

Department Goal Worksheet

April 2

The following goals have been tentatively identified as our all-school goals. It is now time to consider how each department will support this goal with their departmental goals and initiative. As always it is important to identify how you will measure the success of the goals and initiatives.

Goal: All students will be instructed in principles of character education.

Department Goals: All students will be instructed in principles of character education. The Science department will concentrate on students developing attributes of team building, respect, and personal responsibility (safety). Displaying positive attitudes and accepting different points of view will be stressed.

Department Initiatives:

1. At least two team-building activities will be presented per quarter in each class. A member of the department will put suggested activities on department members' desks each month.
2. A member of the department will place a Do the Right Thing postcard on each desk each month.
3. The science department will have a Student-of-the-Month based on character attributes.

How will success be measured? Our success will be based on number of referrals to the discipline office and the success of our initiatives.

Goal: All students will improve their ability to communicate effectively (read, write, speak), enhanced by the use of technology and the inspiration of the arts.

Department Goals: All students will improve their ability to communicate effectively.

Department Initiatives:

1. Scientific literacy will be stressed including using appropriate technology to report scientific findings.
2. Reading strategies related to directions, text, and authentic reading will be taught. Specifically, KWL and vocabulary strategies.
3. Writing skills for lab reports, journals, and note taking will be taught. The ethics of research will also be taught.
4. Presentation skills (debate, PowerPoint, speeches) will be used as appropriate to share scientific information.

How will success be measured? Our success will be reflected in increased science scores on the PSAE.