

Tarkington Independent School District

Early Childhood School

2024-2025 Campus Improvement Plan

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Comprehensive Needs Assessment

Demographics

Demographics Summary

Demographics

TES and TECS serve a diverse population of 949 students. The demographic breakdown is as follows: 76.24% White, 19.35% Hispanic, 2.94% Two or more races, 0.84% African American, 0.32% Pacific Islander, 0.21% Asian, and 0.11% American Indian. Additionally, 16.61% of students are in special education, 4.1% have 504 plans, and 6.49% are classified as English learners or gifted and talented. Gender distribution is nearly equal, with 49.95% male and 50.05% female students.

Demographics Strengths

Tarkington Elementary School (TES) is a large public elementary campus in Texas, serving 1st through 5th grade, with an enrollment of 739 students. Tarkington Early Childhood School (TECS) is a large early childhood campus with an enrollment of 210 students, bringing our total campus enrollment to 949 students. The demographics of TECS and TES are as follows: 76.24% White, 19.35% Hispanic, 2.94% identifying as two or more races, 0.84% African American, 0.32% Pacific Islander, 0.21% Asian, and 0.11% American Indian. The student population includes 16.61% receiving special education services, 4.1% identified under Section 504, 6.49% English learners (EB), 6.49% in the Gifted and Talented (GT) program, and 15.88% identified as at-risk. The gender breakdown is nearly even, with 49.95% male and 50.05% female students.

We currently have 54 teachers on staff, of which 18 are not yet certified. Additionally, 11 teachers are new to the campus this year.

Problem Statements Identifying Demographics Needs

Problem Statement 1 (Prioritized): 59% of teachers have between 1- 5 years or less of teaching experience **Root Cause:** Teachers are retiring, resigning, and many teachers are new to the profession. Some paras do an effective job teaching and are eligible for district recruitment programs, "Grow your Own."

Problem Statement 2: Teacher retention is an ongoing concern each year. Over the last two years we have lost 33 teachers impacting stability at the school site. **Root Cause:** Inconsistencies with administrative teams. TISD is a lower paying district compared to surrounding cities.

Problem Statement 3: Violation of established rules/procedures referrals made up the majority of the disciplinary referrals for the 2023-2024 school year. **Root Cause:** Inconsistencies with discipline management and classroom management.

Problem Statement 4 (Prioritized): Administration turnover: Three principals in the last 3 years. 7 assistant/associate principals in the last three years **Root Cause:** TISD is a lower paying district compared to surrounding cities.

Student Learning

Student Learning Summary

For the 2023-2024 school year, an average of 38% of students across all grades achieved the "meets" level and 13% achieved the "masters" level on the reading STAAR test. In math, 29% of students reached the "meets" level, while 9% reached the "masters" level. For the 5th-grade science STAAR test, 25% of students were at the "meets" level, and 9% were at the "masters" level. According to the TAPR Report, certain student groups outperformed others in specific subjects across all grade levels. However, students in special education consistently scored well below grade level in all subjects.

Student Learning Strengths

With 43 returning teachers, Tarkington Elementary School benefits from continuity and expertise, fostering stability in instructional practices and deeper relationships with students. This stability allows for more effective teaching strategies and tailored support for student needs. Housing all STAAR-tested grades on the same campus promotes collaboration and consistency in instruction, ensuring that students build on prior knowledge and receive cohesive, data-driven support across 3rd-5th grades. This alignment provides additional opportunities for teachers to organically vertically align their instruction, leading to higher student academic performance. The implementation of WIN (What I Need) time ensures that students in Tiers 1, 2, and 3 receive timely and specific interventions in both reading and math, addressing learning gaps and enhancing overall academic performance. The availability of interventionists who push into classrooms supports both struggling teachers and students, ultimately improving student learning and teaching practices. Additionally, the Literacy Launch schedule allows intervention teachers to provide timely and focused support throughout the day, further boosting overall student achievement.

Problem Statements Identifying Student Learning Needs

Problem Statement 1 (Prioritized): Students in special education score well below their peers in all subjects. **Root Cause:** Lack of differentiated instruction and targeted support that effectively meets their individual needs. This includes insufficient training for teachers on implementing specialized instructional strategies, inadequate resources, or a lack of consistent collaboration between general education and special education staff to address gaps in learning effectively.

Problem Statement 2 (Prioritized): The inconsistent rigor and lack of alignment in foundational Tier 1 instruction are preventing students from mastering essential concepts, which leads to inadequate preparation for Tier 2 and 3 interventions. This deficiency is reflected in low mastery levels on the STAAR assessments, indicating that many students are not receiving the foundational skills necessary to succeed at higher levels of 1 **Root Cause:** Foundational Tier 1 instruction is not consistently rigorous or aligned with student needs, resulting in students not mastering essential concepts before moving to Tier 2 and 3 interventions, as evidenced by low STAAR mastery levels.

Problem Statement 3 (Prioritized): The lack of consistent incorporation of rigorous, higher-order thinking tasks in classroom instruction is contributing to low student achievement at the "meets" and "masters" levels on STAAR tests in reading, math, and science. This gap in instructional quality is limiting students' ability to develop critical thinking skills and reach higher levels of academic performance. **Root Cause:** Classroom instruction does not consistently incorporate rigorous, higher-order thinking tasks, contributing to low student achievement at the "meets" and "masters" levels on STAAR tests in reading, math, and science.

