in out of school suspensions. (A4.01, A4.17, C2.01)

During the 2022-2023 school year, Southwestern Randolph Middle School will continue to implement an effective and fluid remediation and enrichment program that provides small group instruction and interventions, as measured by student growth from BOY to EOY iReady diagnostics. (A2.18, A4.01, A4.17, B3.03, C2.01)

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Core Function:		ion:	Dimension A - Instructional Excellence and Alignment			
Effe	Effective Practice:		High expectations for all staff and students			
	KEY	A1.07	ALL teachers employ effective classroom management and reinforce classroom rules and procedures by positively teaching them.(5088)	Implementation Status	Assigned To	Target Date

Initial Assessment	:	Teachers and staff reinforce Student Code of Conduct expectations in town hall meetings, with each grade level, within the first week of the school year. We utilize Cougar Time block for the first two weeks of school to review classroom-based expectations, rules, and procedures. However, time spent going over procedures and rules within a classroom are kept to a minimum so that instruction begins the first week of school. Letters and code of conducts are sent home to parents regarding classroom expectations, which are then signed and returned, demonstrating evidence of acknowledgement.	Limited Development 08/10/2017		
How it will look when fully met:		Reduction in office referrals as evidenced by discipline data and number/frequency of consequences given by administration. Communication logs from teachers contacting parents regarding classroom expectations are to be maintained for record-keeping. In- School-Suspension (ISS) sign-in sheet will be utilized for students who are sent to ISS for a "time out". The ISS coordinator will keep a paper copy and students will sign in electronically via a Google form as a reflection piece. Grade levels will have consistent set of rules to be enforced on the halls. OSS data will be reviewed monthly by the RCSS Student Services department to help monitor discipline incidents to ensure accuracy of reporting data.		Michael Crider	06/12/2023
Actions			0 of 3 (0%)		
	8/10/17	ISS will monitor and record information on students who are sent to ISS for a "time out"		Mason Clark	06/12/2023
	Notes:	<ul> <li>1/9/18 - The sign in process has been successful and helps indicate if a student is experiencing difficulty in a particular class and can help school staff target specific classes and behaviors of students. The electronic document has been helpful but we are still working on getting a more reliable piece of technology to ISS so the signing in to the electronic document takes less time and effort.</li> <li>We will continue to implement this strategy as we move into the new school year, as this strategy was effective when started several years ago. The times in which we were able to use this strategy helped with some of our minor consequences and our discipline data has been an indirect result of the impact of COVID. This will allow administrative staff to identify students who are getting sent to ISS and missing certain classes due to minor/major behavior infractions.</li> </ul>			
	8/10/17	During the 22-23 school year, Mr. Crider will review discipline data quarterly and compare to the previous year.		Michael Crider	06/12/2023

	22 school year; however, this was largely due to students continuing to re-adjust to the return of in-person attendance. Our goal in monitoring this data is to increase the amount of time students are in class and decrease the amount of time students must be out due to assignment of behavior consequences.		
8/14/19	Teachers in our school will utilize parent contacts for positive interaction as well as to proactively reduce office referrals for minor behavior infractions.	Kristie Smith	06/12/2023
Notes:	We will continue to monitor how many students are engaging in school curriculum and teacher-assigned tasks through the analysis of Canvas engagement and student grades. These measures, in tandem with utilization of remediation and enrichment across all three grade levels, will demonstrate continued progress towards our goal of reaching every student to the fullest extent possible.		

Core Function:		Dimension A - Instructional Excellence and Alignment					
Effective Practice:		Curriculum and instructional alignment					
KE	Y A2.04	Instructional Teams develop standards-aligned units of instruction for each subject and grade level.(5094)	Implementation Status	Assigned To	Target Date		
Initial A	ssessment:	All staff members will take part in district professional development focused on the utilization of Collaborative Team Time (CTT) for the purpose of identifying essential standards in all core areas of instruction. A remediation and enrichment plan has been developed to address student needs, as well as strengthen student mastery, within core content areas. Collaborative team time will use common formative assessments to provide ongoing, useful discussions about student progress in respective content areas and iReady diagnostic data will be utilized to inform remediation efforts, particularly in language arts and math. iReady lessons will be completed by students on a weekly basis and lessons will be tailored to the student's level of achievement in the system. Technology also plays a vital role in this process as Canvas remains our learning management system and is being utilized widely for submission of assignments as well as documentation of grading practices. NC Check-In results will be collected and analyzed to address areas of improvement across grade levels and common content areas.	Limited Development 05/02/2017				

