



2023-2024 Title I Schoolwide (SW) Plan

District:

Meade School District

School:

Sturgis Elementary

Building Principal:

Chantal Ligtenberg

Select One:

- Initial Plan for new SW Program
 Revised Plan for a school currently operating an approved SW Program

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Introduction

The reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), commonly known as ESSA, requires certain components be included in planning for a schoolwide program and in the writing of a schoolwide plan. By completing the provided template, schools will develop a new plan or update current schoolwide/school improvement plans that will meet the new requirements. If completing the template for a new SW program, the Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) – Component 1 section must be completed. Otherwise that section is optional and may be used as a tool to re-evaluate the SW program that is in place, as long as the school and LEA assure that a CNA has been conducted at some point in the monitoring/revision process required under the law (Section 1114(b)(3))

- The plan shall be developed or revised with the involvement of:
 - Parents;
 - Other members of the community to be served;
 - Individuals who will carry out the plan, including teachers, principals, other school leaders, administrators, paraprofessionals present in the school;
 - The local education agency;
 - To the extent feasible, tribes and tribal organizations present in the community; and
 - If appropriate
 - Specialized instructional support personnel;
 - Technical assistance providers; School staff; and
 - If the plan relates to a secondary school, students and other individuals determined by the school;
- The plan shall be available to the Local Educational Agency (LEA), parents, and the public; information in the plan should be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that parents can understand; and
- If appropriate and applicable, the plan shall be developed in coordination and integration with other federal, state, and local services, resources, and programs, such as programs supported under ESSA, violence prevention programs, nutrition programs, housing programs, Head Start programs, adult education programs, career and technical education programs, and schools implementing comprehensive support and improvement activities or targeted support and improvement activities under section 1111(d).

The narrative sections in the template must be completed in sufficient detail to document how the component has been thoroughly and thoughtfully addressed. Sufficient detail must be provided to ensure anyone reading the plan will understand the basic education program at the school.

Schools must annually review the plan and revise, as necessary, based on student needs and the results of the evaluation to ensure continuous improvement. (ESEA section 1114(b)(3); 34 C.F.R. § 200.26(c)).

The budget implication sections must be sufficient in detail to show how Title I funds support the schoolwide program and provide students with a well-rounded education. These sections must match the information in the Consolidated Application Budget. If a district is consolidating funds as allowed under Section 1114(a)(1)(3), please make that clear in the budget implication sections.

Evidence-Based Resources – [Click Here](#) for links to sources that may help provide evidence-based research that may be used to support certain strategies and/or interventions.

Special Notes:

- 1) If a schoolwide school uses funds to establish or enhance a preschool program for children, be sure to address the program in the appropriate component section(s). **Section 1114(c)**
- 2) If schoolwide services are delivered by a non-profit or for-profit external provider, be sure to address their expertise in using evidence-based or other effective strategies to improve student achievement in the appropriate component section(s). **Section 1114(d)**
- 3) If, in a secondary school operating a SW program, funds are used for dual or concurrent enrollment programs, be sure to address such program and the flexibility of funds in the appropriate component section(s). **Section 1114(e)(1) & (2)**

Component 1: §1114(b):

Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA)

(**CNA description optional if “Revised Plan” is marked on the title page**)

To ensure that a school’s comprehensive plan best serves the needs of those children who are failing, or are at-risk of failing, to meet the challenging State academic standards, the school must conduct a comprehensive needs assessment. Through the needs assessment, a school must consult with a broad range of stakeholders, including parents, school staff, and others in the community, and examine relevant academic achievement data to understand students’ most pressing needs and their root causes. (ESEA section 1114(b)(2); 34 C.F.R. § 200.26(a)). Where necessary, a school should attempt to engage in interviews, focus groups, or surveys, as well as review data on students, educators, and schools to gain a better understanding of the root causes of the identified needs.

Evidence: A systematic effort involving multiple stakeholders to acquire an accurate and thorough picture of strengths and weaknesses of the school community, thus identifying student needs through a variety of information-gathering techniques. A data analysis summary must be included which incorporates benchmarks used to evaluate program results. The results of your data analysis must guide the reform strategies that you will implement to improve instruction for all students.

