Waco Independent School District

Tennyson Middle School

2025-2026 Improvement Plan



Mission Statement

At Tennyson Middle School we believe our duty is to educate the whole child by expecting, modeling, and reinforcing both social-emotional and academic development in a consistently positive environment.

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Goals

Goal 1: Learning and Development: Ensure strong, innovative, educational experiences and supportive learning environments for all students.

Performance Objective 1: Increase student achievement in math by implementing engaging, hands-on instructional strategies and providing targeted interventions to ensure all students experience success in a supportive learning environment.

High Priority

HB3 Goal

Evaluation Data Sources: TCA data

Strategy 1 Details	For	mative Revi	ews		
Strategy 1: Use data to identify student learning gaps in math and provide small-group instruction, hands-on learning activities, and regular		Formative			
progress monitoring to close gaps and improve student confidence and achievement. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increase student performance on standardized test. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: All key stakeholders: Teachers, ISs, and administrative staff TEA Priorities: Improve low-performing schools - ESF Levers: Lever 5: Effective Instruction	Oct	Jan	May		
Strategy 2 Details	For	mative Revi	ews		
Strategy 2: Implement daily small-group math instruction and hands-on learning activities using manipulatives, visual models, and real-world	For	mative Revi Formative	ews		
	For Oct		ews May		

Performance Objective 2: Curriculum: Evaluate, design, and develop a vertically and horizontally aligned curriculum.

High Priority

Strategy 1 Details		Formative Reviews		
Strategy 1: Maintain a vertically and horizontally aligned curriculum.		Formative		
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increase in student academic growth as measured by: TCAs, report cards, progress reports, iReady data, PLC Meetings, MTSS-progress monitoring data sheets, SLO with TEKS focus	Oct	Jan	May	
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: RTI Coordinator, Testing Coordinator, Assistant Principals, Principal				
TEA Priorities: Build a foundation of reading and math - ESF Levers: Lever 5: Effective Instruction				
Strategy 2 Details		Formative Reviews		
Strategy 2: Monitor the use of best instructional practices in the classroom and ensure accountability to follow vertically and horizontally	Formative			
curriculum.	Oct	Jan	May	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increase in student academic growth as measured by: TCAs, report cards, progress reports, iReady data, PLC Meetings, MTSS-progress monitoring data sheets, SLO with TEKS focus				
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: RTI Coordinator, Testing Coordinator, Assistant Principals, Principal				
TEA Priorities:				
Build a foundation of reading and math				
- ESF Levers:				
Lever 5: Effective Instruction				

Strategy 3 Details	For	rmative Revi	ews
Strategy 3: Purchase the NuMinds curriculum, a high-quality enrichment program, to support student learning for our GT students.		Formative	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Enhance student engagement, critical thinking, and interdisciplinary learning through project-based and enrichment-focused instruction.	Oct	Jan	May
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal, AP assigned to ATLAS/GT program, and teachers.			
Title I:			
2.51, 2.52, 2.53			
- TEA Priorities:			
Connect high school to career and college - ESF Levers:			
Lever 4: High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments			
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Performance Objective 3: Student Opportunities: Evaluate current student offerings and explore new student opportunities.

Strategy 1 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 1: Implementing and increasing opportunities for students to pursue their passions and non-academic interests.		Formative	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increase student engagement and involvement through opportunities such as: clubs, electives, UIL, library, technology, tutorials, WIN, PTA Nights/Experiences, field trips, Fine Arts, and other electives	Oct	Jan	May
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Librarian, Grade-Level Leaders, Campus Administration			
ESF Levers: Lever 3: Positive School Culture			
Strategy 2 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 2: Create a student interest survey to find out what programs, clubs, or activities students want, then use the results to add or improve		Formative	
offerings.	Oct	Jan	May
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increase student engagement and involvement through opportunities such as: clubs, electives, UIL, library, technology, tutorials, WIN, PTA Nights/Experiences, field trips, Fine Arts, and other electives			-
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Librarian, Grade-Level Leaders, Campus Administration			
TEA Priorities: Connect high school to career and college			
No Progress Accomplished Continue/Modify X Discontinue			

Performance Objective 4: Programs: Evaluate programs that serve identified populations and create opportunities tailored to student needs.