		Priority Score: 2 Opportunity Score: 2	Index Score: 4		
How it will look when fully met:		Collaborative Team Times (CTT's) will be structured, consistently held, and documented appropriately. CTT's will have an active role in lessor planning, with shared units of instruction and common assessments for grade level subjects. Evidence of SREB strategies will be seen in all of our classrooms and CTT notes and lesson plans will be needed as evidence of consistent implementation. Within the structure of our CTT's in each grade and subject, a framework will exist for supplying students with standards-based objectives to demonstrate mastery of content. Teams will also review curriculum standards and engage in a process of prioritizing, unpacking, and powering identified standards. Pre and post assessments will be utilized in each classroom to allow teachers to provide more meaningful instruction to students and mee them on their level. Performance data is specifically and intentionally discussed within the framework of grade level CTT's, and close attention is given to specific performance data of our ESL and EC subgroups, both of which are currently performing below standard. We intend on being able to provide specific documentation of CTT minutes and data points collected from common formative assessments, both of which are specific focal points from our district	n or 1	Lisa Cagle	06/12/2023
		leadership.			
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Actions	8/10/17	leadership. NC Check-In assessments in reading and math for grades 6-8 will be administered three separate times throughout the year. Subsequent results will be obtained and analyzed by math and reading teachers across the building.		Stephanie Hatcher	04/25/2023
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	10/7/2	2 Results of student assessments will be recorded weekly by the students themselves.		Lisa Cagle	06/12/2023
Notes		5:			
	8/10/1	7 Certified staff members will meet in collaborative teams to analyze student performance results at least once per week for at least 45 minutes per meeting.		Lisa Cagle	06/12/2023
	Note	s:			
Implen	mentation:		04/16/2018		
	Evidence	4/16/2018 Walkthrough data and PLT meeting minutes as well as peer observations			
	Experience	4/16/2018 Teachers are teaching content aligned with the curriculum as evidenced by walkthrough data.			
	Sustainability	4/16/2018 Continue to meet regularly with content area/grade level as well as to share walkthrough data with staff members. Teachers are encouraged to attend system PLTs that involve discussions about content areas.			
	A2.15	Instructional Teams develop materials for their standards-aligned learning activities and share the materials among themselves.(5105)	Implementation Status	Assigned To	Target Date
Initial .	Assessment:	Each grade level has content meetings, also called collaborative team time (CTT's), that occur at least once per week and discuss student achievement, common assessments, and standards-based planning efforts. These are scheduled in advance on the master calendar and can be attended by administration and the lead teacher when opportunities allow.	Full Implementation 10/21/2021		
	A2.18	ALL teachers use cooperative learning methods and encourage student questioning, seeking help from others, and offering help to others.(5108)	Implementation Status	Assigned To	Target Date
Initial .	Assessment:	Teachers across our building use group work and collaborative activities to help students develop communication skills and identify intentional questions to insert into classroom discussions to promote critical thinking processes. However, the practice is not used in all classrooms yet, and collaborative activities do need more structure (i.e students have roles, students have equal parts to play/execute while working in	Limited Development 10/21/2021		

	the group, etc.).			
How it will look when fully met:	When this measure is fully implemented, students will participate in collaborative activities that are appropriately timed, require participation from all students in a group, and utilize students' perspectives that are intentionally aligned with standards-based planning. Remediation groups that have been assigned by instructional teams will ensure that students are grouped in optimal learning pods.		Lisa Cagle	06/12/2023
Actions		1 of 2 (50%)		
10/21/2	21 Teachers will discuss student achievement measures in CTT's each week, as evidenced by notes and agendas received from meetings.	Complete 05/03/2022	Lisa Cagle	06/04/2022
Note	s:			
10/21/2	Collaborative activities and their substantive purpose during the lesson will be documented during walkthroughs and observations.		Michael Crider	06/12/2023
Note	s:			
A2.20	All teachers use appropriate technological tools to enhance instruction.(5306)	Implementation Status	Assigned To	Target Date
Initial Assessment:	As a result of the current COVID pandemic, we want to ensure that we are delivering the best possible remote learning methods to students. We are certain that Canvas will be our platform for submitting assignments for some time, even after school attendance returns to	Limited Development 09/23/2020		
	fully in-person. As this is also a school system focus, it only makes sense for us to continue our work to properly place ourselves in a sound position to utilize Canvas for the benefit of student learning. In updating this particular indicator, we will continue to use Canvas for the purpose of housing graded assignments and recorded lessons as we know students will possibly be asked to participate in remote instruction in the event of a quarantine event. However, students are slated to attend five days per week during the 21-22 school year, and we anticipate that assignments will be submitted in accordance with individual teacher procedures that are communicated to students.			
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	seamless opportunities for students to access and submit assignments via an appropriate learning management system (Canvas), attend classroom instruction, whether physically sitting in the classroom or attending via Google Meet, and obtaining assistance with curriculum or technical questions that are met with timely and relevant feedback. Additionally, teachers in our school will have adequate resources that allow them to make classroom presentations and supplemental materials fully available to students taking part in asynchronized learning via appropriate learning management system (Canvas) while also able to utilize computers and Chromebooks available to students in person to continue providing them access to digital resources and diagnostic tools. Teachers will consistently utilize instructional tools such as virtual field trips, online testing/diagnostics, digital information resources (podcasts, video clips, eBooks, etc.), and other relevant items that will expand student choices and preferences for the purpose of allowing maximum accessibility and opportunity for engagement.			
Actions				
9/23/20	Staff members will participate in Canvas training offered through school system sessions (virtual, webinar, in-person) and webinars offered by NCDPI.	Complete 06/04/2021	Lisa Cagle	06/04/2021
Notes:				
9/23/20	Administration will monitor teacher Canvas courses and offer instructional feedback on assignments and ease of navigation to find supplemental material.	Complete 05/03/2022	Amanda Stone	06/04/2022
Notes:				
9/23/20	School action items will be accessible through Canvas to ensure that staff members are utilizing it in its fullest capacity.	Complete 05/03/2022	Michael Crider	06/06/2022
Notes:				
Implementation:		05/03/2022		
Evidence	5/3/2022 All teachers in our school have current Canvas pages and all students are provided access to Canvas and can access it at any time. Moving forward, our focus should be ensuring that grading practices are updated frequently to reflect student progress that is timely and accurate.			
Experience	5/3/2022 We are committed to making sure that Canvas is fully implemented and operational, and we have worked to this end since school closure was			

