# Lewisville Independent School District Downing Middle School 2023-2024 Improvement Plan

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# **Comprehensive Needs Assessment**

# **Demographics**

#### **Demographics Summary**

Downing Middle School has a total enrollment of 510 students. The enrollment by Race/Ethnicity of our student population is 67% White, 15% Hispanic, 9% Asian, 4% African American, and 5% Two or More Races. We serve approximately 90 students in Special Education, 62 students in 504, 26 students in ESL, and 27 students are on Free or Reduced lunch.

#### **Demographics Strengths**

Downing Middle School is located in the suburban Dallas area in the town of Flower Mound. The majority of students are from middle to upper middle class families, some with diverse cultural backgrounds. Our students have access to advanced resources, cutting-edge technology, and well-equipped facilities.

Our students are our greatest strengths. They are respectful, responsible, and kind.

# **Student Learning**

#### **Student Learning Summary**

Our students are more than a test score. We utilize a variety of instructional methods and integrate technology in our instruction. We do very little test preparation, and we do not teach to standardized tests. We do embrace the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, utilize best practices in Professional Learning Communities to analyze instruction and adjust and reteach when needed.

In this environment, students at Downing thrive in all areas of academic. Every year since the school was opened, Downing students outperform the state and district averages in every subject area tested

#### **Student Learning Strengths**

Our students perform well in academics, athletics, and fine arts.

# **School Processes & Programs**

#### **School Processes & Programs Summary**

Our English, Math, Social Studies, and Science teachers engage in Professional Learning Communities. The PLC's are planned and facilitated by the department chair with direction of the instructional specialists and campus administration. The Downing faculty members have an average of 13.7 years of teaching experience and have collectively accrued over 3500 hours of professional learning last year.

#### **School Processes & Programs Strengths**

Our greatest strengths with processes and programs are:

LISD Stem Academy

NISE National Stem Certification

Common Sense School

**CREST Counseling Award** 

Student Management Committee and House Cup Program

No Place for Hate Designation

Golden Apple Award for 100% teacher participation in PTA

# **Perceptions**

#### **Perceptions Summary**

Downing Middle School is well respected within the community. We consistently provide a well-rounded approach to helping students achieve success inside and outside of the classroom. We strive to create an inclusive environment where all students feel a sense of belonging and engagement through our clubs, organization, PTA, and family friendly events. Our campus is committed to creating a positive transition for students coming from elemenaty school and going to high school by maintaining close communication with our feeder schools and profiding frequent opportunities for family involvement. Our parents are supportive and committed to Downing, Marcus, and LISD.

# **Perceptions Strengths**

We are fortunate to have a supportive community and positive school culture.

# Goals

**Goal 1:** Student Learning - Engage students through relevant instruction and assessment sparking curiosity and critical thinking, meeting individual academic needs as they impact their world now and in the future.

Performance Objective 1: Design and deliver curriculum and instruction that increases teacher efficiency and effectiveness and maximize student learning.

\* STRATEGIES REQUIRED BY ALL CAMPUSES TO ASSIST IN ACHIEVING TARGETED OUTCOMES FOR GOAL 1.1 ON SCORECARD.

**High Priority** 

**HB3 Goal** 

Evaluation Data Sources: See campus scorecard for targeted outcomes

ES - Istation reading and math

MS - enrollment in advanced courses

HS - GPA 2.7 or higher readiness

HS - CCMR HB3 - engaged in TEA metric

Strategy 1 Details	For	rmative Revi	iews
<b>Strategy 1:</b> During the 2024 student registration process we will encourage all students to engage in at least one honors level course.		Formative	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: 80% or more of our students will take an honors level course	Nov	Feb	May
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Counselors, Principals			
<b>TEA Priorities:</b> Build a foundation of reading and math, Connect high school to career and college			
No Progress Continue/Modify Discontinue	ie		

**Goal 1:** Student Learning - Engage students through relevant instruction and assessment sparking curiosity and critical thinking, meeting individual academic needs as they impact their world now and in the future.

**Performance Objective 2:** Enhance student learning through targeted experiences that connect to student interests and needs, prepare students to develop future opportunities, and determine appropriate academic interventions and support.