Strategy 1 Details	Formative Reviews		ews	
rategy 1: Ensure compliance to support standards and best practices for identified populations.		Formative		
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increased academic performance and growth for students served through special programs: SPED/504, GT, and ESL	Oct	Jan	May	
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Campus SPED Coordinator, ESL Teacher, Campus Administration				
TEA Priorities: Build a foundation of reading and math - ESF Levers: Lever 5: Effective Instruction				
Strategy 2 Details	For	mative Revi	ews	
Strategy 2: Hire highly qualified Math tutors for AVID students supporting mid-level learners		Formative		
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increased TCA, interim assessments, STAAR scores Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal	Oct	Jan	May	
TEA Priorities: Build a foundation of reading and math - Targeted Support Strategy - Additional Targeted Support Strategy Funding Sources: Baylor degreed students - State Compensatory Education - 199.11.6125.00.044.30.000, Certified/retired teachers - State Compensatory Education - 199.11.6117.00.044.30.000				

Strategy 3 Details	For	rmative Revi	iews	
Strategy 3: Provide access to support services, such as Communities in Schools which help at-risk students stay in school and maintain strong		Formative		
academic performances Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increased campus attendance, decrease dropout rate, Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal	Oct	Jan	May	
TEA Priorities: Build a foundation of reading and math - ESF Levers: Lever 2: Strategic Staffing, Lever 3: Positive School Culture - Targeted Support Strategy Funding Sources: Communities In Schools, Inc - State Compensatory Education - 199.61.6299.00.044.30.00				
No Progress Accomplished — Continue/Modify X Discontinue	;			

Performance Objective 5: Student Skills: Provide opportunities for students to develop essential skills for life.

Evaluation Data Sources: Effective implementation/roll out of the Leader In Me curriculum

Strategy 1 Details	Formative Reviews		iews
Strategy 1: Create opportunities for student to cultivate communication skills.	Formative		
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Encouraging and providing opportunities for students to advocate for themselves in a respectful and engaging manner, both academically and socially.	Oct	Oct Jan	
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Campus Counselors, Student Council Coordinator, Campus Administration, Behavior Specialist/Aides			
ESF Levers: Lever 3: Positive School Culture			
Strategy 2 Details	Foi	rmative Rev	iews
Strategy 2: Provide opportunities for students to obtain additional academic support by attending the Academic Assistance and Resource		Formative	
Center (after school tutoring) Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increased student grades and STAAR passing rates, improved reading skills and math comprehension skills	Oct	Jan	May
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal, grade level AP, and department leads			
TEA Priorities: Build a foundation of reading and math, Connect high school to career and college - ESF Levers:			
Lever 4: High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments, Lever 5: Effective Instruction - Targeted Support Strategy			
Funding Sources: - Title 1 - 211.11.6118.00.044.30.000			
Strategy 3 Details	Foi	rmative Rev	iews
Strategy 3: Schedule Challenge Day event to support students' social and emotional well-being	Formative		
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Develop/maintain SEL student leaders to promote overall student wellness and school culture Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal, Counselors, and teachers	Oct	Jan	May
ESF Levers:			
Lever 3: Positive School Culture			
Funding Sources: Challenge Day Program Facilitator - Title 1 - \$8,000			
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Performance Objective 6: Student Wellness: Support and enhance student and staff wellness.

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Performance Objective 7: All AVID students will obtain college readiness skills that will prepare them to succeed in rigorous curricula, enter mainstream activities in school, and increase their opportunities to enroll in four year colleges.

Evaluation Data Sources: Summative Evaluation

Strategy 1 Details		Formative Reviews		
Strategy 1: Schedule and implement AVID site-team meetings held monthly involving staff, parents, and students Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increased student college readiness through partnership with staff, students, and parents. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Site team members; AVID Coordinator		Formative		
		Jan	May	
Funding Sources: - State Compensatory Education				
Strategy 2 Details	For	mative Rev	iews	
Strategy 2: Provide regular instruction in AVID strategies (e.g., Cornell notes, tutorials, time management, and organization), and monitor student progress through binder checks, grade tracking, and participation in schoolwide and college-readiness activities. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increased student college readiness through partnership with staff, students, and parents.		Formative		
		Jan	May	
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Site team members; AVID Coordinator				
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Goal 2: Human Capital: Recruit, develop, retain, and empower highly qualified and passionate staff.

