



2015 - 2016

Local School Plan for Improvement

J. P. McConnell Middle 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

Archer Cluster core area teachers will meet vertically to align formative assessment practices to increase student learning outcomes and expectations across grade levels. McConnell Middle School students will increase the percentage of student scoring in the "Proficient or Distinguished" categories for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies to 100% as measured by state End of Grade or End of Course assessments by Spring of 2019.

o Annual Goal

McConnell Middle School will increase academic performance for all students in language arts on county assessments to a level which exceeds that of the GCPS average by 2 percentage points first semester and 3 percentage points second semester.

1st Semester	MMS Pretest Average	District Pretest Average	MMS Post Test Average	District Post Test Average	Meet
Increase by 2					
6th grade					
7th grade					
8th grade					

2nd Semester	MMS Pretest Average	District Pretest Average	MMS Post Test Average	District Post Test Average	Meet
Increase by 3					
6th grade					
7th grade					
8th grade					

o Annual Goal

McConnell Middle School will increase academic performance for all students in mathematics on county assessments to a level which exceeds that of the GCPS average by 4 percentage points first semester and 6 percentage points second semester. Progress will be monitored using the following step-function table expectations:

MATH	Minimum Increase needed
Score Range (%)	Pre-test to Posttest
Raw Score	Raw Score
0-19	30
20-49	25
50-59	20
60-69	10
70-84	5
85-90+	4



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McConnell Middle School will increase academic performance for all students in science on county assessments to a level which exceeds that of the GCPS average by 3 percentage points first semester and 5 percentage points second semester. Progress will be monitored using the following step-function table expectations:

Pre-test Raw Score Range (%)	Minimum Increase needed Raw Score Posttest
0-19	30
20-49	25
50-59	20
60-69	10
70-84	5
85-90+	4

o Annual Goal

McConnell Middle School will increase academic performance for all students in social studies on county assessments to a level which exceeds that of the GCPS average by 3 percentage points first semester and 5 percentage points second semester. Progress will be monitored using the following step-function table expectations:

Pre-test Raw Score Range (%)	Minimum Increase needed Raw Score Posttest
0-19	40
20-39	30
40-59	20
60-79	10
80-95	5