Problem Statement 4 (Prioritized): Teachers' lack of targeted professional development on using data to drive instruction limits their ability to design lessons and interventions that effectively address specific student learning needs. As a result, instructional practices are not sufficiently responsive to student data, contributing to gaps in student achievement and hindering overall academic progress. **Root Cause:** Teachers lack targeted professional development on using data to drive instruction, limiting their ability to design lessons and interventions that address specific student learning needs.

Problem Statement 5 (Prioritized): The need for further professional development and support in differentiating instruction is hindering teachers' ability to meet the diverse learning needs of students, particularly those in special education and other low-performing subgroups. This lack of effective differentiation contributes to persistent achievement gaps and

prevents these students from reaching their full academic potential. **Root Cause:** Teachers require further professional development and support to effectively differentiate instruction, particularly for students in special education and those in other low-performing subgroups.

School Processes & Programs

School Processes & Programs Summary

To address teacher recruitment challenges, Tarkington Elementary School and Tarkington Early Childhood is focusing on a Grow-Your-Own strategy that aims to recruit new teachers by tapping into the potential of highly qualified paraprofessionals. Additionally, the school is enhancing professional development by implementing weekly PLCs on various critical topics, which is an improvement from last year's plan, and conducting in-depth planning sessions during Friday PDs once per month. For new teachers, TISD KEEPS provides support with meetings once per six weeks along with bi-weekly meetings with campus mentors. The school is also increasing family involvement with 18 parent engagement events, including ELAR Night, Math Night, Science Night, and Specials/CLAMPS Nights. To promote a positive school culture, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) are being implemented to reduce referrals by addressing challenges like physical contact, adult compliance, and work refusal. This proactive approach involves setting clear behavior expectations and reinforcing positive actions, fostering a supportive and respectful learning environment while building students' self-regulation and responsibility.

School Processes & Programs Strengths

Tarkington Elementary School and Tarkington Early Childhood is committed to supporting both students and teachers through job-embedded 1:1 coaching during the instructional day, providing targeted assistance where it is most needed. The school has streamlined its PLC processes, focusing on scheduled topics such as unpacking TEKS, lesson demonstrations, and analyzing data to enhance instructional practices. The TISD KEEPS Program offers ongoing mentorship and professional development for new teachers, fostering their growth and success. School administration remains responsive to the needs of students and teachers, ensuring a supportive environment. Administrators are also highly visible throughout the school, including during lunch, which promotes a sense of connection and accessibility. Additionally, real-time feedback is provided through walkthrough forms grounded in the four T-TESS instructional domains, supporting teachers in their professional development and growth.

Problem Statements Identifying School Processes & Programs Needs

Problem Statement 1 (Prioritized): Additional new teachers need training in order to continue to grow in their practice. **Root Cause:** New teachers do not receive adequate or timely training, limiting their effectiveness and professional growth, as they are not fully prepared to meet instructional and classroom management demands.

Problem Statement 2 (Prioritized): Time constraints for Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) limit meaningful collaboration among educators, hindering effective discussions, best practice sharing, and student data analysis. This lack of adequate time restricts the development of targeted instructional strategies, negatively impacting the overall quality of teaching and learning. **Root Cause:** Time constraints during PLCs prevent teachers from fully engaging in collaborative discussions, data analysis, and lesson planning, resulting in inconsistent instructional practices across the campus.

Perceptions

Perceptions Summary

Tarkington Elementary School (TES) and Tarkington Early Childhood School (TECS) serve a diverse student body of 949, predominantly White (76.24%) and Hispanic (19.35%). Key demographics include 16.61% of students receiving special education services, 6.49% English learners, and 6.49% gifted and talented students. The schools face challenges with teacher certifications, as 18 out of 54 teachers are not certified, resulting in only 57% of all teachers being fully certified, with 3rd and 4th grades having the lowest certification rates. Discipline is a concern, evidenced by 1,164 referrals processed during the 2023-2024 school year, underscoring the need for behavior management strategies like Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Academically, STAAR test results indicate areas for improvement, particularly in math, where only 29% of students met grade-level expectations. To strengthen both instruction and community involvement, the schools are implementing strategies such as the "Grow-Your-Own" recruitment program, frequent Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), and hosting 18 parent engagement events.

Perceptions Strengths

Tarkington Elementary School and Tarkington Early Childhood fosters a positive working relationship between the school staff, the community, and the School Board, enhancing collaboration and support for educational initiatives. The introduction of two new instructional coaches is a significant step forward, as they provide dedicated support to teachers in core content areas, assist with curriculum implementation, facilitate data dives, and offer professional development. This collaborative approach not only empowers teachers to refine their instructional practices but also strengthens the overall educational experience for students, ensuring that the community's needs and expectations are met effectively.

Problem Statements Identifying Perceptions Needs

Problem Statement 1 (Prioritized): Improvement of communication between stakeholders. **Root Cause:** Electronic newsletters versus paper newsletters. Inconsistent feedback from families around how much communication is too much or not enough.

Problem Statement 2 (Prioritized): Lack of parent involvement at school functions and PTO events that are academically focused. **Root Cause:** Limited participation in academically focused school functions and PTO events indicates a disconnect between the school and parents, reducing opportunities for collaboration that could support student achievement.

