

# Junior High Report for September

## Identifying Students for Remediation

- Those students who failed the STAAR test are placed in SSIR or SSIM classes for targeted help. These classes will be using the STARR Master and other resources to target specific skills and strategies used for math and reading.
- All JH students take the STAR screener for reading and math to be identified for extra help (pullout).
- Students who are pulled out for extra help take part in the Read Naturally program for reading and the Go Solve Math program. We have not been able to screen or begin these programs because not all students have turned in or signed AUPs.
- Teacher recommendations are also taken into consideration. For students whom teachers identify as needing extra help, they are in an advisory class where they can get extra help.
- Of our 141 students, 42 students are served in SSI classes.

## Parent Communication

- All parents will be contacted within the first nine weeks of school. Teachers will fill out a contact form and turn into the office. This ensures that parents are aware of the progress of their student and how things are going on a daily basis.
- Positive post cards are being sent home on a weekly basis. All teachers turn in post cards and check off in the office.
- When a student receives a STEP for discipline, a copy is sent home to the parent to be signed and returned. If it is not returned, the parent is contacted by the teacher or principal by phone.

## **Teacher Planning and Preparation**

- Teachers are meeting in team sessions weekly and also sharing lesson plans through Eduphoria.
- The Junior High faculty meets once a month. We met on Tuesday, September 2 to discuss beginning of school issues, etc. In future meetings, we will break down into teams so that I will be able to meet with everyone about concerns or issues with students in general or individual students.

## **Teacher Training**

- Math teachers attended training for new math TEKS during the summer and are both registered for more workshops during the school year.
- All JH teachers are registered for GT updates or training for September or October.
- ELA teachers are registered for writing workshops in September and the new ELA teacher has also registered for ELA STAAR workshop.

## **Student Enrollment**

JH enrollment is as follows:

6<sup>th</sup> grade – 43

7<sup>th</sup> grade – 38

8<sup>th</sup> grade – 60

## **Textbooks**

There is a shortage of textbooks for elementary partly due to increase in enrollment. Also, in some grades, extra books were not ordered with a mindset that new students might enroll this year. Because of the large enrollment in Kinder, we will need to order more books for Math and Science. I am working with Stephanie to gather information that I need as far as number of books that need to be ordered.