

# **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.