Priority Problem Statements

Problem Statement 1: 59% of teachers have between 1- 5 years or less of teaching experience

Root Cause 1: Teachers are retiring, resigning, and many teachers are new to the profession. Some paras do an effective job teaching and are eligible for district recruitment programs, "Grow your Own."

Problem Statement 1 Areas: Demographics

Problem Statement 2: Administration turnover: Three principals in the last 3 years. 7 assistant/associate principals in the last three years

Root Cause 2: TISD is a lower paying district compared to surrounding cities.

Problem Statement 2 Areas: Demographics

Problem Statement 3: Students in special education score well below their peers in all subjects.

Root Cause 3: Lack of differentiated instruction and targeted support that effectively meets their individual needs. This includes insufficient training for teachers on implementing specialized instructional strategies, inadequate resources, or a lack of consistent collaboration between general education and special education staff to address gaps in learning effectively.

Problem Statement 3 Areas: Student Learning

Problem Statement 4: The inconsistent rigor and lack of alignment in foundational Tier 1 instruction are preventing students from mastering essential concepts, which leads to inadequate preparation for Tier 2 and 3 interventions. This deficiency is reflected in low mastery levels on the STAAR assessments, indicating that many students are not receiving the foundational skills necessary to succeed at higher levels of l

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Problem Statement 4 Areas: Student Learning

Problem Statement 5: The lack of consistent incorporation of rigorous, higher-order thinking tasks in classroom instruction is contributing to low student achievement at the "meets" and "masters" levels on STAAR tests in reading, math, and science. This gap in instructional quality is limiting students' ability to develop critical thinking skills and reach higher levels of academic performance.

Root Cause 5: Classroom instruction does not consistently incorporate rigorous, higher-order thinking tasks, contributing to low student achievement at the "meets" and "masters" levels on STAAR tests in reading, math, and science.

Problem Statement 5 Areas: Student Learning

Problem Statement 6: Teachers' lack of targeted professional development on using data to drive instruction limits their ability to design lessons and interventions that effectively address specific student learning needs. As a result, instructional practices are not sufficiently responsive to student data, contributing to gaps in student achievement and hindering overall academic progress.

Root Cause 6: Teachers lack targeted professional development on using data to drive instruction, limiting their ability to design lessons and interventions that address specific

student learning needs.

Problem Statement 6 Areas: Student Learning

Problem Statement 7: The need for further professional development and support in differentiating instruction is hindering teachers' ability to meet the diverse learning needs of students, particularly those in special education and other low-performing subgroups. This lack of effective differentiation contributes to persistent achievement gaps and prevents these students from reaching their full academic potential.

Root Cause 7: Teachers require further professional development and support to effectively differentiate instruction, particularly for students in special education and those in other low-performing subgroups.

Problem Statement 7 Areas: Student Learning

Problem Statement 8: Time constraints for Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) limit meaningful collaboration among educators, hindering effective discussions, best practice sharing, and student data analysis. This lack of adequate time restricts the development of targeted instructional strategies, negatively impacting the overall quality of teaching and learning.

Root Cause 8: Time constraints during PLCs prevent teachers from fully engaging in collaborative discussions, data analysis, and lesson planning, resulting in inconsistent instructional practices across the campus.

Problem Statement 8 Areas: School Processes & Programs

Problem Statement 9: Additional new teachers need training in order to continue to grow in their practice.

Root Cause 9: New teachers do not receive adequate or timely training, limiting their effectiveness and professional growth, as they are not fully prepared to meet instructional and classroom management demands.

Problem Statement 9 Areas: School Processes & Programs

Problem Statement 10: Improvement of communication between stakeholders.

Root Cause 10: Electronic newsletters versus paper newsletters. Inconsistent feedback from families around how much communication is too much or not enough.

Problem Statement 10 Areas: Perceptions

Problem Statement 11: Lack of parent involvement at school functions and PTO events that are academically focused.

Root Cause 11: Limited participation in academically focused school functions and PTO events indicates a disconnect between the school and parents, reducing opportunities for collaboration that could support student achievement.

Problem Statement 11 Areas: Perceptions

Comprehensive Needs Assessment Data Documentation

The following data were used to verify the comprehensive needs assessment analysis:

Improvement Planning Data

- Campus goals
- Campus/District improvement plans (current and prior years)
- Planning and decision making committee(s) meeting data
- State and federal planning requirements

Accountability Data

- Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) data
- Student Achievement Domain
- Student Progress Domain
- Closing the Gaps Domain

Student Data: Assessments

- Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) and TELPAS Alternate results
- Texas Primary Reading Inventory (TPRI), Tejas LEE, or other alternate early reading assessment results
- Local diagnostic reading assessment data
- Running Records results
- Observation Survey results
- Prekindergarten Self-Assessment Tool
- Texas approved PreK - 2nd grade assessment data
- Texas approved Prekindergarten and Kindergarten assessment data

Student Data: Student Groups

- Race and ethnicity data, including number of students, academic achievement, discipline, attendance, and rates of progress between groups
- Special programs data, including number of students, academic achievement, discipline, attendance, and rates of progress for each student group
- Economically disadvantaged / Non-economically disadvantaged performance and participation data
- Male / Female performance, progress, and participation data
- Special education/non-special education population including discipline, progress and participation data
- At-risk/non-at-risk population including performance, progress, discipline, attendance, and mobility data
- Emergent Bilingual (EB) /non-EB data, including academic achievement, progress, support and accommodation needs, race, ethnicity, gender etc.
- Section 504 data
- Homeless data
- Gifted and talented data
- Dyslexia data
- Response to Intervention (RtI) student achievement data