**Evaluation Data Sources:** See campus scorecard for targeted outcomes Readiness dashboard

Performance Objective 1: Increase relevance and effectiveness of MS/HS advisory structure and content over a 3-year period.

# **High Priority**

Evaluation Data Sources: See district scorecard

Feedback from student and staff groups

Strategy 1 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 1: During the school year, we will create 5 student houses that will compete every 9 weeks for the House Cup. We will have house		Formative	
meetings at the 3 and 6 week marks of each 9 weeks to identify specific behaviors our students need to work on.	Nov	Feb	May
<b>Strategy's Expected Result/Impact:</b> Increase a sense of belonging for every student thus impacting behavior. Decrease student conduct marks from 729 in 22-23 to less than 650 in 23-24.			
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: All faculty			
No Progress Accomplished — Continue/Modify X Discontinu	e		

**Performance Objective 2:** Increase the relevance, positivity, and collaboration of the student experience to build community, belonging, and student ownership.

# **High Priority**

**Evaluation Data Sources:** See campus scorecard for targeted outcomes

ES, MS, HS - Student survey results

MS/HS - Involvement in extracurricular, co curricular, clubs, etc.

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Performance Objective 3: Reduce percentage of truant students district wide to maximize student learning opportunities.

**Evaluation Data Sources:** See campus scorecard for targeted outcomes Attendance Rate Chronic truancy

**Performance Objective 4:** Monitor safety and security of all LISD facilities.

**Evaluation Data Sources:** See campus scorecard for targeted outcomes Compliance with safety drills Completion of staff and student safety trainings

**Performance Objective 5:** Increase collaborative interventions to identify and support the wellbeing and behavioral needs of students.

#### **High Priority**

**Evaluation Data Sources:** See campus scorecard for targeted outcomes Student survey results Parent survey results

Strategy 1 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 1: We will continue the kindness initiative where students are rewarded with kindness cards for going out of their way for someone		Formative	
else and honor a kindness champion every 9 weeks at the pep-rallies.	Nov	Feb	May
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Over 100 students will receive a kindness card.  Students are celebrated and awarded for being kind.			
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: All faculty			
No Progress Accomplished Continue/Modify X Discontinu	e		

Performance Objective 6: Campus Behavior Goal:

\* CAMPUS BEHAVIOR GOAL AND STRATEGIES REQUIRED BY ALL CAMPUSES TO ASSIST CAMPUS IN MEETING TARGETED OUTCOME DETERMINED BY CAMPUS.

# **High Priority**

Evaluation Data Sources: See campus scorecard for targeted outcomes

Strategy 1 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 1: Principals will meet individually with every student who has 3 or more conduct marks in a 3 week period to set goals and		Formative	
expectations for behavior.	Nov	Feb	May
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Improved student behavior.  Decrease student conduct marks from 729 in 22-23 to less than 650 in 23-24.			
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principals			
No Progress Accomplished — Continue/Modify Discontinue	3		

**Performance Objective 1:** Increase and maintain long-range financial stability through the utilization of a strategic approach while maintaining high quality education programs and services for all.

**Evaluation Data Sources:** See district scorecard for targeted outcomes Maintain fund balance
Balanced budget
Earn finance stability indicators

Performance Objective 2: Increase the community's (internal and external) understanding of Texas School Finance and the LISD budget.

**Evaluation Data Sources:** See district scorecard for targeted outcomes Financial dashboard visits
Finance related comm efforts across all platforms

**Performance Objective 3:** Increase the efficient and fiscally responsible practices to maximize district funding and increase entitlements.

**Evaluation Data Sources:** See campus scorecard for targeted outcomes % of students logging in on district devices

Performance Objective 4: Balance staff workload to better meet student needs and increase staff wellbeing.

**Evaluation Data Sources:** See campus scorecard for targeted outcomes Staff survey results

Goal 4: Resource Stewardship - Recruit, retain, and develop the talents of dedicated teachers and staff to engage and inspire learners and leaders.

Performance Objective 1: Increase capacity and strengthen employee talent pools by leveraging a culture of talent development (recruit).

