Williamsburg Middle School Transition Plan



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My entry plan focuses on three primary areas: building relationships, determining strengths and growth opportunities for the school, and developing/communicating our school goals with all stakeholders. This plan also provides me with a chance to gain an understanding of the schools operational structure and to get a comprehensive view of student performance through a variety of data sources. To help us through this process, my primary goal is to remain transparent in communication and to develop a spirit of community with ongoing collaboration with all stakeholders in the Williamsburg Middle School community. This plan is divided into three phases with three goals containing specific details of the entry process.

Phase 1: Entry (July 2017 - August 2017)

The goal of this phase is to re-acclimate myself with the school community. Faculty members will be invited to participate in introductory meetings with me to discuss the unique characteristics of Williamsburg and ideas on the best way to move forward. If they are unable to attend, there will be an online option available for staff members to provide feedback. I will also take time during this phase to assess the current state of the school as it relates to school culture, student achievement, and staff development needs. Parents will also complete a survey designed to find out how they would like to be involved in their child's education and how we can support them in doing that. WMS families will also be invited to attend a Meet & Greet event with the staff and myself at a date to be determined.

Phase 2: Development of Action Plan (July 2017 – Sep 2017)

The goal of this phase is to analyze the data collected during the entry phase and to refine my 90-day plan. I will work with the instructional leadership team and school leadership team to ensure the plan aligns to our school improvement goals / APS Strategic Plan and provides the appropriate supports to ensure the success of students and staff.

Phase 3: Execution of 90-Day Action Plan (July 2017 - Sep 2017)

I will monitor the execution of our 90-day plan through the use of progress monitoring tools, and provide additional opportunities for staff/stakeholder collaboration if adjustments are needed.



Once again, I look forward to working collaboratively with the Williamsburg Middle School community to ensure the continued success of our students.

Goal 1: Foster collaborative professional relationships with all members of the WMS community to minimize potential disruption caused by a change in
administrative leadership and to maximize the focus on learning for all students.

Objective	Activities to Accomplish Objective	Timeline
1: Establish strong professional relationships with all school staff to ensure our work is focused on raising student achievement.	Send introductory letter to all staff and parents	July 2017
	Share initial principal entry plan with stakeholders	July 2017
	Arrange 1 on 1 meetings with staff	July 2017
	Create and distribute staff needs assessment	July 2017
	• Plan and hold ILT retreat to set expectations, review school data, build team rapport and develop goals and action plans for the year	August 2017
	Plan first staff meeting with a focus on setting expectations, review of staff handbook and team building activity	August 2017
	Establish staff recognition and team building schedule for each staff meeting	August 2017
	Conduct regular walk-throughs of classrooms	Ongoing
	ILT Meetings	Ongoing
	Analyze master schedule to ensure maximized use of instructional time	July - Aug 2017
	Create professional development calendar	August 2017
2: Establish	Send and post to the website an introductory newsletter for families	July 2017
positive and cooperative	Update school website	July 2017
relationships	Meet with the PTA president and executive board to review policies and procedures	July 2017
with parents and families.	Share Principal Entry Plan	July 2017
	Co-host parent information sessions with the PTA	August 2017
	Establish home-school communication protocol, including school newsletters	August 2017
	Host Williamsburg community social for staff and families	August 2017
	6th Grade Orientation "PALS Day"	August 2017
3: Establish	Meet with the Central Office staff, to gather information on county resources, expectations, and division goals for the school	July – Aug 2017
relationships with the APS Central	Meet with content supervisors to discuss county priorities/initiatives/support	Ongoing
Office.	Attend New Principal Trainings and Middle School Principal's mettings	Ongoing
	Meet with Human Resources to ensure staffing allocations meet school needs	July – Aug 2017
4: Establish	Work with Assistant Principals and the PTA leadership to compile a list of current partners and their contributions to the school	July 2017
positive and cooperative	Meet with community partners to introduce myself and discuss future work	July - Aug 2017
relationships	Work collaboratively with the PTA to develop and distribute a parent needs assessment	July - Aug 2017
with community partners	Update school website weekly to communicate events/stories and identify one individual to serve as the school communication/media liaison	Ongoing
5: Establish	Introductory walk-through and morning announcement appearances	Sept 2017
positive and cooperative	Host/attend grade level assemblies	Ongoing
relationships with the student body.	Continue quarterly student recognition program WOLF PAWS	Ongoing
	Be visible/accessible during the school day, and attend extra-curricular activities	Ongoing
	Host principal's breakfast with students	Quarterly
	Establish Students of the Week recognition on morning announcements	Sept 2017

Goal 2: Build a foundation for continuous improvement by identifying Williamsburg's strengths and targeted areas for growth.					
Objective	Activities to Accomplish Objective	Timeline			
1: Identify Williamsburg's strengths and targeted areas for growth in the area of curriculum and instruction	Meet with the ILT to assess the current status of student progress and review historical data to identify trends	July 2017			
	Meet with staff members to determine instructional program strengths	July – Aug 2017			
	Review staff feedback and insure needs are being met	Ongoing			
	Review staff evaluation schedules, conduct 2-3 evaluations together to calibrate views of quality instruction and communicate that information with staff	September 2017			
	Update coaching case loads based on current practices and needs moving forward	September – October 2017			
	Notify staff of new 90 day plan as well as systems/processes that will support the success of the plan	October 2017			
	Conduct coaching for case load	Ongoing			
	Hold ILT meetings to discuss instructional practices and teacher professional development needs	Ongoing			
	Review and analyze master schedule for maximized instructional time	August 2017			
	 Attend grade level planning meetings to determine the structures and systems already in place and make recommendations for changes if necessary 	Ongoing			
	Develop a second semester PD calendar aligned to demonstrated needs and teacher survey responses	January 2018			
	Attend and share information from Administrative Council / Principal meetings	Ongoing			
	Attend team meetings to determine the current intervention practices and support	Ongoing			
	Work with the student services team to review current services provided and analyze strengths and gaps in current delivery models	Ongoing			
	Set goals for addressing positive student culture	Ongoing			
	Develop/Implement a system for progress monitoring toward goals	August – September 2017			

Goal 3: Create a shared action plan for Williamsburg Middle School that best serves current/future students, families, staff, and community members to
achieve to achieve school goals.

Objective	Activities to Accomplish Objective	Timeline
1: Gather data	Compile data from goals #1 and #2	August 2017
	Draft a written report outlining the results for each goal	August 2017
	Develop a presentation to summarize the written report	August 2017
2: Communicate the results with stakeholders	Meet with WMS PTA to share findings	September 2017
	Meet with WMS Leadership Team to share findings	August – September 2017
	Present findings to the staff	August – September 2017
	Present findings to community stakeholders	September 2017
3: Develop an	Create a committee to develop an action plan for Goals #1 and #2	August - September 2017
action plan based on the compiled	Present and discuss the action plan with the staff	September - October 2017
data	Present and discuss the action plan with other community stakeholders	September - October 2017
4: Share the final action plan data with stakeholders	Share results with Central Office Leadership	EOY Meeting 2018
	Share results with the PTA / Community Partners	EOY Meeting 2018
	Share results with WMS Staff	EOY Meeting 2018



