

Burleson Independent School District
Academy At Nola Dunn
2016-2017 Improvement Plan



Mission Statement

The mission of the Academy at Nola Dunn, an innovative learning community, is to empower and inspire life long learners.

Vision

The vision of The Academy at Nola Dunn is to create a learning environment based on current brain research that is engaging, positive, and stimulating. This environment promotes the academic success and social/emotional well-being of every child.

Value Statement

Relevance – Learning is relevant and matters to the students. It is based on real-life experiences and is problem/project based. It allows and inspires creativity

Engagement – The instruction is inspiring and stimulating. It incorporates novelty, technology, and problem solving to cement learning and awaken curiosity.

Meta-cognition – Students are aware of and can define their own thinking. They make connections to prior knowledge and discern likes and differences. They can defend a position using evidence and engage in critical thinking. They are constantly thinking about or asking questions.

Self-regulation – Students can communicate, collaborate, and problem solve in a language-based environment. They have the social awareness and personal grit required to tackle challenging tasks. And they have the confidence to make mistakes and learn from them.

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Goal 1: We will design an engaging and challenging curriculum that develops each student's ability to read, write, think, and defend.

Performance Objective 1: The Academy at Nola Dunn will increase the number of students who meet standard on the 2017 Reading STAAR by 6 percentage points as measured by state indicators (school wide on reading STAAR, grades 3-5). We will also have a 6 percentage point increase for students achieving the Advanced status in reading as measured by STAAR.

Performance Objective 2: We will increase the number of students who meet standard on the 2017 Writing STAAR by 5 percentage points. For students served through special education, we will double their percentage and have a difference of no more than 10% as compared to all students.

Performance Objective 3: We will increase the number of students who meet standard on the 2017 Math STAAR by 5 percentage points. Students served through special education will increase by 25 percentage points and our advanced rate will increase by 26 percentage points.

Performance Objective 4: We will increase Science STAAR met standard by 5 percentage points with an increase students scoring in the advanced category by 10 percentage points and increase scores with students considered at risk students by 25 percentage points.

Goal 2: We will provide students with multiple avenues for specialized instruction and opportunities to advance at their own pace.

Performance Objective 1: In 2016-17, all Academy students will make at least one year's growth as measured by State indicators.

Goal 3: We will equip teachers with the resources, training and time necessary to achieve our strategic objectives.

Performance Objective 1: All teachers will continue to add to their knowledge and utilization of brain based strategies in the classroom in order to effectively advance student achievement.

Performance Objective 2: In this school year, Academy teachers will use PLC meetings to collaborate, improve instruction and student learning as driven by the four questions on a weekly basis.

Goal 4: We will establish a college-going culture on every BISSD campus that intentionally prepares students for future endeavors.

Performance Objective 1: This school year, The Academy will engage in activities to promote students' awareness of secondary and college and career opportunities.

Goal 5: We will offer educational programs of choice that will nurture students' unique talents and promote global citizenship.

Performance Objective 1: Academy students, grades 3-5, will broaden their interests and knowledge by attending after school clubs.

Performance Objective 2: 100% of Academy students will participate in a year-long study of a country that culminates in a project that includes problem solving, research, and an international party.

Goal 6: We will employ effective and efficient processes systems for student safety, attendance, and discipline.

Performance Objective 1: For the 2016-2017 school year, measures will be taken to ensure student safety on our campus that has a high rate of involvement.

Performance Objective 2: During this school year, we will maintain a 98% attendance rate.