Student Data: Behavior and Other Indicators

- Attendance data

- Discipline records

Employee Data

- Professional learning communities (PLC) data
- Staff surveys and/or other feedback
- Campus department and/or faculty meeting discussions and data
- T-TESS data
- T-PESS data

Parent/Community Data

- Parent surveys and/or other feedback

Support Systems and Other Data

- Processes and procedures for teaching and learning, including program implementation

Goals

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Goal 1: Tarkington ISD will recruit, support, and retain high quality teachers and staff (District Priority Guiding Statement). Staff retention will increase by 10%.

Performance Objective 1: Tarkington ISD will recruit high quality teachers that hold the appropriate certifications per TEA guidelines.

High Priority

Evaluation Data Sources: Employee certification records for all staff, recruitment data

Strategy 1 Details	Reviews			
Strategy 1: Attending job fairs, recruit over social media and screening applicants that hold appropriate certifications per TEA guidelines Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Recruit high quality teachers that hold the appropriate certifications per TEA guidelines. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal and Associate Principal Title I: 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 4.1, 4.2 - TEA Priorities: Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals - ESF Levers: Lever 2: Strategic Staffing Problem Statements: Demographics 1, 4	Formative			Summative
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Strategy 2 Details	Reviews			
Strategy 2: Teachers will participate in weekly campus PLCs focusing on increase knowledge of essential learning standards, lesson execution, lesson design and instructional strategies Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Teacher will improve their Tier 1 Instruction Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Admin Team Title I: 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 - TEA Priorities: Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals, Build a foundation of reading and math, Improve low-performing schools - ESF Levers: Lever 5: Effective Instruction Problem Statements: School Processes & Programs 1, 2	Formative			Summative
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Strategy 3 Details	Reviews			
Strategy 3: Regular teacher incentives, rewards and recognition for attendance, student growth, classroom instruction, participation in TGA. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Campus culture and staff morale will improve. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Admin Team Title I: 2.6 - TEA Priorities: Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals, Build a foundation of reading and math - ESF Levers: Lever 2: Strategic Staffing Problem Statements: Student Learning 4, 5 - School Processes & Programs 1 Funding Sources: - District Budget	Formative			Summative
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Performance Objective 2: Tarkington ISD will support and retain high quality teachers through a district-wide mentor program and provide on-going professional development to improve student learning and teacher performance.

High Priority

Evaluation Data Sources: Maintain records of observation logs, mentor reports, sign-in sheets, and PD agendas/calendar, classroom walkthrough data, teacher evaluation data, staff retention data

Strategy 1 Details	Reviews			
Strategy 1: To recruit, retain, and support high-quality teachers and staff, we will support the TISD KEEPS mentoring program and implement the Tarkington Growth Academy, providing new teachers with ongoing mentorship and targeted professional development. Additionally, weekly after-school one-hour professional development sessions will equip educators with the necessary skills and resources to excel in their roles, fostering a supportive and collaborative learning environment. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Retain highly qualified teachers Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal, Assistant Principal, Associate Principal Title I: 2.5 - TEA Priorities: Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals - ESF Levers: Lever 2: Strategic Staffing, Lever 3: Positive School Culture Problem Statements: Demographics 4 Funding Sources: - District Budget	Formative			Summative
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Strategy 2 Details	Reviews			
Strategy 2: Weekly walk-through observation system where administrators and instructional coaches provide concise feedback on instruction to every teacher in the building. Additionally, teacher will be given instructional coaching cycles based on the observation data. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Retain Teachers and Train Teachers Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Admin Team Title I: 2.4, 2.5 - TEA Priorities: Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals, Build a foundation of reading and math, Improve low-performing schools - ESF Levers: Lever 2: Strategic Staffing, Lever 5: Effective Instruction Problem Statements: Demographics 1 - Student Learning 2, 4	Formative			Summative
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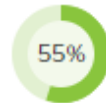
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Goal 2: By August 2025, students will increase overall STAAR/EOC meets level performance by 3% in all grades and core content areas (ELA, Math, Science, SS).

Performance Objective 1: Students will read on grade level or higher by the beginning of the 3rd grade and will remain on grade level or higher until graduation (District Priority Guiding Statement).

High Priority
HB3 Goal
Evaluation Data Sources: TISD assessment data

Strategy 1 Details	Reviews			
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Strategy 1: Implement a transparent reporting system that displays the percentage of students performing at grade level in each grade, as well as the whole school, while highlighting which specific grade, class, and students demonstrate the most significant growth between leveling assessments. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Students and teachers can track progress toward their reading and STAR Ren 360 goals and celebrate achievement. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal, Assistant Principal, Associate Principal, Instructional Coaches, Teachers Title I: 2.6 - TEA Priorities: Build a foundation of reading and math - ESF Levers: Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning, Lever 3: Positive School Culture, Lever 5: Effective Instruction Problem Statements: Student Learning 1, 2, 3, 4				