Performance Objective 1: Recruit: Develop recruiting strategies that are compelling to a new and seasoned staff.

Strategy 1 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 1: Promote Tennyson Middle School on multiple platforms as a campus known for excellence.		Formative	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increase in interested applicants; increase inquiries about potential opportunities to join the Tennyson Staff		Jan	May
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Campus Administration, Campus Social Media Liaison			
TEA Priorities:			
Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals - ESF Levers:			
Lever 2: Strategic Staffing			
No Progress Accomplished Continue/Modify X Discontinue No Progress	2		

Goal 2: Human Capital: Recruit, develop, retain, and empower highly qualified and passionate staff.

Performance Objective 2: Develop: Design and implement a professional growth strategy for staff.

Strategy 1 Details	For	rmative Rev	iews
Strategy 1: Develop professional development opportunities tailored to teacher needs.		Formative	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Improved practices based on individual, team and campus needs through PLC meetings, goal setting, and T-TESS		Jan	May
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Campus Administration and Instructional Coaches			
TEA Priorities: Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals - ESF Levers: Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning, Lever 2: Strategic Staffing			
Strategy 2 Details	For	rmative Rev	iews
Strategy 2: Develop an effective teacher supporting teachers program		Formative	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Teachers will feel supported and stick with the profession, including new and novice teachers	Oct	Jan	May
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Campus Administration, Campus Succeed Representative, Instructional Specialist TEA Priorities: Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals - ESF Levers: Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning, Lever 2: Strategic Staffing, Lever 3: Positive School Culture			
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Goal 2: Human Capital: Recruit, develop, retain, and empower highly qualified and passionate staff.

Performance Objective 3: Retain: Access and prioritize needs of dedicated and engaged staff for retention.

Strategy 1 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 1: Review and analyze the data gathered from surveys to create action steps to increase satisfaction and staff retention.	Formative		
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Improved Staff Retention	Oct	Jan	May
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Campus Administration, Instructional Specialists			-
TEA Priorities:			
Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals			
- ESF Levers:			
Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning			
No Progress Accomplished — Continue/Modify X Discontinue	e		

Goal 3: Community Engagement and Marketing: Expand opportunities to engage the community through effective communication, marketing, partnerships, and mentorships.

Performance Objective 1: Strengthen relationships with families and community partners to support student success.

Evaluation Data Sources: Parent sign in sheets for events

Strategy 1 Details	Formative Reviews		iews
Strategy 1: Host regular family nights focused on math, literacy, and student support services.	Formative		
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increased parent participation.	Oct Jan		May
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Teachers and administrative staff.			
Strategy 2 Details	For	rmative Revi	iews
Strategy 2: Build partnerships with local organizations to provide additional academic and enrichment opportunities for students.	Formative		
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increased parent engagement.	Oct Jan		May
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Teachers and administrative staff.			
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Goal 3: Community Engagement and Marketing: Expand opportunities to engage the community through effective communication, marketing, partnerships, and mentorships.

Performance Objective 2: Effective Communication: Enhance communication clarity and distribution.

Strategy 1 Details	For	mative Revi	iews
Strategy 1: Provide consistency and alignment on the delivery of all campus communication.		Formative	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Positive feedback on consistent communication; increased parent and student participation in campus events	Oct	Jan	May
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Campus Administration, Student Council, Campus Social Media Representative, Classroom Teachers			
ESF Levers: Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning, Lever 3: Positive School Culture			
Strategy 2 Details	For	mative Revi	iews
Strategy 2: Increase student attendance through consistent messaging on various social media platforms.		Formative	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increase student attendance; increase in student engagement in various extracurricular activities Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Social Media specialist, Principal, Assistant Principal	Oct	Jan	May
TEA Priorities: Improve low-performing schools - ESF Levers: Lever 3: Positive School Culture - Targeted Support Strategy - Additional Targeted Support Strategy - Results Driven Accountability Funding Sources: Social Media specialist stipend - Title I Parent Involvement - \$1,000			
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Goal 3: Community Engagement and Marketing: Expand opportunities to engage the community through effective communication, marketing, partnerships, and mentorships.

