

**Lyon County School District**

**Silver Stage Middle School**

**2025-2026 Inquiry Areas/SMART Goals/Improvement Strategies**



# Mission Statement

As the cornerstone of our community, SSMS focuses on educating the whole child with compassion and rigor to grow successful 21st Century citizens.

## Vision

We believe by working together, students, staff, and community will be successful now and in our future.

## Demographics & Performance Information

### Nevada Report Card

In compliance with federal and state law, Nevada's K-12 Accountability Portal provides detailed information about each school's student and staff demographics and school performance rating, a star-rating system based on the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF). You can find our School Rating Report at [https://nevadareportcard.nv.gov/DI/nv/lyon/silver\\_stage\\_middle\\_school/2024](https://nevadareportcard.nv.gov/DI/nv/lyon/silver_stage_middle_school/2024)

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# Inquiry Areas

## **Inquiry Area 1:** Student Success

**SMART Goal 1:** At least 58% of of Lyon County students will meet or exceed their personal typical growth in math and reading from the Beginning of Year (BOY) assessment to the End of Year (EOY) i-Ready assessment during the 2025/2026 school year.

**Formative Measures:** -Quarterly Data Reflection and Planning PLCs around iReady data

-iReady Math diagnostic assessments 3 times a year.

-iReady Reading diagnostic assessments 3 times a year.

-Diagnostic assessments from HMH and McGraw Hill in area of ELA

**Aligns with District Goal**

Improvement Strategy 1 Details				Reviews		
<b>Improvement Strategy 1:</b> To support the Lyon County School District, Silver Stage Middle School will hold monthly data reviews to guide instruction and interventions. Teachers will provide targeted small group support and differentiated tasks based on i-Ready data. PLCs will collaborate to adjust instruction and share effective strategies to boost student growth.				Status Check		EOY Reflection
				Nov	Jan	May
				No review	No review	
Action #	Actions for Implementation	Person(s) Responsible	Timeline			
1	Schedule monthly PLC meetings for teachers to review i-Ready data, identify student needs, and plan targeted instruction. Title 1 funds used as a resource.	Principal and Classroom Teachers	2025-2026			
2	Teams will document instructional adjustments and interventions in a shared tracker, and admin or instructional coaches will monitor progress through walkthroughs and data check-ins to ensure progress. Title 1 funds as a resource.	Principal and Classroom Teachers	2025-2026			
<b>Position Responsible:</b> Principal <b>Resources Needed:</b> -Time for monthly PLC meetings and data analysis -iReady diagnostic and progress monitoring reports -Professional development on data-driven instruction and small group strategies  <b>Schoolwide and Targeted Assistance Title I Elements:</b> 2.4, 2.6 <b>Evidence Level</b> <b>Problem Statements/Critical Root Cause:</b> Student Success 1						

#### SMART Goal 1 Problem Statements:

Student Success
<b>Problem Statement 1:</b> Teachers at SSMS are not meeting their students' needs at their achievement level. <b>Critical Root Cause:</b> -Student trauma is causing setbacks and teachers are not sure how to effectively handle the trauma. -Students lack self-esteem and tend to give up easily once learning becomes difficult for them. -The Pandemic caused bigger learning gaps and incomplete learning for students. -Teachers lack efficacy in the area of differentiation. Teachers are learning a new ELA curriculum while feeling more confident after learning the new math curriculum. -Students are missing fundamental math and reading skills. -Students on IEPs are not showing significant growth in math and ELA on the SBAC. -High absent chronic absenteeism rate.

**Inquiry Area 1: Student Success**

**SMART Goal 2:** Lyon County School District will increase the total number of K-8 work-based learning opportunities provided to all students by 10% from the 2024/2025 school year to the 2025/2026 school year.

**Formative Measures:** -School Links  
-PAES Labs

**Aligns with District Goal**

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Nov	Jan	May												
				No review	No review									

**SMART Goal 2 Problem Statements:**

Student Success
<b>Problem Statement 1:</b> Teachers at SSMS are not meeting their students' needs at their achievement level. <b>Critical Root Cause:</b> -Student trauma is causing setbacks and teachers are not sure how to effectively handle the trauma. -Students lack self-esteem and tend to give up easily once learning becomes difficult for them. -The Pandemic caused bigger learning gaps and incomplete learning for students. -Teachers lack efficacy in the area of differentiation. Teachers are learning a new ELA curriculum while feeling more confident after learning the new math curriculum. -Students are missing fundamental math and reading skills. -Students on IEPs are not showing significant growth in math and ELA on the SBAC. -High absent chronic absenteeism rate.

## Inquiry Area 1: Student Success

**SMART Goal 3:** Lyon County School District will increase the total number of students participating in K-12 work-based learning opportunities by 10% from the 2024/2025 school year to the 2025/2026 school year.