	first mandated in March of 2020.			
Sustainability	5/3/2022 It will be a continued expectation that all assignments are available and accessible via Canvas. We have navigated this year with the understanding that this was possible even with all students attending in person.			
ore Function:	Dimension A - Instructional Excellence and Alignment			
iffective Practice:	Data analysis and instructional planning			
A3.01	Instructional Teams use student learning data to identify students in need of instructional support or enhancement.(5110)	Implementation Status	Assigned To	Target Date
Initial Assessment:	Our MTSS team meets on a monthly basis and discusses performance and attendance data regarding students that have been brought to the committee's attention as in need of interventions. This team identifies the current systems being used to support the student and identifies additional students as requested by the grade level teams in the building. This team also works in tandem with our administrative team, which analyzes school data, attendance data, and performance data to make school-wide decisions regarding appropriate use of remediation and intervention.	Limited Development 10/22/2019		
How it will look when fully met:	When fully implemented, all of our students will have appropriate access to MTSS designated core strategies and our core instruction will drive our use and utilization of targeted interventions for specific students to ensure they are accessing our general curriculum. Our MTSS team, along with input from our Collaborative Team Time (CTT) meetings, will appropriately identify students for supplemental and intensive interventions and all staff members will have a working knowledge of interventions and appropriate documentation of their effectiveness. Our MTSS team, as well as our CTT's, will gain input on these students and discuss their progress, at least monthly, and document their progress appropriately and in a proper time frame. While we have made working through the MTSS modules a priority, we are also working to ensure that we can meet these needs under the current circumstances that are given to us under restrictions that have been placed on our instructional capacity due to the COVID-19 pandemic.		Stephanie Hatcher	06/07/2024

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Core Function:	Dimension A - Instructional Excellence and Alignment
Effective Practice:	Student support services

KEY A4.01	The school implements a tiered instructional system that allows teachers to deliver evidence-based instruction aligned with the individual needs of students across all tiers.(5117)	Implementation Status	Assigned To	Target Date
Initial Assessment:	Our school currently meets monthly to discuss the progress of students who have been placed on supplemental support. We also are in our second year of true utilization of our remediation time as a time designated for group instruction, iReady lesson progression, and small group interventions when identified. This is our first year of also including an enrichment schedule, which incorporates the elective teachers and some members of our support staff in addressing opportunities to extend the learning of students across grade levels.	Limited Development 05/02/2017		
How it will look when fully met:	When this goal is fully accomplished, all classrooms will offer research- based methods of differentiation and interventions that provide opportunities for remediation and reteaching students in all core subjects. In other words, our core instruction will drive our processes for then identifying students who are not performing at standard. Those students will receive targeted interventions designed to provide them access to the general curriculum and reducing unnecessary referrals to the EC program. Grade levels will use CTT time to discuss student progress and provide meaningful feedback on improvement and next steps for said students. Our remediation and enrichment schedule will be utilized in a seamless fashion to tailor our efforts of improving student achievement to individual students. This feedback will go with students through each grade level to establish patterns of interventions that are needed or not needed based on various factors throughout each year.		Michael Crider	06/06/2024
Actions		0 of 4 (0%)		
9/19/1	7 MTSS team will meet at least once a month to address academic concerns regarding students and will provide systems of support for students who may need supplemental or intensive supports.		Michael Crider	06/12/2023
Note	s:			
9/19/1	7 School-wide professional development will focus on Canvas training and MTSS delivery/implementation; certified staff members will participate in this training as it is being offered through the school system.		Lisa Cagle	06/12/2023
Note	s:			
9/19/1	7 Support staff will follow up with students who are deemed "at-risk" due to behavior, attendance, and/or academics.		Kristie Smith	06/04/2024
Note	s: This will involve a variety of support staff members and may include			

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	Actions		1 of 3 (33%)		

