



2016 - 2017

Local School Plan for Improvement

Discovery High School

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Accountability and flexibility are hallmarks of Gwinnett County Public Schools' success. Key to that success is ensuring that each school community understands the progress being made by its schools, as well as what plans will drive improvement. Each school creates a collaborative Local School Plan for Improvement (LSPI), with targeted goals based on student achievement results. These goals are dynamic, like our schools, and are updated to reflect changes that occur in schools. Data is used to determine areas needing improvement and to identify specific, measurable, annual objectives. Schools then determine how to use research-based strategies to achieve these goals, using flexibility as needed. The LSPI development process involves teachers, parents, and community members, so the entire school community has the opportunity to be involved in conversations about school improvement. Please contact the local school principal for more information about the school's plan and progress.

- **Long Term Goal**

Discovery High School will increase its four year cohort graduation rate to 85% by 2019-2020.

- o **Annual Goal**

With annual increases of at least 5% for students in all subgroups, Discovery High School will pursue 100% CCRPI Content Mastery with students in all subgroups scoring at the Proficient or Exemplary levels on the Georgia Milestones EOC assessments, including the 9th Grade Literature, American Literature, Algebra I, Analytical Geometry, Biology, US History, and Economics End of Course tests.

- o **Annual Goal**

Discovery High School will provide a positive learning environment for all students to achieve their learning potential which will be evident through at least a 5% decrease in the average number of office referrals per teacher as compared to that of the 2015-2016 school year.

- **Long Term Goal**

While working toward 100% student proficiency, the percentage of Discovery High School first time test takers receiving a score of "Meet" or "Exceed" on the Social Studies and Science Gateway assessments will increase by at least 5% each year over the 2015-2016 scores so that by 2019-2020 at least 87% of all first time test takers will receive a score of "Meet" or "Exceed" in Science and at least 95% will receive a score of "Meet" or "Exceed" in Social Studies.

- o **Annual Goal**

While working toward 100% student proficiency, the percentage of Discovery High School first time test takers receiving a score of Meet or Exceed on the 2016-2017 Social Studies and Science Gateway assessments will increase by at least 5% over the 2015-2016 scores so that at least 72% of all 2016-2017 first time test takers will receive a score of Meet or Exceed in Science and at least 80% will receive a score of Meet or Exceed in Social Studies.

- **Long Term Goal**

Discovery High School will build parent capacity to support student achievement by implementing the activities outlined in the Parent Involvement Policy and School/Parent Compact.