

**Galena Park Independent School District
North Shore Middle School Campus
Improvement Plan**

2009 - 2010

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Section 1 - Introduction

1. **School:** North Shore Middle School

2. **Location:** 120 Castlegory Rd
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3. **Budget Manager:** Paul Drexler, Principal

4. **School Advisory Team:**

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5. **Campus Mission/Vision Statement:**

Motto: Home of Champions

Mission: The general mission of North Shore Middle School is to help in the development of each pupil so that he/she may be emotionally, mentally, morally, physically and socially prepared to take his/her place in an ever-changing complex society.

Section 2 - Needs Assessment

1. Where We Have Been:

North Shore Middle School has made steady progress in TAKS scores for the past several years in spite of the fact that our economically disadvantaged student population has more than doubled since 1995. This improvement can only be attributed to the unrelenting commitment of the faculty and staff, coupled with very successful educational initiatives that have proven fruitful. In 2001, Texas Monthly Magazine set forth criteria to rate public schools in Texas. They selected the trendsetters for school improvement in the state and identified them as the "best of the best" (top 5% of all Texas public schools). North Shore Middle was proud to be the only GPISD campus selected for this elite group.

In November, 2007 NSMS showcased a National Middle School Association school visit. This year we were honored with a National Finalist for "Do the Write Thing". In order to raise our science scores which kept our school from being recognized we have added a science specialist to our campus. This year to improve our science scores we have doubled instruction time to all students. Students will receive twice the instruction time plus we are offering after school tutorials for science.

2. Where We Are Now:

NSMS is working to meet the new challenges of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) testing. We continue to use benchmarks three times a year and twice yearly mock TAKS testing to help assess where individual students need additional help in the five core subject areas. The testing indicates that the remedial instructional classes implemented this year for students not meeting minimum state expectations on TAKS in math, reading and writing are improving testing results by approximately five percent annually. Analysis of testing indicates that we are on the right path to achieve an exemplary status. We are also making optimal use of the Optional Extended Year Program to help our underachievers be successful. Academic departments sponsored activities related to their function. On reading day, students read in every class; on writing day, each class had writing activities; and on social studies day, each class held coordinated social studies lessons tailored for their content area. We continue to augment our programs with pullouts of small groups of students during conference periods for guided practice in Math, Reading and English. Texas Business Education Coalition and Just for the Kids Foundation awarded North Middle School the very prestigious 2005 Honor Roll School award that only approximately 30 middle schools in the State received. NSMS has also been chosen to receive the Governor's Education Excellence Award (TEEG Grant).

3. Where We Are Going:

North Shore Middle School is soaring to new heights with a committed staff dedicated to student achievement. The Build Committee in coordination with the faculty and staff will continue to provide a safe and orderly learning environment. Discipline problems will continue to be reduced. The Reading Accountability Program (RAP) piloted at North Shore Middle School will improve student reading skills and prepare all students to be life-long learners. Morning, afternoon, and Saturday tutorials will continue to be a priority with the committed and dedicated teachers at North Shore Middle School. North Shore Middle School will continue to improve and work hard until we are an Exemplary Campus and have met every students needs.

Section 3 - Overview of Goals and Objectives

The goals for North Shore Middle School for the 2009 - 2010 school year are as follows:

Goal 1: A Safe Environment for Learning

North Shore Middle School will provide a safe learning and working environment for students, employees, and parents.

- Objective 1.1:** NSMS will provide an atmosphere where discipline referrals are reduced by 25%.
- Objective 1.2:** NSMS will provide education to students concerning the prevention of unwanted physical or verbal aggression, sexual harassment, and bullying.
- Objective 1.3:** NSMS Teachers will receive training in CHAMPS (Conversation, Help, Activity, Movement, Participation), TBSI, Texas Behavior Support Initiative, Foundations, and CPI (Crisis Prevention and Intervention) to prevent behavioral emergencies.
- Objective 1.4:** NSMS will have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) visibly mounted and accessible for emergencies.
- Objective 1.5:** NSMS will increase the opportunity for all students to be introduced or exposed to diverse cultures.
- Objective 1.6:** NSMS will initiate fire drills, campus intruder awareness drills, safety audits, and tabletop drills as required for compliance.
- Objective 1.7:** North Shore Middle School Students will be safe from the intentional use of physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse by a person to harm, threaten, intimidate, or control them while in a dating relationship.