Initial Asses	ssment:	Much of our transition information is listed in our "Required Components" document, however, students are provided opportunities to explore middle school in 5th grade through school tours and visits (whether physical or virtual) from our guidance staff to prepare them for elective classes and options available to them upon their enrollment. These visits and events are coordinated with our feeder elementary schools. Additionally, our 8th grade students are provided opportunities frequently to be exposed to course offerings at the high	Full Implementation 10/21/2021		
KEY	A4.16	The school develops and implements consistent, intentional, and on- going plans to support student transitions for grade-to-grade and level-to-level.(5134)	Implementation Status	Assigned To	Target Date
Sust	ainability	4/16/2018 Continued referral of students to needed supports. Ongoing professional development.			
Ехр	perience	4/16/2018 Teachers are monitoring individual student success and referring students to appropriate resources when additional help is needed. Professional development has been offered regarding cultural diversity.			
Ev	idence	4/16/2018 Professional developments offered by Laura Porcelli and Erin Giustizia.			
Implemento	ition:	minutes.	04/16/2018		
	Notes:	Discussions regarding remediation needs will be documented in CTT			
		CTT/Grade level teams will discuss student data to determine needs for remediation and extra support.	Complete 05/03/2022	Stephanie Hatcher	06/04/2024
	Notes:	levels.			
	9/19/17	Professional development, with a continued focus of MTSS implementation and continued awareness of student emotional health, will be made available to certified staff members to address the previously referenced emotional needs of students on their individual		Lisa Cagle	06/12/2023
Notes:					
	8/14/19	Staff members will increase awareness and utilize the various resources available to meet the social and emotional needs of students that can be considered "at-risk".		Brittany Roberti	06/04/2023

How it will loo		Schools That Lead, Cohort 2, and we feel that this gives us an opportunity to highlight students who demonstrate what are considered Early Warning Indicators (EWI's) and work with them to help overcome barriers to their academic success. While this was challenging to track with the addition of remote attendance and virtual learning during the 20-21 school year, we feel that having students return five days per week should allow us a better opportunity to identify red flags earlier to reach out to the families of students to mitigate barriers they may face.		Michael Crider	06/06/2024
		Prior Narrative as of May '22 While our school does a great job overall of identifying students that are possibly "at-risk", we can strive to do a better job of recognizing this at an earlier stage in the year. Our school is currently in Year 3 of			
Initial Assessm	ent:	Our school has effectively administered iReady screening diagnostics for both reading and math among all students in grades 6-8. Preliminary scores have been established and students were assigned to remediation or enrichment groups in each content area assessed based on EOG score from the previous school year. However, students can be moved between groups depending on areas of need and all students will continue to have access to iReady lessons each week during our established remediation block (named "Cougar Time").	Limited Development 10/22/2019		
	A4.17	The school implements a reliable and valid system-wide screening process for academics and behavior that includes the assessment of all students multiple times per year and establishes decision rules to determine students in need of targeted intervention.(5856)	Implementation Status	Assigned To	Target Date
		school as well as other options that are available to them (i.e Uwharrie Ridge, RECHS, etc.). Grade level teachers have a large stake in hand-scheduling students for core classes as they move to the next grade level within our school and our MTSS team meets 2x monthly to discuss student progress with selected interventions.			

specific factors are prime indicators that students may begin to disconnect from school and teams are in place across our staff that can address specific warning signs among students (i.e. - Attendance Team, MTSS, Parent Outreach, Behavior/Conduct Check In, etc.). Universal screening measures will be in place, in both reading and math, that will provide all core teachers with understanding of student starting points at the beginning of each year as well as gaps that may be referenced within their transition plans. These measures will also allow for the fluid transition of students to either remediation or enrichment groups for reading and math and can be altered with updated student demonstrated growth.

Actions		0 of 3 (0%)		
9/23/20	Our attendance team will meet twice monthly to discuss concerns regarding individual student attendance and/or academic concerns.		Kristie Smith	06/04/2024
Notes:				
9/8/22	iReady diagnostic results and student lesson progression will be analyzed quarterly to determine correct placement of students in appropriate remediation groups.		Brittany Roberti	06/06/2024
Notes:				
10/22/19	The principal will create and maintain an EWI tracking list that will be utilized to target students in need of interventions for attendance, behavior, and/or course performance.		Michael Crider	06/06/2024
Notes:	Tracking list should be updated on a quarterly basis.			

Core	Funct	ion:	Dimension B - Leadership Capacity			
Effec	tive P	ractice:	Strategic planning, mission, and vision			
	KEY	B1.01	The LEA has an LEA Support & Improvement Team.(5135)	Implementation Status	Assigned To	Target Date
Initia	al Asse	essment:	Evidence for this indicator is uploaded in the 21-22 file.	Full Implementation 10/21/2021		
	KEY	B1.03	A Leadership Team consisting of the principal, teachers who lead the Instructional Teams, and other professional staff meets regularly (at least twice a month) to review implementation of effective practices.(5137)	Implementation Status	Assigned To	Target Date
Initia	al Asse	essment:	Our school has a School Improvement Team, and the membership list	Full Implementation 10/21/2021		

can be found in the 21-22 file.		

