



Cabot Freshman Academy Cabot Public School District School Improvement Plan 20-21

Mission Statement: Graduation Starts Here: Every Student, Every Credit, Every Day

## Priority #1

Improvement Plan Focus Area: Reading Across the Curriculum; Continued intervention, remediation and enrichment through C2G/Pre-AP classes

<b>Priority Area:</b> Based on the identified focus area, what issue needs to be addressed to achieve the goal?	Team Member(s) Responsible:
CFA ACT Aspire reading scores have remained	Ahna Davis- Principal
stagnant over the two years. Although students read	John Shirron- Asst. Principal
in their ELA classes, it was determined that there is	Kevin Floyd- Asst. Principal
limited reading in other content areas and electives.	Linda Young- English Chair
	Scott Wells- Math Chair
	Debbie Stewart- Social Studies Chair
	Anthony Shepherd- Science Chair
<b>Desired Outcome:</b> When fully implemented, what will	Jamie Shelton- Electives Chair
be different as a result of addressing this priority?	
* Increase in reading scores on mandated exams and	
classroom exams; MAP, PSAT, PreAP Checkpoints	
<ul> <li>Increase in content area reading</li> <li>Increase in content area reading</li> </ul>	
* Increase in comprehension/analyzation skills	

<b>Root Cause(s):</b> What is the heart of the issue? What evidence supports this conclusion? Students have difficulty understanding non-fiction text, illustrations, technical texts, etc. ELA teachers are charged with teaching students to read and understand texts. However, all content areas can play a part in implementing reading skills. All subject areas require various forms of reading and comprehension.
Evidence: * ACT Aspire Scores- Stagnant * Comprehension on exams/ADI Labs/Technical Readings- Below Average * CFU during classroom discussion
Alignment to District Core Belief: <ul> <li>* Every school and classroom in the Cabot School District will be student-centered with a laser like focus on student achievement.</li> <li>* Providing students with the necessary tools needed to be successful academically</li> </ul>

		Priority #1 Actions		
Action to Address the Root Cause & Outcomes	Team Member(s) Responsible	Timeline	Resources and/or Funding(include fund source)	Progress Monitoring Data
Increase Content Area Reading through EdPuzzle and Pear Deck; Newsela	Ahna Davis- Principal Kevin Floyd- Asst. Principal John Shirron- Asst Principal Department Chairs	2020-2021 School Year	\$2500 for District Curriculum/Building Fund	<ul> <li>* Classroom</li> <li>Walkthroughs</li> <li>* Classroom Assessments</li> <li>* PSAT Data</li> <li>* Interim Data</li> <li>* PearDeck Data</li> </ul>

College Board Pre-AP Training	Ahna Davis- Principal Kevin Floyd- Asst. Principal John Shirron- Asst Principal	2020-2021	District Funding for materials and training	<ul> <li>* PSAT Data</li> <li>* College Board</li> <li>Performance Task</li> <li>Assessments</li> <li>* College Board Unit tests</li> </ul>
Science of Reading Trainings- Implemented by the Arkansas Department of Education	All certified staff	2018- Continuous	Offered through ADE- Teachers/Counselors/Oth er- completed Awareness Pathway SPED Teachers completed Awareness Pathway and additional required trainings. Admin- Awareness path, Assessor trainings and additional required trainings	<ul> <li>* Observations of classroom instruction with the implementation of SOR strategies (ex. Word walls, root words, etc.)</li> <li>* Post/Pre Observations conferences to discuss implementation of SOR strategies</li> <li>* Data acquired through common assessments, MAP Testing, ACT Aspire and PSAT scores.</li> <li>* Will continue College Board PAP English for the 21-22 school year</li> </ul>

Priority #2		
Improvement Plan Focus Area: Promoting A Positive S	chool Culture Through Relationships/Positive Interaction	
<b>Priority Area:</b> Based on the identified focus area, what issue needs to be addressed to achieve the goal? Due to the increase in student needs (ex. Trauma, mental health, lack of stable home conditions, etc.), the need to build positive relationships and establish a positive school culture is a necessity in the success of students academically, socially and behaviorally.	Team Member(s) Responsible: Ahna Davis- Principal Kevin Floyd- Asst. Principal John Shirron- Principal Stephanie Harper- Counselor Angie Simon- Counselor De Tonnessen Jamie Shelton	
<ul> <li>Desired Outcome: When fully implemented, what will be different as a result of addressing this priority?</li> <li>* Increase in attendance/retention</li> <li>* Increase in obtained credits</li> <li>* Increase in academic interest</li> <li>* Decrease in discipline referrals</li> </ul>	Amber Pirnique Jane Balgavy Barbie Walker	

**Root Cause(s):** What is the heart of the issue? What evidence supports this conclusion?

Over the last three years, CFA has experienced an increase in discipline referrals and a decline in attendance. Teachers have expressed an interest in increasing relationships and working on the culture in their classrooms. School culture plays a vital part in the success of students both in and out of the classroom.

Evidence:

- \* Discipline referral data
- \* Attendance data
- \* At Risk data
- \* On- Time Credit data

\* COVID has made this piece of our improvement plan more difficult; activities we would normally do have not taken place this year due to the restriction on crowds and gatherings; However, smaller activities that involve no contact or minimal student interaction have taken place.

Alignment to District Core Belief:

- \* Effective Relationships are of importance
- \* All schools can be safe learning environments where every student and adult is valued and respected.

\* Every school and classroom in the Cabot School District will be student-centered with a laser like focus on student achievement.

