

Dr. Arthur Hines School
School Success Goals
2009-2010

These goals have been developed through collaborative efforts by the staff of Dr. Arthur Hines School in response to data collected. Each early dismissal or full day in-service day will involve meaningful Professional Development activities in these areas to help us, as a school, develop learning activities and assessment strategies to increase student achievement in these areas.

Goal 1: By June 2010, students will demonstrate growth in the writing traits of ideas, organization and sentence fluency so that 85% of the students will meet writing expectations on rubrics as found in the AVRSB Best Classroom Practices Binder.

Goal 2: By June 2010, students will demonstrate improvement in mental math skills of addition and subtraction so that 85% meet or exceed expectations on the school developed mental math assessment.

Goal 3: By June 2010, we will implement school communication improvement strategies so that 85% of school partners feel there is good communication with the school as shown on a school developed survey.

The staff of Dr. Arthur Hines School is committed to providing information to all school partners on a timely basis. Recognizing that communication can always be improved, we have already started the process by looking closely at what we do well and areas that can be improved. Our early year full day school based professional development days will be used, in part, to continue our conversations and develop strategies to improve communication on all levels.

During the 2009-2010 school year, we will also work as a staff around three additional school driven initiatives.

Initiative 1: Daily Physical Activity

Beginning in September, 2009, students will be involved in daily physical activity (DPA). Students will have two 30 minute blocks of Physical Education each week, their activity time with Mrs. Crawford and teacher led activity classes. On days that the class does not have either a regular Physical Education class or activity time with Mrs. Crawford, teachers will be expected to plan a 20 minute activity class. Teachers will involve their classes in nature walks, low organized games, yoga and other activities.

This initiative follows Dr. Arthur Hines School's commitment to supporting students developing healthy lifestyles. Something that our lunch program and garden work already supports.

Initiative 2: PEBS (Positive Effective Behavior Support)

By June 2010, we will increase the level of respectful interactions among students, thereby decreasing the number of office referrals for incidents of negative behavior by 20%.

We will continue to work to have positive interactions with the students and to continually recognize those students who behave appropriately. We will continue to make good phone calls home and acknowledge students positive behavior through monthly school wide assemblies.

Initiative 3: Reading

We will continue to work as a staff to improve our reading instruction and ensure that reading time is used as efficiently and effectively as it needs to be so that student learning in this area is maximized. Our goal of having 85% of our students reading at grade level is one that we will continue to strive to meet.