Core Function: Dimension B - Leadership Capacity									
Effective Practice:		ractice:	Distributed leadership and collaboration	Distributed leadership and collaboration					
	KEY	B2.03	The school has established a team structure among teachers with specific duties and time for instructional planning.(5143)	Implementation Status	Assigned To	Target Date			
Initia	Initial Assessment:		Our school has an outlined structure in place for our grade levels, as well as their times for planning and outlined supervisory responsibilities.	Full Implementation 10/21/2021					

Core Function	n:	Dimension B - Leadership Capacity			
Effective Prac	ctice:	Monitoring instruction in school			
	B3.01	The LEA/School monitors progress of the extended learning time programs and strategies being implemented, and uses data to inform modifications.(5147)	Implementation Status	Assigned To	Target Date
nitial Assessi	ment:	Before the COVID-19 pandemic, this goal was in full implementation with tutoring efforts and no restrictions on student attendance. However, this goal has changed due to the fact that our enrichment/remediation blocks have become much more structured to account for the varied needs of students in reading and math. Tutoring is still offered by our teachers, but there are limits on how many students can currently participate and more students are having to work remotely if they are unable to attend school due to current protocols in place.	Limited Development 10/21/2021		
How it will look when fully met:		This objective will be fully met when our remediation blocks are able to be utilized to their fullest capacity; currently support staff assigned to work with these small groups have had to cover numerous classes and some have even been out for extended time this year due to sickness. Additionally, this objective will be met when students are able to fully attend tutoring sessions before or after school with or without school- based transportation.		Michael Crider	06/05/2023
Actions					

	Notes:				
KEY		The principal monitors curriculum and classroom instruction regularly and provides timely, clear, constructive feedback to teachers.(5149)	Implementation Status	Assigned To	Target Date
Initial Assessi	ment:	The principal and assistant principal conduct observations and walkthroughs and use this data set to build evaluations for certified staff members on a yearly basis. The number of observations is primarily based on the designation of license a teacher or support staff member has. However, this evaluation schedule will ramp up during the 22-23 school year since our school has been granted the state designation of "Low-Performing". Administration provides feedback in a timely, appropriate manner for observations but processes still need to be followed consistently in regard to feedback for walkthroughs and acknowledgement of positive happenings within teacher classrooms. Administration also needs to continue driving the facilitation of CTT's as teachers are meeting on a regular basis and using a template based off of the DuFour model of collaboration when meeting. The school system also does an instructional walkthrough as well as content walkthroughs of the school at least twice per year.	Limited Development 05/03/2017		
How it will loo when fully m		When this indicator is in full implementation, administration will create and maintain a collaborative framework for the distribution of feedback, which will be provided promptly to individual teachers, during informal classroom visits as well as formal and informal observations that occur per required teacher evaluation. Data from walkthroughs will be discussed as trends emerge across the school to promote a collaborative discussion among staff members on an ongoing basis. Administration and teachers will partner in regular CTT discussions centered around student performance data and methods/resources used in individual classrooms and across grade levels and subject areas. These discussions will drive further points of refinement involving use of school technology, student accessibility to technology, and personalized learning experience of students.		Michael Crider	06/06/2023
Actions			1 of 2 (50%)		
	9/19/17	Evaluation schedule for all certified staff members will adhere to due dates established by Human Resources.	Complete 05/03/2022	Michael Crider	06/04/2022
	Notes:	A Google spreadsheet was created with all certified staff members and their respective licensure cvcles listed. The assistant principal and			

	<ul> <li>principal have scheduled times for observations with appropriate personnel and have stayed on schedule to this point (9/23/20).</li> <li>All observation deadlines were met for the 20-21 school year; we feel that another year of being able to say this should render this action complete.</li> <li>Google walkthrough form will be created and utilized to show schoolwide trends in instructional practice.</li> <li>While the form was developed a couple of years ago, it remains in place. However, there is a definite shift in focus this year as we look to ensure we can maximize our delivery of quality instruction while also utilizing technology available to our teachers within the classroom setting. We have also used opportunities to observe and "look-in" classes set up in Canvas. As a result, this has allowed us to view teacher Canvas pages from the student side to ensure they have appropriate access to assignments.</li> </ul>		Lisa Cagle	06/12/2023
Core Function: Effective Practice:	Dimension C - Professional Capacity Teacher quality and experience			
C1.02	The principal plans opportunities for teachers to share their strengths with other teachers.(5153)	Implementation Status	Assigned To	Target Date
Initial Assessment:	Our school system is promoting a number of training sessions for certified staff members this year in language arts, effective PLC processes, and driving further efforts to implement and refine MTSS practices. Our team is hopeful that these opportunities, in tandem with our current structure of collaborative team time among content-area teachers, will drive discussion and reflection on student achievement and focus on student learning instead of teaching.	Limited Development 10/22/2019		
How it will look when fully met:	When fully implemented, our staff members will have a concrete structure to observe other teachers in the building on a monthly basis and will be accountable for documenting their efforts and takeaways		Michael Crider	06/12/2023

	hours.			
Actions		1 of 3 (33%)		
9/23/20	Create a structure for teachers to collaborate with teachers at other schools in a virtual format for sharing of ideas and information.	Complete 05/03/2022	Lisa Cagle	06/06/2022
Notes:				
10/22/19	Administration will support a peer observation plan for teachers to observe on an ongoing basis.		Michael Crider	06/06/2023
Notes:				
10/22/19	The school will support independent reading for each student, each day at school. While this effort will be spearheaded by language arts teachers, training will be available to these teachers to share their students' progression in reading with other schools in the school system.		Ashley Moody	06/06/2023
Notes:				

