

PLANNED IMPROVEMENT FOR THE SCHOOL AND DISTRICT

This is the final section of the school report card in which your school and district provide information below on areas of success and areas for planned improvement based on your school's improvement plan.

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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS:

Goal # 1:

Valley View will improve student performance in the area of Reading on ISAT testing. Improvement will be seen in the areas of comprehension, application of strategies, vocabulary, and word analysis.

Activities for Goal #1:

- *School wide literacy coaches will be used to help teachers on how to use new literacy curriculum (Literacy by Design).
- *Monthly morning meetings focusing on helping teachers to improve literacy instruction. Meetings will be conducted by literacy coaches.
- *Training given on how to utilize the Rigby Fluent Reader program.
- *Intervention logs utilized to track student progress and document interventions and strategies being used.
- *All students will be provided 90 uninterrupted minutes of reading instruction daily.

Goal # 2:

Students at Valley View will improve their skills in the area of mathematics. To improve the skills of our students in open-ended math problems, specifically relating to the areas of mathematical knowledge, strategic knowledge and explanation.

Activities for Goal #2:

- *Additional training will be provided to teachers on how to facilitate small group math instruction in the classroom.
- *School wide model will be created on how teachers should have students respond to extended response math questions.
- *Modifications made to the school schedule to allow for a daily uninterrupted math block so all students can receive their primary instruction from the classroom teacher.

Goal # 3:

Valley View will improve delivery of service and instruction to our ELL and special education students in order to improve student performance on state testing.

Activities for Goal #3:

- *Staff will be trained in Tosoros for ELL students.
- *Staff will be trained in Intervention by Design for special education students.

*We will modify and amplify the use of our three tier RTI model for identification and better placement of students with special needs.

*All bilingual and special education students will receive 90 uninterrupted minutes of reading instruction.

Goal # 4:

Valley View will improve student performance in the area of writing on ISAT testing as well as see improvement in CBM scores.

Activities for Goal #4

* School wide model will be created on how teachers should have students respond to ISAT writing prompts.

*Valley View student Post Office is running to encourage student writing.

*All school assembly focusing on writing and how to write good stories.

Goal # 5:

Valley View students will be able to identify the character trait of the month as well as demonstrate how to use this trait in their daily interactions with others.

Activities for Goal #5

*Assistant principal and social worker will be meeting with each classroom on a monthly basis to review the character trait as well as have students do an activity to correlate with the trait.

*School wide fundraiser to benefit St Jude Children's Hospital to teach students the importance of helping others who are less fortunate.

*School wide food drive to benefit FISH (food pantry).

*All school assembly focusing on character traits and anti-bullying

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN SUCCESSES:

Students at Valley View Elementary School performed extremely well on the state (ISAT) testing. 77% of students in grades 3-5 meet/exceed in the area of Reading and 84% meet/exceed in the area of Math.

Third grade Reading scores improved 4% on the ISAT test. 76% of the students meet/exceed state standards. 86% of the 3rd grade students meet/exceed state standards in the area of Math.

Fourth grade Reading scores improved 5% on the ISAT test. 79% of the students meet/exceed state standards. 86% of the 4th grade students meet/exceed state standards in the area of Math.

Fifth grade Reading scores improved 8% on the ISAT test. 78% of the students meet/exceed state standards. Math scores improved 3% and 81% of the 5th grade students meet/exceed in this area.

All students, including students with disabilities and economically disadvantaged students, made Annual Yearly Progress (AYP), as required by the state.

Valley View Elementary School and District 15 have implemented a new reading series, Literacy by Design. This new series has intervention strategies as well as staff development components in place to help our staff continue to be able to improve instruction in the area of reading. All staff has participated in district wide professional development on implementation of the new reading series focusing specifically on whole and small group instruction.

Teachers at all grade levels are utilizing guided reading in their classrooms on a daily basis. This model allows teachers to use materials that match each student's instructional reading level while focusing on the various reading strategies.

Valley View Elementary School continues to benchmark all students three times a year using the AIMSWeb assessment. We also administer the ISEL (Illinois Snapshot of Early Literacy) test to all kindergarten students and first grade students.

Morning "Breakfast Club Meetings" are held two times a month to focus on literacy. Our assistant principal and literacy coaches provide training to our staff on how to use guided reading, small group instruction, reading strategies, and stations in the classroom.

Valley View Elementary School teachers began exploring how they could use small group instruction during math instruction. The staff also spent time exploring and creating a school wide model on how students should answer extended response math questions for the ISAT.

We continued our "Valley View Post Office" program. The students enjoy writing letters and this helps teach the students the importance of writing. Our 5th grade students also get to experience career opportunities available through the post office.