Strategy 2 Details		Reviews			
Strategy 2: Intentional Professional Learning Community (PLC) sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays, allowing teachers dedicated time to collaborate, share best practices, and engage in focused discussions focusing on the essential learning standards to enhance instructional effectiveness and student outcomes. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increase in student achievement through the improvement of teacher pedagogy. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Admin Team Title I: 2.4, 2.6 - TEA Priorities: Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals, Improve low-performing schools - ESF Levers: Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning, Lever 4: High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments, Lever 5: Effective Instruction Problem Statements: Demographics 1 - Student Learning 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 - School Processes & Programs 1, 2 Funding Sources: - District Budget		Formative			Summative
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Strategy 3 Details		Reviews			
Strategy 3: Implementing a 30-minute Literacy Launch at the beginning of each school day, during which all students engage in targeted literacy activities designed to enhance their reading skills and increase their reading levels, fostering a strong foundation for academic success. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increase in students who read on grade-level from 52% to 70% by the end of the school year. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Admin Team Title I: 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 - ESF Levers: Lever 2: Strategic Staffing, Lever 5: Effective Instruction Problem Statements: Student Learning 1, 2		Formative			Summative
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Strategy 4 Details	Reviews			
Strategy 4: Providing students with daily take-home reading bags that include books tailored to their reading levels, along with sight words and decodable texts, to encourage regular practice and enhance their reading fluency. By utilizing reading logs to track their progress, students will develop accountability for their reading habits and foster a love for literacy outside the classroom. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increase in students who read on grade-level from 52% to 70% by the end of the school year. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Admin Team Title I: 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 - TEA Priorities: Build a foundation of reading and math, Improve low-performing schools - ESF Levers: Lever 4: High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments, Lever 5: Effective Instruction Problem Statements: Perceptions 1, 2 Funding Sources: - District Budget	Formative			Summative
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Strategy 5: Student growth on tested metrics reading levels will be incentivized for staff and students through special recognition and rewards. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Student performance will increase. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Admin Team Title I: 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 - TEA Priorities: Build a foundation of reading and math, Improve low-performing schools - ESF Levers: Lever 5: Effective Instruction Problem Statements: Student Learning 1, 2, 3, 5 Funding Sources: - District Budget	Formative			Summative
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School Processes & Programs
Problem Statement 1: Additional new teachers need training in order to continue to grow in their practice. Root Cause: New teachers do not receive adequate or timely training, limiting their effectiveness and professional growth, as they are not fully prepared to meet instructional and classroom management demands. Problem Statement 2: Time constraints for Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) limit meaningful collaboration among educators, hindering effective discussions, best practice sharing, and student data analysis. This lack of adequate time restricts the development of targeted instructional strategies, negatively impacting the overall quality of teaching and learning. Root Cause: Time constraints during PLCs prevent teachers from fully engaging in collaborative discussions, data analysis, and lesson planning, resulting in inconsistent instructional practices across the campus.
Perceptions
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Goal 2: By August 2025, students will increase overall STAAR/EOC meets level performance by 3% in all grades and core content areas (ELA, Math, Science, SS).

Performance Objective 2: Provide prescriptive instructional services and interventions to address identified student needs that include specific groups of students as required and at risk of dropping out of school by TEA definitions (SpEd, EB, 504, homeless, GT, migrant, foster care, and at-risk).

High Priority
HB3 Goal
Evaluation Data Sources: Intervention/tutoring documentation

Strategy 1 Details	Reviews			
	Formative			Summative
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Strategy 1: Implement daily intervention sessions known as "WIN time" for all students on campus, spanning from those below grade level to those in enrichment programs, coupled with six-week "kid chats" and "grade level teaming/staffing" sessions to discuss and track student achievement and progress. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increase access to targeted intervention for all students. Increase in students reading on grade level. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Administrators, Lead Interventionist, Instructional Coaches, Counselors, Success Instructional Coordinator and Teachers Title I: 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 - TEA Priorities: Build a foundation of reading and math - ESF Levers: Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning, Lever 4: High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments, Lever 5: Effective Instruction Problem Statements: Student Learning 1, 2				

Strategy 2 Details		Reviews			
Strategy 2: Provide ICS para professionals and Special Education Resource teachers with training in the beginning of the school year and at least two times throughout the school year. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Improvement in classroom in class support and Special Education Support Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Admin Team Title I: 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 - TEA Priorities: Build a foundation of reading and math, Improve low-performing schools - ESF Levers: Lever 5: Effective Instruction Problem Statements: Student Learning 1 - School Processes & Programs 1 Funding Sources: - District Budget		Formative			Summative
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Performance Objective 2 Problem Statements:

Student Learning
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Performance Objective 3: Tarkington ISD will provide career exploration opportunities for students so they have a better idea of opportunities after graduation (District Priority Guiding Statement).

