

Seekonk High School School Improvement Plan 2007-2010



Mission: All students will achieve their maximum potential by becoming responsible, productive citizens and life-long learners.

**Seekonk High School 2007-2010
Objectives and Action Plan for School Improvement**

Goal # 1: Improve student performance on the SAT.

Needs Assessment:

SAT scores have declined for three years in a row. The scores are lower than the state and national averages and than that of other districts of similar size and demographics. Students must compete with others for admission to schools of their choice.

Objectives:

Analyze all relevant data to determine a course of action that will offer students multiple opportunities to practice test taking skills and strategies, and increase knowledge of reading, vocabulary, and math. Include the analysis of non-fiction in all subject areas in order to provide students with literacy strategies. Raise the level of awareness of teachers, parents, and students regarding the structure and content of the SAT.

Action Plan - Strategies/Activities	Person(s) Responsible for Implementation	Resources Needed	Time Line	Evaluation Measure	Status
1.1 Collect and analyze data from all relevant sources to determine strengths and needs. (PSAT scores, MCAS scores, Course selection, SAT scores, AP, demographics, etc.)	Administration Department Chairpersons Guidance Faculty	Score reports Course selection Discipline and attendance records	2007-2008 and yearly	Summary of data analysis	
1.2 Compile a list of resources for SAT preparation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books • Online sites • Courses 	Guidance	Meeting time	Spring and Summer 2008	Information on Website and in Parent newsletter	
1.3 Implement a regular schedule for DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) time.	Librarian Faculty Administration	Schedule modification	2008-2009	Revised schedule Survey students and faculty	
1.4 Offer an SAT Mathematics Prep Course during the school day	Mathematics Department	Books Curriculum	2008-2009	Enrollment figures Curriculum map	
1.5 Increase time for literacy coach to address SAT prep strategies and content	Administration	Budget	2008-2009	Schedule	
1.6 Identify ways to communicate the importance of selecting a challenging program of courses to parents and students.	Administration Department Chairpersons	Administrative Team Meetings Professional	Spring and summer 2008	Press releases Website Parent	

	Guidance School Council	development time		Newsletter Open House	
1.7 Provide professional development opportunities for teachers in the area of reading across the content areas. (literacy)	Literacy coach	Budget	Ongoing	Participation rates	
1.8 Provide students with opportunities to read and analyze non-fiction in all courses	Department Chairpersons Leadership Teachers	Budget Curriculum	2008-2009	Curriculum Maps Lesson plans Student work	

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Goal # 2: Improve school climate by promoting respect of students for self and others.

Needs Assessment:

Disciplinary Infractions, Analysis of Data (relationship of absence to academic performance), NEASC survey results

Objectives:

Establish a culture and respect for learning so that students can achieve their “maximum potential.”

Explore alternatives for out-of-school suspension

Action Plan - Strategies/Activities	Person(s) Responsible for Implementation	Resources	Time Line	Evaluation Measure	Status
2.1 Analyze all data related to discipline, attendance, grades, and responsibility level for each course.	Assistant Principal Guidance	Time	Summer 2008	Data analysis Presentation to Faculty and School Committee	
2.2 Review the responsibility rubric to develop a scale for infractions and consequences.	Assistant Principal Faculty School Council	Time	2008-2009	Student Handbook for 2009-2010	
2.3 Examine programs, resources, and strategies used by other schools to develop advisory programs.	Assistant Principal Faculty	Time	2008-2009	Faculty presentation	
2.4 Revise the student handbook	Assistant principal School Council	Budget	Yearly	Completed handbooks	
2.5 Design an advisory program	Administration Parents Teachers Students	Meeting time Budget	2008-2009	Program plan	
2.6 Implement an advisory program	Administration Faculty Staff	Schedule Budget for Materials	2009-2010	Master schedule	
2.7 Design and implement an in-house suspension program	Administration	Salary for	2008-2009	Program rules	

	Faculty Staff	Additional aide Building space		Data analysis Decrease # of Out-of-school Suspensions, Tardies, etc.	
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Goal # 3: Continue efforts to strengthen communication between the school and community.

Needs Assessment:

Multiple years with inadequate budgets indicate a need to communicate both the strengths and needs of the high school with the town. One of the goals of the District Strategic Plan is to promote and enhance beneficial relationships and partnerships with individuals and groups in the community which will promote communication. Results of the NEASC Self-Study and survey indicate a need to connect with the community in order to provide students with the opportunity for authentic application of knowledge.

Objectives:

- School/business partnerships
- Increase opportunities for active learning in the community
- Extend use of the school building to town residents
- Increase the opportunities for parent involvement

Action Plan - Strategies/Activities	Person(s) Responsible for Implementation	Resources	Time Line	Evaluation Measure	Status
3.1 Increase and publicize opportunities for student involvement in the community by partnering with local agencies.	Transition Coordinator Guidance	Grants	Ongoing	Guidance Website Updated Guidebook for Students Daily announcements	
3.2 Compile a list of school groups and organizations looking for members/volunteers.	Transition Coordinator Guidance	Time Email	Ongoing	Website Hard Copy	
3.3 Meet with editors of local media outlets to identify ways to increase communication with the community regarding school news.	Administration Journalism Teacher and Students	Meetings	2007-2009	Newspaper Articles Student columns	
3.4 Analyze the results of the NEASC self-study survey that pertain to parent and community communication.	Administration	Survey results	Summer 2008	Faculty Presentation in	

				Fall 2008	
3.5 Expand the audience of the weekly parent email newsletter.	Principal School Council	Freshman Orientation Open House Press Releases Parent Night Athletic events	Ongoing	Increase # on Parent email list	