Performance Objective 3: Marketing: Promote the Tennyson mission, vision, and core values.

Strategy 1 Details	Formative Reviews		iews
Strategy 1: Ensure social media and all modes of communication are promoting the events and efforts of all students and staff. To as well of	Formative		
increasing the communication with parents. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increased participation in events; promotion of positive school culture and perceptions Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Campus Administration, Teachers, Student Council, Campus Social Media Representative	Oct	Jan	May
Strategy 2 Details	For	mative Revi	iews
Strategy 2: Create specific signage throughout the school that underscores the campus expectations in academics and behavior.		Formative	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increased Awareness: Students, staff, and visitors will have a clear and consistent understanding of the academic and behavioral expectations.	Oct	Jan	May
Reinforced School Culture: Visually displaying expectations helps to normalize and embed them into the daily school environment, reinforcing a positive and focused campus culture.			
Improved Student Behavior and Engagement: Clear, visible reminders can reduce ambiguity, leading to more consistent student behavior and increased accountability.			
Support for Staff Consistency: Staff are more likely to reinforce expectations consistently when those expectations are clearly posted and visible throughout the building.			
Enhanced Campus Aesthetics with Purpose: Strategically designed signage can contribute to a welcoming, structured, and intentional learning environment.			
Promotes Equity: Ensures that all students, regardless of background or literacy level, receive the same message through clear, accessible visuals.			
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal, administrative team members, all staff			
Title I: 2.533 - TEA Priorities: Improve low-performing schools - ESF Levers: Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning, Lever 3: Positive School Culture Funding Sources: Academic and Behavior Expectations Posters/Signage - Title 1			

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Goal 4: Finance and Operations: Optimize, steward, and allocate resources to achieve campus objectives.

Performance Objective 1: Finance: Build and efficiently utilize financial resources across all operational and capital areas.

Strategy 1 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 1: Minimize the number of cross-function transfers.	Formative		
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Reduced number of needed board approvals.	Oct Jan M		May
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal and Administrative Assistant			
ESF Levers:			
Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning			
Strategy 2 Details	Formative Reviews		ews
Strategy 2: Improve the attendance rate from 23-24 school year.			
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increase ADA funding	Oct	Jan	May
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: PEIMS Attendance Secretary and Campus Administration			
ESF Levers:			
Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning, Lever 3: Positive School Culture			
No Progress Accomplished Continue/Modify X Discontinue Continue/Modify	:		

Performance Objective 1: Privacy and Security: Develop and implement data privacy, security policies, and best practices.

	Strategy 1 Details			Formative Reviews		iews
Strategy 1: Implement accountability systems for approp	oriate use of technology for stud	lents and staff.			Formative	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Reduced disc			se of Lightspeed	Oct	Jan	May
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Campus Admir	nistration, Behavior Specialist/	Aides, Teachers				
No Progress	Accomplished	Continue/Modify	X Discontinue	;		

Performance Objective 2: Support: Provide proactive and responsive support and training for purposeful instructional technology usage.

Strategy 1 Details	For	mative Revi	iews
Strategy 1: Review and analyze data gathered from the district student and parent surveys related to use of technology and usability training.		Formative	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Determine if action steps are needed	Oct Jan		May
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Campus Administration			
ESF Levers: Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning			
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Performance Objective 3: Learning Systems: Integrate and streamline learning and educational platforms.

Strategy 1 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 1: All Staff will meet the district expectations of Google Classroom and Canvas implementation.		Formative	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Staff compliance with district expectations	Oct	Jan	May
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Campus administration, Instructional Specialists			
ESF Levers: Lever 5: Effective Instruction			
No Progress Accomplished Continue/Modify Discontinue			

Performance Objective 4: Purchase technology programs and systems to improve school operations

High Priority

Evaluation Data Sources: Tardy/pass tracking syste.

Strategy 1 Details	Formative Reviews		ews
Strategy 1: Purchase Securely as an attendance management software system	Formative		
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Limit student out of class; increase student learning (minutes); improve tardies	Oct Jan		May
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Behavior Specialist, Assistant Principals, Teachers			
Funding Sources: - Title 1			
No Progress Accomplished Continue/Modify X Discontinue No Progress	e		