High Priority

HB3 Goal

Evaluation Data Sources: Copies of parent flyers, parent communications, presentations from presenters

Strategy 1 Details	Reviews			
Strategy 1: We are providing students with opportunities for career exploration through a Careers on Wheels Job Fair scheduled for the spring. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Students are able to experience and learn about various career opportunities Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal, Assistant Principal, Associate Principal, Instructional Coaches, Counselors Title I: 2.5, 4.1, 4.2 - TEA Priorities: Connect high school to career and college - ESF Levers: Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning, Lever 3: Positive School Culture Problem Statements: Student Learning 1 - Perceptions 1, 2 Funding Sources: - District Budget	Formative			Summative
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Strategy 2 Details		Reviews			
Strategy 2: Generation Texas Week where students are exposed to a week of activities that educate and highlight the importance of higher education and other post-secondary options November 18th-November 23rd. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Students are able to experience and learn about various career opportunities Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal, Assistant Principal, Associate Principal, Instructional Coaches, Counselors Title I: 2.4, 2.5 - TEA Priorities: Connect high school to career and college - ESF Levers: Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning, Lever 3: Positive School Culture Problem Statements: Perceptions 1, 2 Funding Sources: - District Budget		Formative			Summative
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Performance Objective 3 Problem Statements:

Student Learning
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Goal 2: By August 2025, students will increase overall STAAR/EOC meets level performance by 3% in all grades and core content areas (ELA, Math, Science, SS).

Performance Objective 4: The students at Tarkington ISD will graduate college, and / or career, and life ready (District Priority Guiding Statement).

High Priority

HB3 Goal

Evaluation Data Sources: College acceptance, Programs of Study completion

Strategy 1 Details	Reviews			
Strategy 1: We are ensuring that students graduate college, career, and life ready by incorporating Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) time during lunches every two weeks and before announcement from 7:20-7:50 through Quaver. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Students can forge collaborative relationships with peers and authority figures. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal, Assistant Principal, Associate Principal, Counselors Title I: 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 - TEA Priorities: Connect high school to career and college - ESF Levers: Lever 3: Positive School Culture Problem Statements: Demographics 4 - Perceptions 1, 2	Formative			Summative
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Strategy 2 Details	Reviews			
Strategy 2: We are enhancing our support system by integrating guidance counseling lessons into our CLAMP rotations, ensuring students have regular interactions with counselors at least three times per month. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Students can forge collaborative relationships with peers and authority figures. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal, Assistant Principal, Associate Principal, Counselors Title I: 2.6 - TEA Priorities: Improve low-performing schools - ESF Levers: Lever 3: Positive School Culture Problem Statements: Student Learning 1, 5	Formative			Summative
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Performance Objective 4 Problem Statements:**Demographics**

Problem Statement 4: Administration turnover: Three principals in the last 3 years. 7 assistant/associate principals in the last three years **Root Cause:** TISD is a lower paying district compared to surrounding cities.

Student Learning

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Problem Statement 5: The need for further professional development and support in differentiating instruction is hindering teachers' ability to meet the diverse learning needs of students, particularly those in special education and other low-performing subgroups. This lack of effective differentiation contributes to persistent achievement gaps and prevents these students from reaching their full academic potential. **Root Cause:** Teachers require further professional development and support to effectively differentiate instruction, particularly for students in special education and those in other low-performing subgroups.

Perceptions

Problem Statement 1: Improvement of communication between stakeholders. **Root Cause:** Electronic newsletters versus paper newsletters. Inconsistent feedback from families around how much communication is too much or not enough.

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Performance Objective 5: Instructional technology will be incorporated to increase the effectiveness of teaching and learning.

High Priority

HB3 Goal

Evaluation Data Sources: Campus technology inventory, purchase orders

Strategy 1 Details		Reviews			
Strategy 1: Utilize Amira, an AI-powered reading platform (at least 40 minutes per week for each student), to enhance reading skills and comprehension among students. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Students are able to enhance reading skills through quality IT resources. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal, Assistant Principal, Associate Principal, Instructional Coaches, Teachers Title I: 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 - TEA Priorities: Build a foundation of reading and math, Improve low-performing schools - ESF Levers: Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning, Lever 4: High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments, Lever 5: Effective Instruction Problem Statements: Student Learning 1, 2 Funding Sources: - District Budget		Formative			Summative
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Performance Objective 5 Problem Statements:

Student Learning
Problem Statement 1: Students in special education score well below their peers in all subjects. Root Cause: Lack of differentiated instruction and targeted support that effectively meets their individual needs. This includes insufficient training for teachers on implementing specialized instructional strategies, inadequate resources, or a lack of consistent collaboration between general education and special education staff to address gaps in learning effectively.

Student Learning

Problem Statement 2: The inconsistent rigor and lack of alignment in foundational Tier 1 instruction are preventing students from mastering essential concepts, which leads to inadequate preparation for Tier 2 and 3 interventions. This deficiency is reflected in low mastery levels on the STAAR assessments, indicating that many students are not receiving the foundational skills necessary to succeed at higher levels of 1 **Root Cause:** Foundational Tier 1 instruction is not consistently rigorous or aligned with student needs, resulting in students not mastering essential concepts before moving to Tier 2 and 3 interventions, as evidenced by low STAAR mastery levels.

Goal 3: By August 2025, Tarkington ISD will provide a safe, disciplined and healthy environment on all campuses and district facilities to promote and support student learning resulting in an increase of attendance rate, successful safety audits, and decrease in discipline referrals and/or DAEP placements.

Performance Objective 1: Provide an effective student management framework (PBIS) to reduce discipline referrals and increase attendance rates to ensure student success.

