

Maine South High School Improvement Plan Summary 2008-2009

Goal #1 – Reading: Improve the content-related reading performances of all students.

Action Steps:

- Provide building-wide staff development that addresses multiple approaches to improvement, which include novice learners, course teams, advanced learners and peer coaching;
- Course team work that includes action research to determine the strategies that yield the greatest success with students;
- Inter-departmental collaboration between Special Education and mainstreamed departments to identify means of more successfully meeting the needs of students with IEPs in mainstreamed courses.

Goal #2 – Technology: Increase the use of technology to improve instruction and learning.

Action Steps:

- Provide building-wide staff development that addresses multiple approaches to improvement, which include novice learners, entire departments, and advanced learners;
- Create active and updated web sites for all staff members, which include assignments, course syllabi, and links to content-related web sites;
- Demonstrate successful technology-related instruction during collaboration time and/or department meetings.

Goal #3 – Hawk Pride: Increase the instances of Hawk Pride behavior throughout the school.

Action Steps:

- Conduct regular Hawk Pride (character education) lessons that are co-created and facilitated by students;
- Conduct department-wide efforts to heighten Hawk Pride, which combine the efforts of teachers with those of their students;
- Utilize instructional strategies, such as cooperative learning, that promote the development of social skills and teamwork.
- Regularly recognize students who demonstrate Hawk Pride behavior;
- Promote Hawk Pride among the faculty and staff through activities hosted by the Maine South Kettle Klub;