**Dorchester Public School**

**Continuous School Improvement**



**Mission:**

The Mission of Dorchester Public School is to prepare students to read with comprehension, write

clearly, compute mathematically, and utilize information and technology to solve problems.

**Vision:**

Our vision is to create an educational system that provides all students opportunity to practice

and receive feedback in all academic areas to foster life-long learning for future success.

**District School Improvement Goals:**

All students will improve their reading comprehension skills.

All students will improve their math computation skills.

All students will develop critical thinking skills through differentiated instruction*.*

**Steering Team Members:**

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**School Improvement Plan**

**2010-2009**

**District Goal:** All students will improve their reading comprehension skills.

**District Sub-goals:** Students in grades K-6 will improve the reading skills of phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, and comprehension.

Students in grades 7-12 will improve their reading comprehension skills.

**Supporting Data:** DIBELS (K-6), MAP-Read (3-11), ACT/PLAN/EXPLORE-Reading, Science (8-12), STAR (1-12), NeSA-R (3-8, 11)

***Student/Parent/Staff Surveys***

**Benchmarks:** DIBELS – 80% of students will reach benchmark in ISF, PSF, NWF, and ORF

 MAP-Reading – 80% of students will be at the 50th percentile or greater

 ACT-Reading – 80% of students will be at the 50th percentile of greater

 STAR – 80% of students will be at grade level

 NeSA-R – 80% of students will be proficient or greater

**Interventions/Strategies:**

Classroom Teaching and Learning

* Use of text engagement strategies across classrooms to practice summarizing and pre-reading skills (7-12)
* Continue curriculum alignment K-12 that began in June 2009 (Formal Realignment in Summer of 2011?)
* Progress monitoring of K-6 struggling readers with the use of DIBELS and/or LEXIA

District Initiatives

* Study skills class at the Junior High grade levels
* Sustained Silent Reading Time during daily study hall
* Implementation of Common Unit Planning for grades 7-12 to facilitate thematic units and encourage critical thinking skills

Previous School Improvement Plan

* Coordination days – collaboration with classroom teachers and SPED teachers
* Implement the use of quarter books in grades 3-12
* Instruction in the 6 Traits of Writing and attend 6 Trait workshops through ESU 6, as needed
* Stress writing across the curriculum
* Concentrate on skills that affect “reading to learn” such as using graphic organizers
* CORE reading program evaluation and alignment for K-6
* Book Study: Getting to Got It!: Helping struggling students learn how to learn

Future Research/Ideas to Review

* Use of L to J to review vocabulary across curriculum
* Combine SSR initiative with a reflection/writing process

**Best Practices/Resources:**

DIBELS Manual

Florida Center for Reading Research

Graphic Organizers

Differentiated Instruction

**Professional Development:**

Curriculum Alignment Process

**Technology Implementation:**

Use of Schoolfusion to facilitate Book Study

LEXIA training for K-6 Staff

**Summary Table:**

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| **Intervention/Strategy/ Initiative** | **Professional Development** | **Other Resources** | **Timeline** | **Person(s) Responsible** |
| CORE Reading Program Evaluation | April Kelly – DIBELS, 90min reading block, CORE eval |  | Current – Fall 2010 | K-6 Reading teachers, Building Principal |
| Pre-Reading Processes | Reading Process Training | TBD | TBD | 4-12 Classroom Teachers, Building Principal |
| Book Study | Use of ANGEL | Book (purchased through ESU 6 grant) | S2 2009-2010 | Teacher Volunteers, Building Principal |
| Curriculum Alignment | Alignment Process Training | Alignment Templates | Current – Fall 2011 | K-12 Reading Teachers, Building Principal |
| Unit Planning | Unit Planning Process | Unit Planning Template | Spring 2010-Spring 2012 | 7-12 Teachers, Principal |

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**School Improvement Plan**

**2009-2010**

**District Goal:** All students will improve their math computation skills.

**Supporting Data:** MAP-Math (3-11), ACT/PLAN/EXPLORE-Math (11-12), NeSA-M (3-8, 11)

***Student/Parent/Staff Surveys***

**Benchmarks:** MAP-Math – 80% of students will be at the 50th percentile or greater

 ACT/PLAN/EXPLORE-Math – 80% of students will be at the 50th percentile of greater

 NeSA-M – 80% of students will be proficient or greater

**Interventions/Strategies:**

Classroom Teaching and Learning

* Utilize Otter Creek “Math Facts in a Flash” program in grades 1-9, as time permits
* Curriculum alignment for grades K-12
* Saxon Math Curriculum Training K-8
* Use of Study Island in grades 4-8 to differentiate instruction

District Initiatives

Previous School Improvement Plan

* Align math standards to appropriate grade levels

Future Research/Ideas to Review

**Best Practices/Resources:**

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Nebraska State Math Standards

**Professional Development:**

Curriculum Alignment Process

Saxon Math Training

**Technology Implementation:**

Study Island Training

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| **Intervention/Strategy/ Initiative** | **Professional Development** | **Other Resources** | **Timeline** | **Person(s) Responsible** |
| Otter Creek Math | N/A | N/A | Currently Implemented | 1-9 Classroom Teachers, Building Principal |
| Curriculum Alignment | Alignment Process Training | Alignment Templates | Begin Summer 2010 | K-12 Math Teachers, Building Principal |
| SAXON Math Training | Provided through Saxon | N/A | Complete prior to 2010-2011 School Year | K-8 Math Teachers, Building Principal |
| Study Island | Study Island Training | N/A | Currently Being Implemented | 4-8 Math Teachers,Building Principal |

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**School Improvement Plan**

**2009-2010**

**District Goal:** All students will improve their critical thinking skills.

 (Focus will be in grades 3-12)

**Supporting Data:** MAP-Science Reasoning (4-11), ACT/PLAN/EXPLORE-Science/Overall Composite (11-12)

***Student/Parent/Staff Surveys***

**Benchmarks:** MAP-Science Reasoning – 80% of students will be at the 50th percentile or greater

 ACT/PLAN/EXPLORE-Science/Composite – 80% of students will be at the 50th percentile of greater

**Interventions/Strategies:**

Classroom Teaching and Learning

* Use of thematic units and unit planning to incorporate higher ordered thinking and problem-solving
* Use of differentiated instruction to encourage students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills
* Encourage active learning strategies in the classroom
* Encourage the student use of 21st century learning tools and technology
* Alignment of ACT curricular content with classroom instruction/activities

District Initiatives

* Unit planning with student activities designed for all levels of bloom’s taxonomy
* Teacher In-service once a month in the form of 1:30 early out scheduling

Previous School Improvement Plan

* N/A

Future Research/Ideas to Review

**Best Practices/Resources:**

Compete.org

Partnership for 21st Century Skills

**Professional Development:**

Active Learning Strategies

**Technology Implementation:**

Schoolfusion Classroom Tools

ANGEL

Instructional Technology Tools

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| Active Learning Strategies | ESU 6 Training | N/A | Fall 2010 and Ongoing | 7-12 Classroom Teachers, Building Principal |
| Unit Planning | ESU 6 Training | Planning Templates | Spring 2010 and Ongoing | 7-12 Teachers, Building Principal |
| Personal Learning Plans | PLP Training | NWEA MAP Training | Spring 2010 and Ongoing | 3-12 Classrooms Teachers, Building Principal |
| ANGEL/Schoolfusion Integration Training | ANGEL Training (In House), Schoolfusion Training | TBD | TBD | 3-12 Classrooms Teachers, Building Principal |
| ACT Curriculum Integration | TBD | ACT Documents, TBD | TBD | TBD |