Core	Funct	tion:	Dimension C - Professional Capacity			
Effec	tive P	ractice:	Quality of professional development			
	KEY	C2.01	The LEA/School regularly looks at school performance data and aggregated classroom observation data and uses that data to make decisions about school improvement and professional development needs.(5159)	Implementation Status	Assigned To	Target Date
Initic	al Asse	essment:	The school is participating in professional development (PD) required by the school system that is focused on continuing the implementation of Multi-Tiered Student Support (MTSS) across the school and utilizing interventions that can address areas of potential growth for all students in both reading and math. PD is also offered at the district level in regard to middle school reading, serving Academically/Intellectually Gifted (AIG), and providing support for English Language Learners (ELL). Continued work in these programs are needed for teachers to properly understand concepts of differentiation as they pertain to our students. Middle schools and high schools in our district are also involved in training that is designed to help strengthen collaborative practice and core instructional activities, which help our schools and our teachers plan lessons around units and big questions that seek to enhance student problem-solving and stamina.	Limited Development 05/03/2017		

	<ul> <li>Previous narrative information:</li> <li>9/23/20 - Testing data has been difficult to analyze with the absence of EOG's from last year, so heavy emphasis will be placed on transition plans, iReady diagnostics, and Passports/Check-Ins.</li> <li>8/10/21 - While testing data will be known soon for the 20-21 school year, our intent is to continue conversations around student achievement using the valuable data points provided by iReady and common formative assessments.</li> </ul>			
How it will look when fully met:	When the objective is in full implementation, data-driven CTT's and school meetings will drive all major decisions made at the school that impact instruction. School leadership will focus instructional decisions on the continuous strengthening of core instruction at our school, which will further drive our efforts to fully implement MTSS throughout all of our school practices. We will also plan to include input and data from MTSS meetings, parent conversations, and Canvas submissions to track student progress on an individual level. Data highlights will focus on subgroup performance and addressing needs of subgroups that are showing negative trend in performance or growth composites.		Lisa Cagle	06/12/2023
Actions		0 of 3 (0%)		
9/19/1	7 MTSS supplemental and intensive interventions will be provided to identified students in all classrooms.		Lisa Cagle	06/04/2023
Notes				
9/19/1	7 CTT's will provide specific documentation of topics addressed in meetings. Virtual CTT's will also be used to fulfill meeting requirements and allow for recorded meets to be shared among folks who cannot attend.		Christie Embree	06/04/2023
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	1 Administrative meetings will occur at least twice per month addressing areas of need within classrooms and throughout the school. These meetings will also continue analyzing data points from various sources for continuing, ongoing school improvement.		Michael Crider	06/05/2023

Core Function:	Dimension C - Professional Capacity
Effective Practice:	Talent recruitment and retention

	KEY	C3.04	The LEA/School has established a system of procedures and protocols for recruiting, evaluating, rewarding, and replacing staff.(5168)	Implementation Status	Assigned To	Target Date
Initial	Asse	ssment:	The school system has measures in place for recruitment, hiring, and retaining quality teachers and staff. The school system has also implemented a bonus pay program using ESSER funds provided to LEA's for the COVID-19 pandemic, which we hope to use to help fill current vacancies within our selected location. Indicator evidence is uploaded in the 21-22 file.	Full Implementation 10/21/2021		

Core Function:	Dimension D - Planning and Operational Effectiveness			
Effective Practice:	Facilities and technology			
D2.04	The LEA/School consistently implements a process to determine and to acquire necessary instructional technology.(5176)	Implementation Status	Assigned To	Target Date
Initial Assessment:	Our school has received a sizeable number of Chromebooks from our school system through the assistance of ESSER funds. This alone has allowed our school to accumulate enough Chromebooks to be close to having one device per student in the school. We also will plan to use fundraising profits this year to acquire more technology, whether through the purchase of more Chromebooks to replace ones that are close to running out of date or through the purchase of other technology deemed a higher priority by our media committee.	Limited Development 10/20/2017		
How it will look when fully met:	When this objective is fully met, all students will have access to a Chromebook at any time during the school day and we will be able to conduct online testing as a school without any assistance from elementary schools. An inventory documenting the number of computers and calculators on hand and functioning will present proof of ability to carry out these expectations. Our school will consistently seek out students who can benefit from the use of school system resources, such as hotspots, to offer further access to internet when not on campus. We have a technology team comprised of the media specialist, administration, and teacher representatives who survey the needs of the staff in order to offer optimal instruction to students through multiple mediums. We will engage our community to give parents a broader understanding of how our learning management system (Canvas) works, and we hope to continue holding sessions for parents as a way to keep them informed on how to better monitor		Christie Embree	06/06/2025

