

## **EAST PENNSBORO AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITATION STATUS**

### **East Pennsboro Area Middle School Middle States Accreditation (MSA) Focus Areas & Goals:**

1. Math Goal is to have 75% or more of our students scoring in the proficient or advanced range on the state's standardized tests (PSSA) by 2009.
2. Reading Goal is to have 75% or more of our students scoring in the proficient or advanced range on the state's standardized tests (PSSA) by 2009.
3. Writing Goal is to have 75% or more of our students scoring in the proficient or advanced range of the state's writing assessments (PSSA) by 2009.

### **EPAMS Action Plan Per Focus Area: (On-going Planning and Implementation committee meetings)**

#### **Math:**

##### **2005-06:**

- A. Purchased Measuring Up and Math Counts books for all grades. (Grades 5-8 test prep book - April 2005) and (Coach book for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades - December 2005)
- B. Developed a comprehensive test in each grade pertaining to the current curriculum given as pre-, mid-, post assessment.
- C. Utilized ITU periods to develop students' math skills.
- D. Analyzing test data to determine students' strengths and weaknesses in math. (Done with pre-assessments and on-going)
- E. Began Math curriculum K-12 review.
- F. Used in-service training and time in Nov. 2005 and Jan. 2006 to create a database for PSSA – Stanford and course-level assessments.
- G. Discussed in Nov. 2005 – Math department outlined math remediation strategies to implement.
- H. Visitations to other schools – in spring of 2006, (i.e., Camp Hill, Carlisle, Mechanicsburg, and other sites).
- I. Purchased more math test books for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. (Purchased math coach books for 6-7 grades – December 2005)
- J. Developing remediation plans for students in need of remediation in math for any Basic or Below Basic student performance from PSSA's 2006 data. Staff recommended this remediation be done during ITU periods starting in 2007-2007.
- K. Purchased at the end of January 2006 "Study Island" software for 8th grade level math staff and students to use in spring 2006 and into the 2006-2007 school year. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade math staff and other grades indicated an interest to pursue "Study Island" software in the future.

##### **2006-07:**

- L. Additional benchmark tests from Study Island have added to our own generated assessment and CAIU benchmark tests
- M. Learning Focused Solutions (LFS) strategies have been incorporated in our revised math curriculum.

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