



DR. JOHN OCHSNER

DISCOVERY

HEALTH SCIENCES ACADEMY

*at the John Martyn campus*

**Annual Title I  
Meeting  
October 13, 2021**



- **Principal:** Nikisha Kelly
- **Division Heads**
  - Pre-K-2nd: Claire Barry-Thomas
  - 3rd-4th: Aimee Gilberti
  - 5th-6th Alice Bairnsfather
- **Interventionist**
  - K-3rd: Jennifer Sclafani
  - 4th-6th: Karen Binder

- ★ Here at Dr. John Ochsner Discovery our students are just as capable as any students across the US.
- ★ Every day, we are committed to ensuring that our students have the opportunity to grow and thrive so they can reach their potential.
- ★ To do this, we need a plan in place to ensure every teacher is prepared to provide every student what they need to be successful.

Therefore, as required by state and federal laws and regulations, we submitted a plan to the Louisiana Department of Education in the winter of 2020 to support our school's improvement.

We received approval of this plan from the Department in spring of 2021.

The key components of our plan that will lead to school improvement include:

- High quality curriculum and assessments in all grades.
- High quality professional development for all teachers on the selected curriculum.
- Building school-based expertise through leadership roles.
- A Professional Development Plan to ensure teachers are preparing for units and building content knowledge.
- Collaborating with our deans of culture to support improvement around student engagement.
- Community partnerships to address our schools' greatest academic, behavioral, and workforce needs.

Our goal is to keep families informed, today and throughout the year, on the implementation of our school improvement plan.

Today, we'll provide information on:

- our school and student performance data to improve student skill attainment and academic progress
- an overview of our plan
- timelines for implementation of our plan and reporting progress monitoring of students' growth and development

# SCHOOL PERFORMANCE OVER TIME

## HOW HAVE WE PERFORMED OVER TIME?

### MISSION

The mission of Discovery Health Sciences Academy is to provide a rigorous learning environment where students achieve academically, develop intellectual curiosity, and practice environmental responsibility while exploring health and science topics and careers.

### SCORES BY YEAR



Since our inception, Discovery has consistently scored higher than the district average and state average on annual state testing. Discovery has maintained academic excellence while in a period of rapid growth.

### 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

# #5

out of 78 open  
enrollment schools in  
Jefferson Parish

# A

2019 Progress  
Score

# B

2019 Assessment  
Score

## School Performance: Understanding LEAP 2025 Achievement Levels

LEAP 2025 is divided by five levels of achievement. Our goal is for every student to reach at least "Mastery" which signals readiness for the next grade level.

LEVEL 5

ADVANCED

Exceeded Expectations

LEVEL 4

MASTERY

Met Expectations

LEVEL 3

BASIC

Nearly Met Expectations

LEVEL 2

APPROACHING BASIC

Partially Met Expectations

LEVEL 1

UNSATISFACTORY

Expectations Not Yet Met

# 2021-2022 School Improvement Goals and Priorities

Given the data we've shared, Dr. John Ochsner Discovery is focused on the following priorities for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Being back in school full time has allowed us to continue with our intensive intervention program that allows us to provide targeted and direct instruction to our students that meet the criteria for this program.
- We are able to provide rigorous instruction with our research based Tier 1 curriculums.
- More professional development trainings through our online platforms for our teachers so they can effectively teach out students.
- Provide more virtual assistance to families to increase academic performance.



# School Improvement Plan Implementation Timeline

Time Frame	Activity
Spring-Summer 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teacher professional developments and trainings</li><li>• Early school year start date for students and staff</li><li>• Early benchmark assessments for appropriate student placement</li><li>• Hired additional highly qualified regular and special educators to better meet the needs of our students.</li></ul>
Fall 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing teacher and staff professional developments and trainings</li><li>• Ongoing progress monitoring</li><li>• Ongoing continuous small group interventions</li><li>• Initiate technology test prep exposure</li><li>• Family engagement materials</li></ul>
Winter 2021-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Additional technology test prep exposure</li><li>• Interim assessments in core subjects and progress monitoring</li><li>• Title I LEAP Testing parent information meeting</li></ul>
Spring 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family engagement events (Literacy Night, Math Night, Science Fair, STEM Fest)</li><li>• Title I home to school parent engagement connection meeting</li><li>• Planning for academic support through our Summer Bridges program</li><li>• Career fairs and hiring of highly qualified personnel</li></ul>