**Evaluation Data Sources:** See campus scorecard for targeted outcomes Leadership program participation

Goal 4: Resource Stewardship - Recruit, retain, and develop the talents of dedicated teachers and staff to engage and inspire learners and leaders.

Performance Objective 2: Increase diverse perspectives and employee engagement by involving staff in decisions that affect them (retain).

**Evaluation Data Sources:** See campus scorecard for targeted outcomes Staff survey

Goal 4: Resource Stewardship - Recruit, retain, and develop the talents of dedicated teachers and staff to engage and inspire learners and leaders.

Performance Objective 3: Increase alignment of training based on job requirements to impact job performance and maximize learning for staff (develop).

**Evaluation Data Sources:** See campus scorecard for targeted outcomes Staff survey

Goal 5: Community Engagement - Build ONELISD, a connected culture of community engagement and purposeful communications.

Performance Objective 1: Advance the message that promotes, protects, and champions LISD as the superior choice for families.

\*STRATEGIES REQUIRED BY ALL CAMPUSES TO ASSIST IN ACHIEVING TARGETED OUTCOMES FOR GOAL 1.1 ON SCORECARD.

# **High Priority**

Evaluation Data Sources: See campus scorecard for targeted outcomes

Staff survey Parent survey

Recognize Someone program

Strategy 1 Details	For	rmative Revi	ews
Strategy 1: We will utilize the faculty weekly agenda, parent Downing Dispatch, and Campus Calendar to coordinate communication between		Formative	
faculty and parents.  Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Staff Communication Survey on campus scorecard at 87.5%	Nov	Feb	May
Parent Communication Survey on campus scorecard at 95.1%			
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principals			
No Progress Accomplished — Continue/Modify X Discontinue	e		

Goal 5: Community Engagement - Build ONELISD, a connected culture of community engagement and purposeful communications.

Performance Objective 2: Increase the utilization of feedback to build trust and inform decision-making.

**Evaluation Data Sources:** See campus scorecard for targeted outcomes Staff survey
Customer Service survey

# THIS GOAL IS REQUIRED. DO NOT CHANGE OR DELETE THIS GOAL.

You will update the formative and summative reviews.

**Performance Objective 1:** All students shall attend school regularly.

**Evaluation Data Sources:** Student attendance records; academic performance data; campus staff observations, communication logs; family and community involvement records

Strategy 1 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 1: Parents, the staff, and the student body are informed of student attendance procedures. Student residency is verified.		Formative	
RaaWee will be used to monitor absences and parent notification given when students are absent.	Nov	Feb	May
Strategies are implemented to increase parental involvement as a proactive measure. Training is provided to parents regarding how to utilize technology to monitor student progress and achievement.			
As monitored in RaaWee and on the district and campus scorecards, excessive absences are monitored and interventions are provided in a collaborative partnership to identify and resolve root causes - including refer to counseling and/or health services departments. Truancy charges are regularly filed when appropriate.			
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Student attendance records and campus/district scorecard for attendance rate % and truant student %			
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: All staff			
No Progress Accomplished Continue/Modify X Discontinue		l	l

# THIS GOAL IS REQUIRED. DO NOT CHANGE OR DELETE THIS GOAL.

You will update the formative and summative reviews.

**Performance Objective 2:** All students shall complete high school. The dropout rate for all the students including sub-populations will be maintained at < 0.2% for middle schools, and high schools will have a 95% completion rate. All schools will implement and maintain strategies that support these goals.

**Evaluation Data Sources:** Student attendance and withdrawal records; program records; STAAR scores and local academic performance data; campus staff observations, intervention documentation, family and community involvement records