High Priority

Evaluation Data Sources: Safety audit reports, exterior door check spreadsheet, Raptor reports, discipline data, attendance data

Strategy 1 Details	Reviews			
Strategy 1: Create a safety audit log to document door checks and safety drills on all campuses and district facilities. Conduct safety audits regularly, with a semester-based schedule, to ensure compliance with safety protocols and identify areas for improvement. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Regular safety audits contribute to a safe and secure environment, fostering a positive atmosphere for student learning. A systematic approach to safety checks ensures that potential concerns are identified and addressed promptly. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal, Assistant Principal, Associate Principal, SRO Officers Title I: 2.6 - ESF Levers: Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning, Lever 3: Positive School Culture Problem Statements: Demographics 1	Formative			Summative
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Performance Objective 1 Problem Statements:

Demographics
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Performance Objective 2: Tarkington ISD will continue to provide guidance and counseling services as outlined in the Texas Model for For Comprehensive School Counseling Programs, 5th Edition, specifically covering the areas of trauma informed care for both students and staff.

High Priority

Evaluation Data Sources: Counselor case management as documented in counseling time-management program SCUTA
Guidance lesson documentation, Quaver SEL program lesson plans

Strategy 1 Details	Reviews			
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Strategy 1: Facilitate a school-wide training session delivered by school counselors for teachers and staff at the start of the school year, focusing on trauma-informed practices. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Develop a structured training program covering key principles of trauma-informed care, recognizing signs of trauma in students, and providing strategies for creating a supportive environment. Incorporate case studies, real-life scenarios, and interactive discussions to enhance participants' understanding and application of trauma-informed approaches. Distribute relevant resources and reference materials to support ongoing implementation. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Counselors Title I: 2.5, 2.6 - TEA Priorities: Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals - ESF Levers: Lever 2: Strategic Staffing, Lever 3: Positive School Culture Problem Statements: Student Learning 1, 5	100%	100%		

Strategy 2 Details		Reviews			
Strategy 2: Integrate bi-monthly guidance lessons into the CLAMP (Specials) schedules delivered by school counselors to support students exposed to trauma and improve social emotional skills. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Utilize age-appropriate activities, discussions, and resources to engage students in meaningful conversations. Collaborate with teachers to align guidance lessons with classroom content, fostering a seamless integration of trauma-informed principles into the overall curriculum. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Counselors Title I: 2.6 - TEA Priorities: Improve low-performing schools - ESF Levers: Lever 3: Positive School Culture Problem Statements: Student Learning 1, 5		Formative			Summative
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Performance Objective 2 Problem Statements:

Student Learning
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Performance Objective 3: Create and utilize a Threat Assessment Team to assess and address the seriousness of violent threats when students make a violent or terroristic threat.

Evaluation Data Sources: Violent threat assessment procedures and documentation

Strategy 1 Details		Reviews			
Strategy 1: Establish a dedicated Threat Assessment Team consisting of trained professionals to promptly and effectively assess and address violent or terroristic threats made by students. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Identify and appoint key personnel, including school administrators, mental health professionals, law enforcement liaisons, and counseling staff, to form the Threat Assessment Team. Provide specialized training for team members on threat assessment protocols, behavioral indicators, risk factors, and legal considerations related to violent threats. Develop clear guidelines and procedures for the Threat Assessment Team's operation, emphasizing collaboration, confidentiality, and timely response. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal, Assistant Principal, Associate Principal, Counselors, Instructional Coaches Title I: 2.6 - ESF Levers: Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning, Lever 3: Positive School Culture Problem Statements: Demographics 1 - Student Learning 5		Formative			Summative
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Student Learning

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Performance Objective 4: Campus staff will continue to provide training and support to address the following topics; bullying, drug prevention, human trafficking, teen dating violence, and suicide awareness.

High Priority
Evaluation Data Sources: EduHero training certificates, publications

Strategy 1 Details	Reviews			
	Formative			Summative
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Strategy 1: Ensure that campus staff is well-equipped to address critical topics such as bullying, drug prevention, human trafficking, teen dating violence, and suicide awareness. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: By leveraging online staff training through EduHero, the school ensures that campus staff remains informed and well-prepared to address critical issues affecting students' well-being. This action step promotes a proactive approach to key topics such as bullying, drug prevention, human trafficking, teen dating violence, and suicide awareness, aligning with the commitment to creating a safe and supportive learning environment. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal, Assistant principals, Associate principals Title I: 2.6 - ESF Levers: Lever 3: Positive School Culture, Lever 5: Effective Instruction Problem Statements: Student Learning 5				
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Performance Objective 4 Problem Statements:

Student Learning
Problem Statement 5: The need for further professional development and support in differentiating instruction is hindering teachers' ability to meet the diverse learning needs of students, particularly those in special education and other low-performing subgroups. This lack of effective differentiation contributes to persistent achievement gaps and prevents these students from reaching their full academic potential. Root Cause: Teachers require further professional development and support to effectively differentiate instruction, particularly for students in special education and those in other low-performing subgroups.

Goal 4: TISD will provide effective programs and initiatives to promote and support parent and family engagement to strengthen the home and school connection.

Performance Objective 1: Promote and support parent and family engagement to strengthen the home and school connection.