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Actions		0 of 3 (0%)		
8/9/21	Media and technology committee will meet regularly with the media specialist to identify areas of continued need among staff members and students; consequently, resources will be determined as priority areas for allotment of budget when funds exist.		Christie Embree	06/06/2023
Notes:				
10/20/17	Inventory school technology for necessary upgrades or additions and identify computers that need to be fixed or discarded.		Christie Embree	06/04/2024
Notes:				
	Analyze local funding to determine budgets that can produce enough funds for meaningful purchase of necessary technology.		Michael Crider	06/04/2025
Notes:				

Core Functi	on:	Dimension E - Families and Community			
Effective Pr	actice:	Family Engagement			
KEY	E1.06	The school regularly communicates with parents/guardians about its expectations of them and the importance of the curriculum of the home (what parents can do at home to support their children's learning).(5182)	Implementation Status	Assigned To	Target Date
Initial Assessment:		The school communicates effectively with the community on a weekly basis through the use of an automated calling system (School Messenger) that sends a phone call out to all parents/guardians on Sunday evenings. This phone call is generated by the principal and is mainly for notification of school-wide events and important dates. Additionally, this phone call is also sent to parents and staff as an email if a valid email is entered for the individual in PowerSchool. Administration also communicates with parents/guardians of students for behavior issues and/or academic issues. Guidance and the student advocate also contact parents and guardians for academic issues as	Limited Development 05/03/2017		

		well as attendance issues. Letters are sent home for students who have reached a certain level of unexcused absences; excessive absences can warrant a conference with guidance or even a home visit by the social worker. Interim reports and report cards are sent home every quarter and each report card is signed and observed by the administration. While communication from staff to parents is required and mostly effective, processes need to continue to be in place to further improve the communication between parents and staff members on a consistent basis.			
How it will look when fully met:		While our school communicates a lot of different things in a variety of ways, we hope to make this a constant among all staff members. Full implementation would involve staff members calling parents for face- to-face conferences to discuss issues with grades or behavior as well as contacting all parents that they teach at the beginning of the school year to establish a foundation for positive communication. Our school continues to utilize social media to promote school events and teachers continue to update their Canvas pages with important announcements. Many teachers also use the Remind application to communicate with parents when a class announcement needs to be provided to remind students of upcoming dates.		Michael Crider	06/06/2024
Actions			0 of 3 (0%)		
	9/23/20	The school will utilize Facebook as another method by which to communicate information to our community, further utilizing social media to keep parents and students in the loop.		Christie Embree	06/04/2023
	Notes:				
		Establish and regularly maintain a school Instagram account to help with dissemination of information.		Christie Embree	06/12/2023
	Notes:				
	9/19/17	Certified staff members will submit list of students "at risk" of failing		Kristie Smith	06/04/2024
		and provide proof of parental contact (or attempted contact).			

Core Fund	tion:	Dimension E - Families and Community			
Effective	Practice:	Community Engagement			
	E2.02	The school provides a broad spectrum of communication to the community through meetings, announcements, newsletters, and a consistently updated website.(5189)	Implementation Status	Assigned To	Target Date

Initial Assessment:	The school does communicate with the community at large through phone calls and emails, as well as required documents that are sent home on dates designated by the school system. The school will benefit from greater attention to information on the school website and will also work with the Public Information Officer (Tim Moody) to explore alternate ways in which to disseminate information. Community input is found in organizations such as the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and the Athletic Boosters, and parent membership is requested for the School Improvement Team. Flyers that are sent home are now primarily sent electronically through the use of Peachjar.	Limited Development 05/03/2017		
How it will look when fully met:	Teachers and staff members will ensure that their school webpages have pertinent and current information. Announcements and phone call messages will continue to be routine and contain up-to-date information. The school will utilize social media to promote events and communicate with the public, while administration will continue to email a staff newsletter on a weekly basis to keep staff members informed of school events and meetings.		Christie Embree	06/06/2023
	Prior to September '22 input:			
	4/30/19 - More staff members are utilizing Canvas as an online platform for students to submit assignments and take quizzes. However, more work needs to be done across the school to increase webpage usage.			
	8/10/21 - All school staff, due to necessity of remote instruction during school closure and subsequent hybrid attendance during the 20-21 school year, have been adequately trained on Canvas and will be expected to continue updating their Canvas pages to ensure that all students have access to essential resources and assignments. Additionally, our school utilizes a variety of social media platforms, as well as weekly messages through phone and email, to disseminate information to the community. Our dependence on social media to communicate adequately with all stakeholders during the pandemic has increased our potential to ensure that all parents and students are informed of necessary information.			
Actions		4 of 5 (80%)		
10/20/17	Southwestern Randolph Middle School will use their various social media accounts to communicate with parents and the community at least biweekly. Tweets, Facebook/Instagram posts can be reminders, announcements, or a highlight of campus/classroom activities.	Complete 06/04/2021	Brittany Roberti	06/05/2021

