

GCMS Middle School School Improvement Plan 2005-2006

The school improvement committee for the middle school met during the spring of the 2004-5 school year. Middle school student achievement data, which was reviewed during the meetings, included state and national standardized test scores and local assessment results. The middle school improvement plan was drafted and shared with the faculty. Members of the SIP team included Mike Bleich, middle school principal; Donna Lee, director of student services; and middle school staff members Anne Johnson, 8th gr.; Lisa Thames, 7th gr.; Nick Chatterton, 6th gr.; and Denise Kearfott, special areas.

2005-2006 School Improvement Targets

Target 1 – Review and analyze teaching strategies in order to improve student academic achievement.

Target 2 – Develop instructional strategies to adequately improve performance of students with disabilities in Reading and Math

Target 3 – Increase staff communication and trust across grade levels and disciplines.

2004-2005 School Improvement Plan Accomplishments

Goal 1 – Improve communication related to curriculum. Bill Chapin presented “How Technology Impacts Teaching” at the GCMS Teachers’ Institute on Oct. 8. On Dec. 10, Kevin Seymour of the regional superintendent’s office of education, met with staff and reviewed **No Child Left Behind** policy. Time was also set aside for staff on Dec. 10 for curricular planning in the subject areas.

Goal 2 –Continue to improve students’ writing skills. Even though the ISAT Writing subtest has been discontinued, each middle school grade level team planned and implemented strategies for improving students writing skills.

Goal 3 – Develop strategies to improve student responsibility. On October 1, Rhonda Cromwell, educational consultant for the Illinois Assoc. of Middle Schools, conducted a workshop on adolescents and responsibility. Each of the grade level teams developed strategies to improve responsibility and an action plan that was followed throughout the school year. A follow-up workshop was held on Feb. 10 to evaluate progress of the plans.

Goal 4 – Increase staff knowledge of special education issues. On August 24, middle school staff members attended an in-service on autism presented by Marty Murphy. Rick Brackmann, Ford County Sp. Ed. Cooperative director, presented information on coop policy and procedures at the October faculty meeting.

**The mission of GCMS Middle School is to create an environment of
mutual respect and responsibility
where individuals are inspired to reach their fullest potential.**