Evaluation Data Sources: Event flyers, sign-in sheets, feedback surveys/forms, attendance numbers

Strategy 1 Details	Reviews			
	Formative			Summative
	Nov	Jan	Mar	June
Strategy 1: The school aims to enhance communication through regular parent newsletters sharing updates on events and achievements. To strengthen the home-school connection, engaging events like Curriculum Night, Reading Night Boo Bash, Math Night (Nachos with Numbers), Science Night, Specials Night, and Game Night with Grams will showcase curriculum, promote literacy and math engagement, and foster intergenerational connections. Diversifying engagement opportunities, such as art nights and science fairs, will celebrate the school community's talents and encourage parent involvement through clubs and committees. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Bolster parent and family engagement by blending traditional approaches like newsletters and curriculum nights with innovative events. By fostering regular and diverse communication channels, the school aims to build trust and fortify the home-school partnership, ultimately enhancing the overall success and well-being of students. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Instructional Leadership Team & Team Leaders Title I: 4.1, 4.2 - TEA Priorities: Improve low-performing schools - ESF Levers: Lever 3: Positive School Culture Problem Statements: Perceptions 1, 2 Funding Sources: - District Budget				
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Performance Objective 1 Problem Statements:

Perceptions
Problem Statement 1: Improvement of communication between stakeholders. Root Cause: Electronic newsletters versus paper newsletters. Inconsistent feedback from families around how much communication is too much or not enough.

Perceptions

Problem Statement 2: Lack of parent involvement at school functions and PTO events that are academically focused. Root Cause: Limited participation in academically focused school functions and PTO events indicates a disconnect between the school and parents, reducing opportunities for collaboration that could support student achievement.

Campus Funding Summary

District Budget					
Goal	Objective	Strategy	Resources Needed	Account Code	Amount
1	1	3			\$0.00
1	2	1			\$0.00
2	1	2			\$0.00
2	1	4			\$0.00
2	1	5			\$0.00
2	2	2			\$0.00
2	3	1			\$0.00
2	3	2			\$0.00
2	5	1			\$0.00
4	1	1			\$0.00
Sub-Total					\$0.00

Policies, Procedures, and Requirements

The following policies, procedures, and requirements are addressed in the District Improvement Plan. District addressed Policies, Procedures, and Requirements will print with the Improvement Plan:

Title	Person Responsible	Review Date	Addressed By	Addressed On
Bullying Prevention	Counselors, Campus Administrators	6/2/2023	Ami Potts	9/4/2024
Child Abuse and Neglect	Counselors	11/5/2021	Ami Potts	9/4/2024

Addendums

Campus Improvement Committee (CIC)
Meeting Agenda
Tarkington Elementary & Tarkington Early Childhood School

Date: Thursday, January 30, 2025

Time: 4:30-5:30 PM

Location: Room 102

Agenda Items

TISD Board Policy Related to CIC:

<https://pol.tasb.org/PolicyOnline/PolicyDetails?key=819&code=BQB#localTabContent>

- ☐ Review progress of all strategies under the Goals and Performance Objectives. Discuss any challenges and successes we have experienced.
- ☐ Complete the January Formative Review in Plan4Learning under Goals.
- ☐ The CIC will determine dates, times, and purposes for future CIC meetings.

Campus Improvement Committee (CIC)
Meeting MINUTES
Tarkington Elementary & Tarkington Early Childhood School

Date: Thursday, January 30, 2025

Time: 4:30-5:30 PM

Location: Room 102

MINUTES: CIC January 30, 2025 Meeting

The Campus Improvement Committee reviewed the goals and the progress for the Campus Improvement Plan. Committee members discussed various ideas for goals, incentives, and more.

Goal 1:

Need to add more incentives for teachers,

Ideas:

Luncheons - provide food for teachers

Covering lunch duty - let the community know when it is needed

Parents come to volunteer for specific events and then are able to stay and have lunch with their students (Ex: volunteer for lunch duty, then get to stay and have lunch with their student)

Goal 2:

***The actual goal needs to be revised as it still states August 2024**

Community members were concerned about the way data was projected in the schools. This concern was discussed and explained that teacher and student names are no longer displayed. We also discussed using the data to incentivize instead of as a consequence. Discussions also around take home book baggies and the importance of the home-school commitment to help students grow in their literacy skills.

Need to ensure that teachers are sending home new books at least every 3 days.

Discussions about curriculum night ideas so that parents can help at home

*Possible Youtube videos to show how to decode words for each grade level and the expectations for each grade level for the year.

Concerns were discussed about reading levels being posted in the main hallway. Most teachers have them posted, and no student names are used. Just a number with the teacher's name.

Find other ways to incorporate more SEL lessons through Quaver (Ex: CLAMP, Lunch time, etc)

Discussion over Amira usage... Still being used, just in more purposeful/effective ways.

Goal 3:

***What about incentivizing teachers who are using CHAMPS effectively in the classroom.

Can we take off (Instructional Coaches) from the threat assessment strategy because ICs

have not been trained in this strategy/response.

Goal 4:

Only discussed the parent engagement nights coming up.

Also discussed how the CIC is open to ALL community members and how to best distribute the necessary information for the meetings.

The meeting adjourned.

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Name	Role (Staff, Parent, Admin, etc...)	Signature
Alicia Cox	Staff	Alicia Cox
Ryan Smith	Community member	Ryan Smith
Jake Hawthorne	Community	Jake Hawthorne
Deanna Hawthorne	Staff/Admin	Deanna Hawthorne
Rhonda Lastor	Parent/Business Owner	Rhonda Lastor
Sarah Stokes	Staff	Sarah Stokes
Wendy Kenney	Parent	Wendy Kenney
Edie Lang	Admin	Edie Lang
Jennifer Anderson	Admin	Jennifer Anderson

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