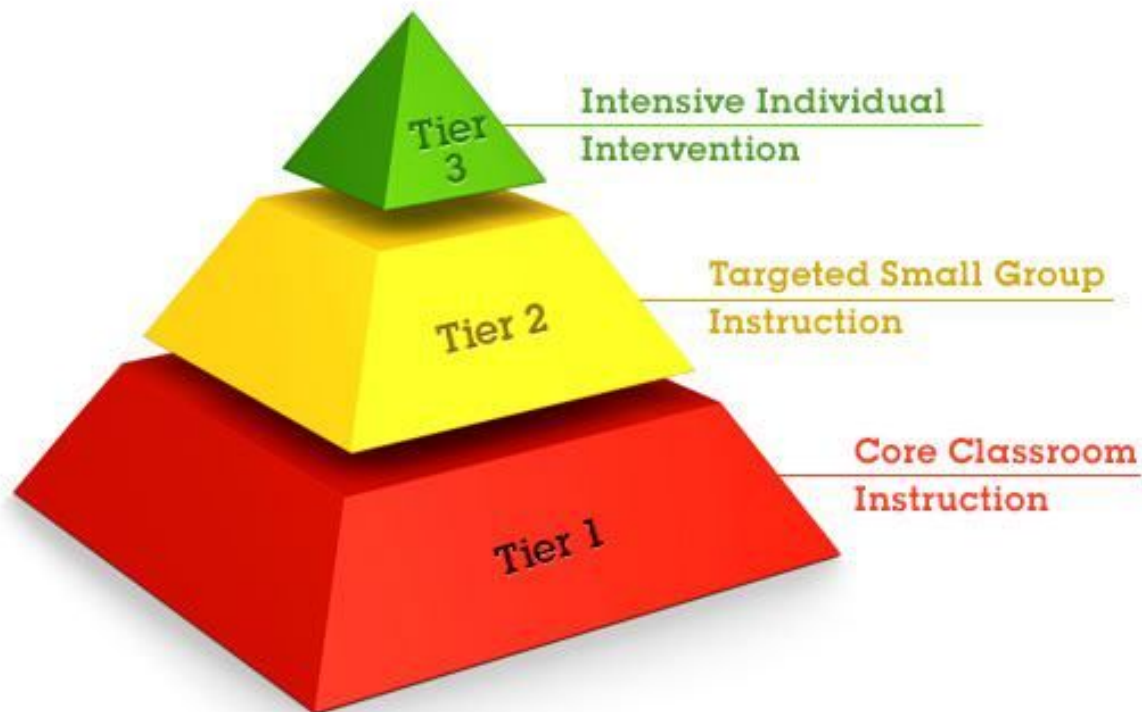
# Working Together for School Improvement

We are committed to providing families with meaningful, two-way communication about Dr. John Ochsner Discovery's plan and your child's academic progress throughout the year.

Here are ways we can partner to meet our plan's goals:

- **Communicate with us:** Contact your child's teacher or principal with questions about your child's progress, learning needs, or school events/programs through planned or requested parent/teacher conferences.

- **Support learning at home:** Visit our school website to access the Title I family engagement resource center. Parents may check out academic materials to assist their students at home. Attend Title I virtual parent coffee chats to learn more about supporting your child's learning at home.



## 3 Tiers of Support

# THANK YOU!

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## **Additional Resources:**

- [Reading Tips](#)
- [Reading Together with your child](#)
- [Homework Tips](#)
- [Multilingual Families](#)
- [Math Parent Tips](#)
- [Family Math](#)
- [Writing Tips](#)
- [Science Tips](#)
- [Social Studies Tips](#)