Briefly describe the school's Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) process.

Narrative: On an annual basis, a Title I committee reviews the Comprehensive Needs Assessment as well as current needs of the students and makes adjustments accordingly to reflect the changes in our dynamics. Preliminary student data from the past school year is provided to instructional staff at the end of each year. The assessment coordinator along with building level administrators and leadership teams assist instructional staff in the reflection of the data. A building level data retreat occurs in the Fall of each year. The most recent data retreat occurred October 7, 2022. Ongoing reflection on data occurred throughout the school year to tweak plans for this school year and also make preparations for the 2023-2024 school year.

Summarize the results and conclusions:

Budget Implications: Intervention and instructional teachers assist students in the progress of these goals. Dreambox and Lexia are supplemental programs that have been purchased to assist all students at their instructional levels as well as grade level standards.

Goals were developed based on data from all assessments. The following was identified as strengths and weaknesses:

Data Analysis of ELA

Strengths:

- Central Ideas (Claim 1/Target 2)
- Language and Vocabulary Use (Claim 2/Target 8)

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- Listen/Interpret (Claim 3/Target 4)

Weaknesses:

- Text Structures/Text Features (Claim 1/Target 13)
- Edit (Claim 2/Target 9)
- Use of Evidence (Claim 4/Target 4)

Data Analysis of Math

Strengths:

- Solve problems involving the 4 operations and identify and explain patterns in arithmetic (Target D)
- Use place value understanding and properties of operations to perform multi-digit arithmetic (Target E)
- Solve problems involving measurement and estimation of intervals of time, liquid, volumes and masses of objects (Target G)
- Represent and interpret data (Target H)

Weaknesses:

- Multiply and divide by 100 (Target C)
- Geometric Measurement: Understand concepts of area and relate area to multiplication and addition (Target I)
- Geometric Measurement: Recognize perimeter as an attribute of plan figures and distinguish between linear and area measures

Based on the identified strengths and weaknesses, grade level teams developed the following instructional goals:

Kindergarten:

Math: Students will be able to add and subtract with accuracy.

Reading: Students will be able to read with a purpose.

Writing: Students will be able to write with a purpose.

First Grade:

Math: Students will increase their fact fluency.

Reading: Students will increase their ability to identify text features.

Writing: Students will write/revise brief texts.

Second Grade:

Math: Students will increase number sense understanding in order to solve math problems fluently and accurately as a precursor to multiplication/division.

Reading: Students will identify text features and use them to strengthen comprehension of nonfiction text

Writing: Students will write and edit narratives

Third Grade:

Math: Students will multiply and divide whole numbers within 100.

Reading: Students will analyze across the text.

Writing: Students will apply/edit grade appropriate grammar.

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Fourth Grade:

Math: Students will be able to understand concepts of area and relate area to multiplication and addition.

Reading: Students will be able to relate knowledge of text structures to interpret or explain information.

Writing: Students will apply or edit grade level appropriate grammar usage, capitalization, punctuation and spelling to clarify the message.

Component 2: §1114(b) (7)(A)(i):

Provide a description of schoolwide reform strategies, that may include interventions that provide opportunities for all children, including each of the subgroups of students (as defined in section 1111(c)(2)) to meet the challenging state academic standards.

Provide information on how the selected strategies will increase student achievement in underperforming subgroups, if applicable. Evidence-based research strategies are based on identified needs and designed to raise the achievement level of all students on content standards. **Include a description of how the reform strategies will be evaluated for effectiveness.**

Narrative:

The general education teachers, intervention teachers and special services' staff focus on the individual needs of students by re-teaching and supporting them in areas which they exhibit weaknesses in and implement reform strategies through a concerted effort. Students are instructed in a variety of strategies in whole group, small group, and individual settings. Instructional strategies will follow the methodology of guided curriculum instruction. In math, the emphasis will be on problem solving with students exploring mathematical strategies and explaining mathematical reasoning. In reading, the emphasis will be on using proven strategies for guided reading as well instructional strategies from the science of reading. To determine if students' needs have been met, teachers will examine classroom work, informal math and reading assessments, and results of the standards-based assessments that are given three times a year. In addition, we will utilize the state assessment to make comparisons on the percentages of our proficiencies. All reform strategies are consistent with the district goals and ways in which we measure the instructional needs of students' district-wide. Weekly grade level meetings will address the progress of students and ways in which to meet their individual needs. Additionally, all third and fourth grade students will participate in a customized learning segment of time (What I Need Time- WIN) where students will be grouped based on need to cover areas that may not be within their current grade level standards, but a concept they need additional instruction with in the area of English Language Arts for that grade level. First and second grade staff are all using the same phonetic instructional support with the curriculum, Secret Stories, to all students to have a concrete and systematic approach as they are learning the fundamentals of reading.

Budget Implications (this must be reflected in the budget in the Consolidated Application): 5.8 full time Intervention teachers and 2.4 paraprofessionals are utilized to provide intervention services.

Benchmark/Evaluation: Students' progress is continually monitored through informal assessments, curriculum assessments, and the tri-annual assessment. Grade level teams monitor the data and alter students receiving an intervention based on growth and/or mastery of a concept. Based on need, some students may receive more intense support while others may only need maintenance of effort. Weekly, grade level members meet and alter support of students based on data.

Component 3: §1114(b) (7)(A)(ii):

Provide a description of schoolwide reform strategies being implemented that: **1)** use methods and instructional strategies that strengthen the academic program in the school; **2)** increase the amount and quality of learning time; **and 3)** help provide an enriched and accelerated curriculum, which may include programs, activities, and courses necessary to provide a well-rounded education.

These strategies should be evidence-based and strengthen and enrich the academic program.

Include a description of how the reform strategies will be evaluated for effectiveness.

Narrative:

1. Individual intervention for all students: Sturgis Elementary utilizes two supplemental online programs. Lexia is an online program that works on decoding and comprehension. It is a PK through fifth grade program. Each student works at his or her individual level. Educators monitor progress of individual students and provide mini lessons to students when they are unable to work through a certain portion of the program. Dreambox is an online math supplemental program that is utilized by all students. This program also assesses students' individual levels and provides them with lessons and activities at their level. In addition, teachers are able to assign grade level content to their classroom of students to supplement what is being taught in the classroom. Both programs allow for interventions and differentiation and the ability to meet the needs of all students. Intervention teachers use the data from these programs to assess the areas of intervention they will do with small groups and/or individual students. Review of data will determine its overall effectiveness.
2. What I Need (WIN) time: All third and fourth grade students will participate in a customized learning time four days a week. Data will be used from the tri-annual assessment. Students will be grouped based on concepts that are identified as a need for them based on the NWEA Continuum of Learning Table. Staff will meet regularly to regroup students and identify the concepts that will be taught. Review of the NWEA data each trimester will determine its effectiveness.
3. All intervention teachers will serve identified students with the use of UFLI Foundations, Secret Stories curriculum, and Leveled Literacy Intervention. Individual data on student growth will be reviewed to determine its effectiveness.
4. A Title I paraprofessional provides pull out math services K-4 to students who struggled on a given grade level concept. Individual data on student growth will be reviewed to determine its effectiveness.
5. Junior Kindergarten: Sturgis Elementary is in our fourth year of Junior Kindergarten. Students are selected based on date of birth, exposure to preschool previously, and social/emotional maturity. Students that enter this program spend the year better preparing for kindergarten the subsequent year. Data on the success rate of students that complete the Junior Kindergarten program is reviewed annually.
6. Student Solution Team Interventionist: Students referred to this team may have access to additional intervention support while the team determines in the student may need to be assessed for special education.

Budget Implications: Dreambox and Lexia Program, 5.8 intervention teachers, 2.4 paraprofessionals

Benchmark/Evaluation: All teachers check the data from the online supplemental programs on a weekly basis. Intervention teachers check data on individual students they are tracking daily.