**Formative Measures:** -School Links  
-PAES Labs

**Aligns with District Goal**

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### SMART Goal 3 Problem Statements:

Student Success
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## **Inquiry Area 2: Adult Learning Culture**

**SMART Goal 1:** By May 2026, all teachers at Silver Stage Middle School will regularly implement at least two targeted instructional strategies each week, such as scaffolded questioning, guided practice, or visual supports to engage students in standards aligned learning tasks, in line with NEPF 2.1. Progress will be monitored through monthly IEP data reviews and classroom walk-throughs, with the goal that at least 75% of SPED students demonstrate measurable growth on their IEP academic goals and/or i-Ready Math and Reading diagnostic assessments by the end of the school year.

**Formative Measures:** - IEP data reviews

- Bi-weekly walk through data collected around Standard 2 (Meeting Cognitive Demands) using the NEPF.
- iReady Math diagnostic assessments 3 times a year.
- iReady Reading diagnostic assessments 3 times a year.
- Diagnostic assessments from HMH and McGraw Hill in area of ELA

**Aligns with District Goal**



Improvement Strategy 1 Details				Reviews		
<b>Improvement Strategy 1:</b> SSMS will implement monthly collaborative coaching focused on differentiated instruction and engagement strategies for SPED students. Special education teachers will meet with teacher leaders and general education teachers to analyze student data, plan for scaffolding, and reflect on instructional impact, ensuring alignment with IEP goals and increasing opportunities for active participation in core content instruction.				Status Check		EOY Reflection
				Nov	Jan	May
				No review	No review	
Action #	Actions for Implementation	Person(s) Responsible	Timeline			
1	A pre-observation planning session focused on selecting and adapting engagement strategies aligned to NEPF 2.1 and student IEP goals. Title 1 funds used a resource.	Teachers	2025-2026			
2	Monitor student performance through iReady Math and iReady Reading using diagnostic tests from Fall to Winter, Winter, to Spring, and Fall to Spring. Title 1 funds used as a resource.	Teachers	2025-2026			
<b>Position Responsible:</b> Principal <b>Resources Needed:</b> -Targeted PD sessions on student engagement strategies, scaffolding techniques, and using data to drive SPED instruction (e.g., visual supports, sentence frames, chunking, co-teaching models)  - Built-in time collaboration time with regular education teachers during PLCs or common prep periods to support co-planning and instructional alignment for SPED students in inclusive settings.  <b>Schoolwide and Targeted Assistance Title I Elements:</b> 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 <b>Evidence Level</b> Level 1: Strong: NEPF <b>Problem Statements/Critical Root Cause:</b> Adult Learning Culture 1						

### SMART Goal 1 Problem Statements:

Adult Learning Culture
<b>Problem Statement 1:</b> Inconsistent use of targeted instructional strategies has contributed to limited academic growth among students with IEPs. Classroom practices are not yet fully aligned with NEPF Standard 2.1. <b>Critical Root Cause:</b> -Lack of targeted PD aligned to differentiation -Learning a new ELA curriculum -Understanding the new reports in the ELA curriculum and iReady Reading -Student grouping for direct instruction is not effectively aligned to students' current skill levels -Teachers lack sustained, targeted professional development on how to effectively implement scaffolded questioning, guided practice, and visual supports aligned to NEPF Standard 2.1. - Inconsistent instructional practices that do not always meet the academic needs of students with IEPs.

### Inquiry Area 3: Connectedness

**SMART Goal 1:** Lyon County School District will reduce the chronic absenteeism rate by 10% from the 2024/2025 school year to the 2025/2026 school year.

**Formative Measures:** Attendance reports  
MTSS for Attendance  
Intervention logs  
CCRI  
Home Visits and Family Engagement  
SRO

**Aligns with District Goal**

Improvement Strategy 1 Details				Reviews		
<b>Improvement Strategy 1:</b> To support the Lyon County School District, Silver Stage Middle School will utilize data, Silver Stage Middle School will engage families and provide early intervention to improve attendance.				Status Check		EOY Reflection
				Nov	Jan	May
				No review	No review	
Action #	Actions for Implementation	Person(s) Responsible	Timeline			
1	Review 5 - 8 attendance data. Title 1 funds used as a resources.	Principal, Vice Principal, and Attendance Secretary	2025 - 2026 school year - twice monthly			
2	Monitor student attendance and interventions through a spreadsheet. Title 1 funds used as a resource.	Principal, Vice Principal, and Attendance Secretary	2025 - 2026			
3	Communicate with parents/guardians through attendance letters at 6 and 12 absences, along with phone calls and home visits as needed. Title 1 funds used as a resource.	Principal, Vice Principal, and Attendance Secretary				
<b>Position Responsible:</b> Principal <b>Resources Needed:</b> None  <b>Schoolwide and Targeted Assistance Title I Elements:</b> 2.6 <b>Evidence Level</b> Level 1: Strong: Early Intervention <b>Problem Statements/Critical Root Cause:</b> Connectedness 1						

**SMART Goal 1 Problem Statements:**

### Connectedness

**Problem Statement 1:** Chronic absenteeism continues to hinder student learning, particularly for students impacted by poverty, mobility, and trauma. Silver Stage Middle School must enhance supports that build strong school connections and address barriers to daily attendance. **Critical Root Cause:** Inequitable access to high quality instruction, curriculum that feels irrelevant and emotional and mental health challenges.