Goal 2: Excellence in Student Performance

North Shore Middle School will identify areas of improvement to better prepare students for college and careers.

- Objective 2.1:** NSMS will provide training to develop new TAKS strategies and provide time to develop new lessons.
- Objective 2.2:** NSMS will provide additional computer training for all faculty so they may enhance their lessons and communicate more effectively.
- Objective 2.3:** NSMS will provide time to share and plan instructional strategies by department and grade level.
- Objective 2.4:** NSMS will facilitate an atmosphere where students have "ownership" of the school process by involving more stakeholders in the decision making process and teaching shared responsibility.
- Objective 2.5:** NSMS will provide programs and incentives to improve the passing rate for academic classes including Career and Technical Education, LEP, and Special Education.
- Objective 2.6:** NSMS will increase the participation of students in advanced courses and Pre-A.P. to 30%.
- Objective 2.7:** Career Guidance focusing on career awareness at 8th grade level.

Goal 3: Improve Curriculum and Instruction

North Shore Middle School will define measures by which student success can be determined, relative to the tested, foundation curriculum areas of mathematics, social studies, science, and English/Language Arts and the enrichment curriculum areas not tested by TAKS including art, music, theatre, technology and dance.

- Objective 3.1:** NSMS will provide increased opportunities for student involvement in school activities and extra-curricular activities.
- Objective 3.2:** NSMS will establish and implement a campus communication network system to promote positive communication between school and parents.
- Objective 3.3:** NSMS with BUILD will facilitate an atmosphere where students and faculty have "ownership" of the school process by involving more stakeholders in the decision making process and teaching shared responsibility.
- Objective 3.4:** NSMS will develop a program for ESL students to increase their TAKS scores to 85% and to provide better instruction for new arrivals and ensure all programs offered meet compliance standards.

Objective 3.5: NSMS will develop a program so inclusion is a positive experience for all students and teachers by increasing communications between special educators and regular teachers by scheduling regular team meetings to enhance the educational opportunities of all students.

Objective 3.6: Increase the TAKS scores of all students in all subgroups to meet AYP, PBMAS, and AEIS standards.

Goal 4: Health and Wellness

North Shore Middle School will aggressively seek to have 96% or higher student attendance rate.

Objective 4.1: North Shore Middle School will aggressively seek to have a 96% or higher student attendance rate.

Objective 4.2: Nutrition education will be integrated into health and physical education.

Objective 4.3: Students and staff will be provided with pleasant eating experiences.

Objective 4.4: Educate parents on health and physical concerns facing children.

Objective 4.5: North Shore Middle School will increase the yearly teacher attendance rate.

Goal 5: Counseling Department

North Shore Middle School's Counseling Department will give guidance to all students and strive for excellence.

Objective 5.1: NSMS Counselors will increase parent/counselor communication regarding the planning, scheduling and implementation of graduation plans for students.

Objective 5.2: NSMS Counselors will meet one-on-one with all students to assist them in achieving desired competencies and will provide all students with the knowledge and skills appropriate for their development as outlined in the GPISD guidance and counseling plan.

Goal 6: Student Pregnancy

To provide support services including Compensatory Education Home Instruction (CEHI) to pregnant students during the prenatal and postpartum services to help the student adjust academically, mentally, and physically, and stay in school.

Objective 6.1: Provide On-Campus Support Services

Objective 6.2: Provide Compensatory Education Home Instruction (CEHI)

Objective 6.3: Assist pregnant/parenting teen in accessing services and information