Notes:				
10/20/17	6th grade teachers will ensure that their webpage and Canvas course page includes up to date information that is easily accessible including major assignments/events as well as tutoring days. Teachers will update Canvas regularly to ensure that this information is present and easily found.	Complete 05/03/2022	Christie Embree	06/05/2022
Notes:				
10/20/17	7th grade teachers will ensure that their webpage and Canvas course page includes up to date information that is easily accessible including major assignments/events as well as tutoring days. Teachers will update their Canvas pages regularly to ensure that this information is present and easily found.	Complete 05/03/2022	Christie Embree	06/05/2022
Notes:				
10/20/17	8th grade teachers will ensure that their webpage and Canvas course page includes up to date information that is easily accessible including major assignments/events as well as tutoring days. Teachers will update their Canvas pages regularly to ensure that this information is present and easily found.	Complete 05/03/2022	Christie Embree	06/05/2022
Notes:				
10/20/17	Elective teachers will ensure that their webpage and Canvas course page includes up to date information that is easily accessible including major assignments/events as well as tutoring days or after school meetings. Teachers will update their Canvas pages regularly to ensure that this information is present and easily found.		Christie Embree	06/05/2023
Notes:				



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Local Board Approval Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

#### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM MEMBERSHIP

From GS §115C-105.27: "The principal of each school, representatives of the assistant principals, instructional support personnel, and teacher assistants assigned to the school building, and parents of children enrolled in the school shall constitute a school improvement team to develop a school improvement plan to improve student performance. Representatives of the assistant principals, instructional personnel, instructional support personnel, and teacher assistants shall be elected by their respective groups by secret ballot...Parents serving on school improvement teams shall reflect the racial and socioeconomic composition of the students enrolled in that school and shall not be members of the building-level staff."

Committee Position	Typed Name	Signature	Date
Principal	Michael Crider		9/22/22
Asst. Principal	Stephanie Hatcher		9/22/22
Lead Teacher (chair)	Lisa Cagle		9/22/22
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher	Doreen Castelloe		9/22/22
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teacher	Ashley Moody		9/22/22
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teacher	Karen Rouse		9/22/22
CTE Computer Apps Teacher	Angela Frye		9/22/22
Media Specialist	Christie Embree		9/22/22
Guidance Counselor	Dylan Hamilton		9/22/22
Guidance Counselor	Brittany Roberti		9/22/22
Student Advocate	Kristie Smith		9/22/22
Parent Representative	Melissa Blackmon		9/22/22



## **NCStar/SIP Mandatory Components**

School Name: Southwestern Randolph Middle School

School Year: 2022-2023

Duty-Free Lunch

A duty-free lunch period will be provided for every teacher on a daily basis or as otherwise approved by the School Improvement Team. Please describe the plan below.

Southwestern Randolph MS is requesting a waiver from the state-required on-going operational activity of providing a daily duty-free lunch for teachers.

The laws which the waiver is requesting exemption from are: 115C-301.1. Duty-free instructional planning time. 115C-105.27. Development and approval of school improvement plans.

Grade level teachers are required to supervise students within their classrooms during lunch. It is not possible, while maintaining student safety, to offer teachers a duty-free lunch period on a daily basis. Our School Improvement Team has approved our current plan for supervising student lunch periods.

**Duty-Free Instructional Planning** 

Duty-free instructional planning will be provided for every full-time assigned classroom teacher, with the goal of providing an average of at least five hours of planning time per week. Please describe the plan below.

All full-time assigned classroom teachers shall be provided duty-free instructional planning time during regular students contact hours. The duty-free instructional planning time shall be provided to the maximum extent that provides for the safety and proper supervision of children during regular student contact hours. Planning periods of at least 90 minutes are provided every day for teachers on all grade levels. The expectation exists that teachers will take part in PLC's and/or grade level meetings that will total 90 minutes per week; however, this still leaves teachers with roughly six hours of planning time that is largely uninterrupted.

Transition Plan for At-Risk Students

 $\boxtimes$  Elementary to Middle School

☑ Middle School to High School

Please describe transition plan below.

5<sup>th</sup> grade students entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade are visited at their home school by our guidance counselors early in February and a "Transition Night" is held for rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade students so they can receive general information about middle school and we can address frequently asked questions and concerns. Additionally, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are given a school tour in late April or May by 8<sup>th</sup> grade outgoing Beta Club students and are given an opportunity to interact more closely with 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and support staff. The Transition Night and School Tours can be conducted virtually if COVID restrictions must be reinstated, and our school has accomplished this in the past when it has been deemed necessary. Over the summer, the principals of the elementary schools conference with the middle school principal to address potential issues and separate students as necessary to avoid student conflict.

8<sup>th</sup> grade students are given a tour of the high school in late February and the high school we feed into (SWRHS) has a parent night for rising freshmen at a later date so parents can receive similar information but also help their students make better choices about what classes they will attend. HS counselors come down to register 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in high school courses in March. Early College comes to our school to present to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in applying as early as November and our guidance department walks interested students through the process.

In addition to all of these items, the principal of the middle school conducts walkthroughs with principals at Seagrove ES, Southmont ES, and Southwestern Randolph HS twice in the first semester as a way of building community and lines of communication. These visits will be scheduled this year in the near future. All items listed in this section are dependent on CDC guidelines and local procedures in regard to allowing visitors into other schools during the ongoing pandemic; however, at this time there are no restrictions on visits from school system employees.