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This is fifth year of full implementation of these programs. Individual student progress may be tracked on these programs. The customized learning time is in its third year. The tri-annual assessment and state assessment will be used to review and reflect on the effectiveness. Junior kindergarten will have its fourth group of students attend kindergarten next year. Input from our kindergarten teachers will assist us in how we continue to proceed with the program.

Component 4: §1114(b) (7)(A)(iii):

Provide a description of schoolwide reform strategies that the school is implementing to address the needs of all children in the school, but particularly the needs those at risk of not meeting the challenging state academic standards, through activities which may include—

- Counseling, school-based mental health programs, specialized instructional support services, mentoring services, and other strategies to improve students’ skills outside the academic subject areas;
- Preparation for and awareness of opportunities for postsecondary education and the workforce, which may include career and technical education programs and broadening secondary school students’ access to coursework to earn postsecondary credit while still in high school (such as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, dual or concurrent enrollment, or early college high schools);
- Implementation of a schoolwide tiered model to prevent and address problem behavior, and early intervening services, coordinated with similar activities and services carried out under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.);
- Professional development and other activities for teachers, paraprofessionals, and other school personnel to improve instruction and use of data from academic assessments, and to recruit and retain effective teachers, particularly in high-need subjects; and
- Strategies for assisting preschool children in the transition from early childhood education programs to local elementary school programs.
- If programs are consolidated, the specific state educational agency and local education agency programs and other federal programs that will be consolidated in the schoolwide program need to be described in the narrative.

Evidence: Evidence-based research strategies or activities could be student support services; behavior intervention systems; tiered systems of support; teacher recruitment and/or retention activities; or other activities as appropriate. **Include a description of how the reform strategies will be evaluated for effectiveness.**

Narrative:

Family Support:

Parents are provided with professional development at the local level. Parents are encouraged to attend the following events: Open House, Family Engagement activities, PTA meetings, parent/teacher conferences, and parenting classes. Information is disseminated to parents through monthly newsletters, district web site, parent displays, brochures, formal and informal meetings, personal phone calls, emails, social media, and the School Messenger Program.

Parents of students who we have school attendance concerns shall receive letters of notifications of accumulated days they have missed. They may receive phone calls or have personal meetings with administration to try to increase attendance. Facts about school attendance and promoting good school attendance are stated on social media and monthly newsletters. The district’s social worker and resource officer also assist with home visit of families where a child’s school attendance is poor.

Sturgis Elementary has partnered with Behavior Management Systems (BMS) to provide counseling services and bridge our resources between home and school. The counselor is provided an office space in our school. School Guidance counselors provide guidance lessons weekly that

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are age appropriate to the social needs of the students. Students that struggle with social skills and/or developing friendships are seen in social groups to increase skills. School counselors have sent out informational tidbits in the newsletter regarding mental health. School district “experts” provide presentations to teachers on mental health, growth mindset, and classroom management strategies that are successful.

Academic Assistance:

A Needs Assessment is done at the end of the year to identify students that would benefit from summer school. During the month of June, services are provided to these identified students to attempt to boost our efforts in their academic progress in reading and math. In the Fall of each year, assessments are conducted on students to assist in identifying students that are in need of some additional interventions. Classroom data and the continuation of the tri-annual assessment continues to be used in identifying students with needs throughout the year. Students that make minimal or no academic gains with the intervention assistance are referred to our Student Solution Teach (SST) to determine if further testing and/or considerations need to be made for special education.

Professional Development of Staff: There will be a continuation of a focus on data analysis this next school year. There will also be a continuation on the programs such as the House System we have put into place last year to build relationships beyond the classroom and also grade level. Training will be provided on phonetic instruction prior to the start of the next school year. This professional development will continue in the upcoming school year. Sturgis Elementary staff will also be trained in Adversed Childhood Experiences (ACES) throughout the year during monthly staff meetings.

Budget Implications: Intervention teachers, NWEA assessment

Benchmark/Evaluation: The ongoing review of data drives the decisions on what students need and what types of interventions that will take place.

Evidence-Based Research Resources

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