		Priority #2 Actions		
Action to Address the Root Cause & Outcomes	Team Member(s) Responsible	Timeline	Resources and/or Funding(include fund source)	Progress Monitoring Data
Renaissance Conference- Orlando, Florida	Ahna Davis Kevin Floyd Lisa York Angie Simon Stephanie Harper Jane Balgavy De Tonnessen Jamie Shelton Barbie Walker Amber Pirnique	2019-2020 School Year- Evaluation May 2020 through 20-21 School Year	Building Fund- Instructional and Activity Accounts	<ul> <li>* Attendance Data</li> <li>* Credit Data- 1st</li> <li>Semester</li> <li>* Discipline Referrals</li> <li>* Implemented:</li> <li>Academic Incentive Cards</li> <li>School Wide Culture Team</li> <li>Flair for Learning Program</li> <li>Adulting Day</li> <li>Various Student/Faculty</li> <li>incentive programs based</li> <li>on academics</li> </ul>
* TEACHERS HAVE				* THROUGHOUT COVID

EXPRESSED INTEREST IN TRAUMA/SOCIAL EMOTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. OUR BUILDING IS CURRENTLY RESEARCHING PD AND/OR BOOKS FOR BOOK STUDY TO ALLOW THEM ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT.				19, ALL OF OUR STAFF COMMUNICATED WITH PARENTS AND STUDENTS VIA ZOOM, EMAIL, PHONE CALLS, TEXTS, POSTCARDS, ETC. * BUILDING CREATED A COVID 19 CONTACT LIST VIA GOOGLE DOCS
Character Strong Virtual PD	Ahna Davis Kevin Floyd Angie Simon Stephanie Harper John Shirron	June 2021	Building Fund-Instructional	<ul> <li>* Attendance Data</li> <li>* Discipline Referrals</li> <li>* C2G Classtime</li> <li>discussions</li> </ul>

Priority #3		
Improvement Plan Focus Area: Addressing the Digital Divide for Learning (COVID-19)		
<b>Priority Area:</b> Based on the identified focus area, what issue needs to be addressed to achieve the goal?	Team Member(s) Responsible:	
With the advancement of COVID-19, it became clear that not all students had access to digital online	Ahna Davis- Principal John Shirron- Asst. Principal	

learning or were proficient in using technology to acquire knowledge in core and elective subject areas; parents of students also expressed frustration with assisting their student with online learning; Issues to Focus on: Technology for all students including but not limited to chromebooks and internet access, training for students and parents in the use of a variety of online learning platforms, teacher professional development for creating effective digital lessons and the use of various platforms	Kevin Floyd- Asst. Principal Ben Keller- English Chair Scott Wells- Math Chair Debbie Stewart- Social Studies Chair Anthony Shepherd- Science Chair Jamie Shelton- Electives Chair Angie Simon- Counselor Stephanie Harper- Counselor
Desired Outcome: When fully implemented, what will be different as a result of addressing this priority? * All students will have access to digital learning * Increase comprehension of the online learning platform (s) * All teachers will have the knowledge and skills to provide effective digital lessons and the use of various platforms (ex. Google classroom, hangouts, APEX, etc.) * Parents will acquire knowledge to assist their child at home with online learning	

**Root Cause(s):** What is the heart of the issue? What evidence supports this conclusion?

Our school was not fully equipped to handle the switch to online learning due to COVID-19 mid year. If we had prior planning, our school's reaction and deliverance to online instruction would have been completely different. Also, meeting the needs of all students via online learning became challenging because not all students had access to wifi or technology at home. Paper copy mail outs were issued to students who were not able to access wifi in their homes. Parents also expressed frustration with using the various online learning platforms because they were not trained nor had any knowledge on how to help their child maneuver and navigate the online learning sites.

Evidence:

\* Google Survey administered to all parents and staff

\* Data gathered from the latest school closure due to COVID-19 (via grades, student welfare checks, teacher thoughts, etc.)

\* The use of different platforms for digital learning which made learning challenging and time consuming

## Alignment to District Core Belief:

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Action to Address the Root Cause & Outcomes	Team Member(s) Responsible	Timeline	Resources and/or Funding(include fund source)	Progress Monitoring Data
Provide 1-on-1 technology to all students at CFA	Ahna Davis- Principal Kevin Floyd- Asst. Principal John Shirron- Asst Principal Department Chairs Tiffinie Taylor- Librarian	2020-2021 School Year	Funds will be sourced through CPSD Technology Department	<ul> <li>Check-off for all students to make sure they have a device and access to home internet</li> <li>Continue to check on students technology stability throughout the year</li> </ul>

Training for students and parents on online platforms	Ahna Davis- Principal Kevin Floyd- Asst. Principal John Shirron- Asst Principal Department Chairs Tiffinie Taylor- Librarian	2020-2021	Varies depending on which platform will be utilized (ex. Google Classroom); estimated cost \$0	<ul> <li>* Surveys to parents/students as follow-up</li> <li>* Continuous online/in-person support for technology and platform use</li> </ul>
Professional Development for teachers in the areas of digital learning and learning platforms	All certified staff	2020- Continuous	*Cost of digital platform (varies) *Use of lead teachers already in the building who are trained or have knowledge in using various digital platforms	<ul> <li>* Surveys to faculty and staff</li> <li>* Observations via online lessons and instruction</li> <li>* Student/Parent surveys</li> <li>* Quality of work produced by students</li> </ul>

Team Member's Name	Team Member's Role (Admin, Teacher, Community Member, etc.)
Ahna Davis	Principal
John Shirron	Assistant Principal
Kevin Floyd	Assistant Principal
Linda Young	English Chair
Scott Wells	Math Chair
Debbie Stewart	Social Studies Chair
Anthony Shepherd	Science Chair
Jamie Shelton	Electives Chair