Van Buren Local Schools

The Quest

Continuous Improvement Plan

Building Connections. Building Experiences. Building Thinkers.

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Building Experiences.

Elementary School Implementation Details

Middle School Implementation Details

High School Implementation Details

BUILDING EXPERIENCES.

Build a culture of learning that enables all students to achieve.

Objective: Build unique opportunities that	expose students and staff to diverse experiences.						
BUILDING EXPERIENCES: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Implementation Details							
Action Steps			Imp	mplementation Timeline			
	Ongoing Evidence of Progress	Action Step Leader(s)	June- Aug.	Sept Nov.	Dec Feb.	Mar May	
Adding STEAM experiences to the elementary. • Having a dedicated staff member be in charge of STEAM integration.	 Creating a STEAM curriculum and roadmap for use in K-5. Creating and maintaining a STEAM makerspace. Regular collaboration with teachers to integrate STEAM into the classroom. Developing a schedule for STEAM integration. 	Admin and necessary staff to accommodate.	•	•	•	V	
Incorporate outside STEAM opportunities utilizing community businesses/groups (field trips, speakers, clubs, assemblies, etc.)	 Continue STEAM after school programs Teachers identify opportunities for STEAM guest speakers which align with specific content Teachers coordinate a schedule for guest speakers with either Cassie Schaffer or Brian Career Advisor 	Teachers, Administration		~	•	•	
Incorporate additional learning experience outside of the classroom	 Reintroduce field trips that were previously taken prior to COVID-19 Teachers identify potential learning experiences that align with content 	Teachers, ES Principal	~	~	•	'	
Grade bands establishing interventions and specific student supports: (top 10	 Intervention folders with student data tracking student growth and progress. 	Special Education Coordinator		✓ K-1	✓ GR	~	

tools, 95% group)	Identified students to provide interventions in classrooms		2-5 6-8	
			9-12	

Sept./Oct. Update: STEAM is a reality and Mr. Beining is now part of our specials rotation! Students attend STEAM at least once a week on their schedule; field trips are part of the school year once again to expand the experience students have in the elementary. This includes Gifted United trips to Camp Berry/BG; an author visit for all students and trips to Litzenberg Park and Conine's Pumpkin Patch to name a few.

	BUILDING EXPERIENCES: MIDDLE SCHOOL Impl	ementation Details						
Action Steps	Ongoing Evidence of Progress	Action Step Leader(s)	Imp	Implementation Timeline				
			June-A ug.	Sept Nov.	Dec Feb.	Mar May		
 Development of a "Club Day" (Late Sept. or Early Oct.) Collaborate with HS staff Develop a master schedule for all club meetings (Advisory time?) Elicit student and staff ideas for clubs Determine minimums for starting a club 	- Club day sign up sheets will serve as a record.	Experiences Team (Hafner, Marshall, Serena)	Step 1 Step 2 Step 4 (this year) Step 5	Step 3				
 Define what roles students can have here in the middle school How do we prioritize these roles? (Do students get pulled from class? Study hall/homebase time used? etc.) Determine the role of the IgKnight Leadership group 		Experiences Team (Hafner, Marshall, Serena)	Step 1 Step 2 Step 3					

September Update.:

Goal #1 Club sign up day is set for 11/10 during advisory. This is one day where all club advisors and student leaders can introduce each club and recruit new members. A small group rotation will happen during the club day event and check out all of their options.

- New this year: We will have a "Want to create a club?" table where students can learn the requirements for starting a new club.
- Future Ideas: Creation of a MS "Spirit Club"???

 $Goal\ \#2: Brainstorming/exploratory\ phase\ for\ 7th\ and\ 8th\ grade\ students\ to\ utilize\ their\ study\ hall\ to\ receive\ job\ and\ life\ skills\ through\ opportunities\ in\ various\ roles\ throughout\ the\ school\ phase\ for\ 7th\ and\ 8th\ grade\ students\ to\ utilize\ their\ study\ hall\ to\ receive\ job\ and\ life\ skills\ through\ opportunities\ in\ various\ roles\ throughout\ the\ school\ phase\ pha$

BUILDING EXPERIENCES: HIGH SCHOOL Implementation Details									
Action Steps			lmį	Implementation Timeline					
	Ongoing Evidence of Progress	Action Step Leader(s)	June- Aug.	Sept Nov.	Dec Feb.	Mar May			
Create a building wide experience for all staff and students to enjoy a day of socialization, competition, and fun.	 Implement a "Field Day" complete with activities, locations, competitions, supervision, and needed equipment/materials. a. Schedule event b. Identify activities and equipment needed c. Coordinate staff assignments, facility logistics, and requirements Create a reflective survey to evaluate student involvement/interest at field day 	 3. Experience Group Student Council a. HS Principal - Athletic Director - Experience Committee b. Student Council - McIntosh - VanHoose c. McIntosh / HS Principal 4. Experience Group 							
Create a building wide experience for all staff and students to demonstrate leadership and service opportunities through a community service program.	 Implement a service day for all students a. Schedule event b. Identify activities - locations, groupings, and expectations. c. Coordinate staff assignments, facility logistics, and requirements Connect to graduation Community Service Seal Develop evaluative rubric Imbed experience into student portfolios 	 3. Experience Committee a. HS Principal/ Experience Committee b. Experience Committee c. Experience Committee / HS Principal 4. Experience Committee / HS Principal / HS Counselor a. Career Advisor/ HS Principal / HS Counselor b. Career Advisor 							

September Update: We reviewed the initial ideas for a future service day. Tentative idea would be to have this at the end of October, starting in 2022. At this point, we (the experiences group and student council) are starting to gather ideas for various projects that would serve our local Van Buren community and school. The service day would have a more structured approach for underclassmen (assigned projects), transitioning into more choice focused service for the upperclassmen (i.e. a senior who is passionate about Habitat could get together a group of students and go serve with Habitat for the day). Suggested projects included raking leaves, picking up trash around Van Buren and doing projects around the school.

We also discussed some logistics for the 2021 Field Day. Tentatively, we are seeking approval for Friday, May 20th Field Day with Friday, May 26th acting as the rain date. We discussed having Bump - Up Day coincide with the first couple hours of Field Day, followed by a motivational speaker and then outdoor activities. It was also discussed that adding a DJ and maybe some Food Trucks would improve Field Day (though grilling out like last year is not a bad option either).