

The 2011-2012 Durand Junior High School Improvement Plan

Listed below are some, but not all, of the accomplishments and successes at Durand Junior High School in the 2010-2011 school year, as well as, goals for the 2011-2012 school year.

Accomplishments and Successes

- Creation and Implementation of WHAM (ISAT incentive program)
- Junior Bulldog Bucks and quarterly prize drawing
- Flexible scheduling for math
- Flexible scheduling for reading
- After school academic help has made a positive impact on the junior high
- Continued strong ISAT showing, for example: 8th grade math 93.8% meets or exceeds standards, 8th grade reading 88.5% meeting or exceeding standards, and 98.2% meeting or exceeding standards in science.
- New textbooks in Language Art/English has shown success
- Mr. Bland volunteers to DJ the student dances
- High involvement of members in student council
- 7th Grade football won conference title and went undefeated
- JH Football has high involvement with almost 50 players
- JH Spirit squad attended away games, has high involvement, and added cold weather apparel for health and safety that promotes team unity and school spirit
- Use of projectors and a ELMOS in classroom
- Adapting to modified technological changes
- Math and Reading RtI has shown positive changes for individual students
- Junior High Special Education math parallels district math curriculum
- Red Ribbon week shows great student involvement
- Use of MAPS testing and other electronic testing programs has aided in identifying struggling students
- Student council includes elementary in fundraisers such as food drives and pennies for patients to create school unity and pride
- The 2011 8th grade football players assisted the high school during homecoming by agreeing to play a game before the varsity game

Goals for 2011-12 School Year

1. Continue to build character and positive school atmosphere (Implement PBIS)
2. Increase reading skills in the junior high
3. Promote and improve math skills
4. Fostering a love for science
5. Improve study skills for students
6. Continue to Monitor RtI for math and reading
7. Introduce and implement common core standards into current curriculums
8. Research academic enhancement activities
9. Implement writing and behavioral interventions
10. Create a MAPS incentive program

Goal 1: Continue to build character and positive school atmosphere

- a. Cheerleading is open to fall and winter sports to help improve school spirit
- b. Continue to hand out Junior Bulldog Bucks and give students the opportunity for a quarterly prize drawing
- c. Congratulating students on extracurricular activities
- d. Recognition of positive academic achievements by awarding honor roll status
- e. Recognition of positive academic achievement on ISAT's through implementation of the new WHAM program
- f. Encourage students to follow dress code
- g. Encourage students to join extracurricular activities or athletics and support other students in their choice of activities
- h. The JH student council will continue to sponsor food drives and other fundraisers to support various charities.

Goal 2: Increase reading skills in the Junior High

- a. Continue flexible scheduling to meet student needs
- b. Continue use of vocabulary books to improve student achievement
- c. Continued use of SSR
- d. Use of AR and STAR reading test/program, for RtI students
- e. Independent reading supported through quarterly book reports for both grades
- f. Continue monitoring of MAPS testing to identify reading abilities

Goal 3: Promote and improve math skills

- a. Continue Study Island; an online math program
- b. Continue flexible scheduling to meet students' needs
- c. Continued use of paraprofessional to provide additional support for struggling students
- d. Continued use of Fastt Math for struggling students

Goal 4: Fostering a love for science

- a. Continue Science Fair
- b. Continue Science Olympiad
- c. Improved textbooks have been beneficial
- d. Continued use of Current Science and Science World

Goal 5: Improve study skills for students

- a. Research different programs that are available
- b. Coordinate with elementary teachers to look at what study skills are taught
- c. Mandatory use of assignment notebooks for students
- d. Modeling techniques in the classroom
 - Note taking
 - Study guides determined by the teacher
 - Test taking strategies
 - Rubrics
- e. Continue Mrs. Walsh's academic study hall

Goal 6: Monitor RtI for math and reading

- a. Continue MAPS testing for math and reading as the universal screener
- b. Data team meetings every six weeks
- c. Continue to research and evaluate our JH RtI plan

Goal 7: Introduction and implementation of common core standards into current curriculum

- a. Begin identifying and integrating common core standards into our current curriculum
- b. Research new curriculum to accommodate common core standards

Goal 8: Research Academic enhancement activities

- a. Homeroom
- b. Competition against other schools
- c. JH competition- Academic Bowl

Goal 9: Implement writing and study skills interventions

- a. Implement writing RtI
- b. Implement study skills RtI

Goal 10: Create a MAPS incentive program

- a. Create framework for incentive program
 - a. Percentage increase in MAPS testing to set goal
 - b. Research possible rewards for incentive program