KIPP Delta Elementary Literacy Academy

2020-2021 School Improvement Plan

Priority and Goal
In the 2020 – 2021 school year, KIPP Delta Elementary Literacy Academy will prioritize building a culture of achievement in order to meet our goal of at least 60% of students earning a close, ready, or exceeding score on the ACT Aspire assessments.

Data
To determine our goal, our school’s leadership reviewed the following student and family data: attendance, chronic absenteeism, suspensions, and expulsions as recorded in eSchool; behavior and student habit data from LiveSchool; student achievement from ACT Aspire and MAP tests; and data from KIPP Foundation student and family surveys. KIPP Delta ELA has a Q3 average daily attendance rate of 94.4%. This represents a 0.5% improvement in attendance rate since last school year. Our suspension rate year to date is 0.2% with a lower suspension rate for students with special needs than our regular education population. On our most recent ACT Aspire interim assessment 24% of students met benchmark reading, and 49% of students met benchmark in math. Our reading interim proficiency has decreased from 31% to 24% over the course of the school year. These results are comparable to our 2018 - 2019 ACT Aspire summative results with 63% of students meeting benchmark in English, 21% meeting benchmark in reading, 18% meeting benchmark in science, and 32% meeting benchmark in math.

Supports, Interventions, or Practices
KIPP Delta Elementary Literacy Academy will make a number of changes to create a culture of achievement in the school, such that kids are deeply engaged in class, put forth their best effort every day, and achieve academically on or above grade level. First, we are continuing to double down on our literacy curriculum Core Knowledge Language Arts and effectively implementing all components of the curriculum. We chose this curriculum because of its strong alignment to the science of reading. We are confident that the curriculum, with a clear, standards-driven approach to instruction, deep grounding in phonemic awareness and phonics through second grade, emphasis on building background knowledge, and a well-documented research base will improve student performance in literacy. Additionally, we will continue to implement a reading intervention program called HillRAP. This program has shown promise since its two-year implementation and we are planning to significantly increase the number of students served by the intervention program by adding one instructional assistant to the intervention team and using our elective teachers as interventionists.
Second, we will continue to implement and deepen our commitment to a culture of earning and logical consequences. We continue to refine and implement the incentive system across the school using LiveSchool as a technology platform to recognize positive behaviors and track negative behaviors. We will tie incentives such as the school store, field lessons, and other school privileges to the points earned in LiveSchool. We will equip teachers to integrate the recognitions and deductions into their classroom management practices ensuring we are consistently recognizing positive behaviors and addressing misbehaviors. Additionally, we will implement an anti-bullying program to address the concerns students and families have raised about bullying at school.

Professional Learning

We will have two priorities for professional development for the 2020 - 2021 school year. First, we will engage in professional development to continue to effectively implement the Core Knowledge Language Arts curriculum. This professional development will include building new teachers’ background knowledge to teach the curriculum, understanding the curriculum design, analyzing student assessment data from the curriculum, and observing and coaching the teachers on curriculum implementation. Additionally, we will have our intervention team participate in training for the HillRAP reading intervention program. This training will be grounded in the science of teaching reading and effective program implementation.

Our second priority will be in building a culture of achievement in the school. This will include professional development on key messages, growth mindset, and effective effort. Additionally, we will conduct professional development with follow up observation and coaching on establishing strong routines in classrooms and across the school, implementing logical consequences, and effective student discipline to ensure our teachers are equipped to run classrooms with a high level of focus and hard work. Additionally, we will conduct professional development throughout the year to implement and reinforce an anti-bullying program.

Implementation Timeline, and Monitoring, and Evaluation Timeline

| May 2020               | • Re-order Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) materials  
|                       | • Unit Internalization of the remaining units from the CKLA curriculum. |
| June 2020             | • Conduct training for instructional leaders (Grade Level Chairs, APs) on CKLA  
<p>|                       | • Reading intervention staff will participate in training on the HillRAP reading intervention program and have at-bats virtually during the summer. |</p>
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| July 2020 | ● Conduct training for all new teachers on CKLA  
             ● Conduct internalization meetings for teachers  
             ● Have teachbacks for teachers to receive feedback on the execution of CKLA lessons.  
             ● Order materials for HillRAP program implementation  
             ● Schedule students for reading interventions  
             ● Complete workshop for new staff on logical consequences using *Teaching with Love and Logic*  
             ● Conduct training on LiveSchool implementation for new staff  
             ● Setup LiveSchool accounts for all new students and monitor rollover for returning students |
| August 2020 | ● Continue implementation of CKLA curriculum, HillRAP reading intervention program, and anti-bullying program  
             ● Begin weekly observations and coaching on CKLA implementation  
             ● Share LiveSchool account access with parents  
             ● Begin sending home weekly LiveSchool student reports to families  
             ● Open school store for students to shop using their LiveSchool points  
             ● Begin weekly monitoring of LiveSchool for efficacy of implementation |
| October 2020 | ● Conduct first quarter review of CKLA student assessment data  
             ● Conduct first quarter review of HillRAP student progress data  
             ● Conduct first quarter review of student culture and implementation of anti-bullying program |
| December 2020 | ● Conduct second quarter review of HillRAP student progress data  
             ● Conduct second quarter review of CKLA student assessment data  
             ● Conduct second quarter review of student culture and implementation of anti-bullying program |
| March 2021 | ● Conduct third quarter review of CKLA student assessment data  
             ● Conduct third quarter review of HillRAP student progress data  
             ● Conduct third quarter review of student culture and implementation of anti-bullying program |
| June 2021 | ● Conduct end-of-year review of CKLA student assessment data  
             ● Conduct end-of-year review of HillRAP student progress data  
             ● Conduct end-of-year review of student culture and implementation of anti-bullying program |