Strategy 1 Details	For	mative Revi	iews
Strategy 1: At-risk students will be identified using available data.		Formative	
Accelerated instruction will be provided based on data and in alignment with the comprehensive needs assessment data and Goal 1.1 and 1.2 for student learning.	Nov	Feb	May
Students will be provided opportunities to explore career options. Students will be engaged in college and career readiness activities to promote the goal of high school completion and workforce readiness.			
Procedures will be used to ensure accurate coding/tracking of withdrawals.			
The RtI process is utilized to provide early intervention for struggling students.			
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increased STAAR scores, local grades and assessments; campus staff observation and reflection indicating strategy success; successful dropout prevention as seen from one or more of the following items: (a) results of audit of dropout records, (b) campus info related to graduation rates, dropout rates, high school equivalency certification rates, and the percentage of students who remain in high school more than four years after entering 9th grade, (c) the number of students who enter a high school equivalency program and do not complete the program or complete but do not take the exam or complete and take the exam but do not obtain a high school equivalency certificate, (d) for students enrolled in 9th and 10th grades, information related to academic credit hours earned, retention rates, and placements in alternative education programs and expulsions, and (e) results of an evaluation of each school-based dropout prevention program			
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: All staff			
TEA Priorities: Connect high school to career and college, Improve low-performing schools			
No Progress Accomplished — Continue/Modify X Discontinue	;		ı

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You will update the formative and summative reviews.

**Performance Objective 3:** Students shall feel safe and positive about their learning environment.

Evaluation Data Sources: Student and parent survey results. safety reports. staff observations and documentation; family involvement; counseling data, behavior data

Strategy 1 Details	Formative Reviews		ews
Strategy 1: District Behavior Management Plan is implemented districtwide. Staff training and practices will support proactive behavior	Formative		
strategies that align with the District Behavior Management Plan.	Nov	Feb	May
Campus Behavior Management Plans are implemented on each campus. Staff and students will be training on expectations outlined in the plan. Orientations and Welcome Week events are held.			
Students participate in activities that foster positive teacher/student relationships through implementation of Restorative Practices and other strategies.			
The student code of conduct is available online and copies are available to students and reviewed with students by teachers.			
The school safety plan is developed and monitored for effectiveness throughout the school year. Peace officers and/or school resource officers and security officers work with the LISD safety and security department to develop appropriate guidelines which are updated annually.			
Campus personnel will be trained in violence prevention and intervention.			

Strategy 2 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 2: Campuses coordinate school health activities to address student wellbeing and ensure all aspects that impact the learning		Formative	
environment are addressed.	Nov	Feb	May
Students receive public acknowledgement for non-academic achievement.			
Students will expand their involvement in extracurricular and co-curricular activities, and ensure that all students participate in the school's required physical activities.			
Students will participate in fitness assessments and engage in physical activities which are evaluated annually. Campus follows the recommendation of the SHAC team, as provided quarterly.			
A proactive plan identifies and helps troubled youth through partnership with counselor and teacher to identify supports and interests.			
Students are aided in their transition from elementary school to middle school, and middle school to high school through vertical conversations, teacher collaboration and professional learning.			
Civic responsibility and community service and community involvement are encouraged.			
Implement plan to increase family engagement and awareness of key topics to improve student academic achievement.			
Counselors work with students to make appropriate curricular choices or program choices, and support students as needed in programs including but not limited to suicide prevention, conflict resolution, positive behavior interventions, career education, dating violence, sexual abuse, sex trafficking, dating violence, discipline management including unwanted physical or verbal aggression and sexual harassment, strategies for providing students and their parents with information about higher education admissions and financial aid opportunities, the need for students to make informed curriculum choices to be prepared for success beyond high school, career education to assist students in preparing for a broad range of career opportunities, accelerated education, the Teach for Texas program, etc.			
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increased academic performance data, including STAAR and local assessments; staff observations and documentation records, including RtI and counselor data, student attendance records and interest forms, family involvement.  Staff Responsible for Monitoring: All staff			
Strategy 3 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 3: Dating Violence		Formative	
LISD does not tolerate dating violence. The Counseling and Social Work team will participate staff and student education on the prevention	Nov	Feb	May

and legal responsibilities related to dating violence. Guidelines for victims include reporting outcry to trusted adult along with following district protocol for outcries, specifically that parents notification will take place immediately following identification of a victim or perpetrator. Violations will be reported to the appropriate authorities as required by law.

Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increasing education and reporting pathway to support students in participation in healthy dating relationships.

Staff Responsible for Monitoring: All staff

No Progress

Accomplished

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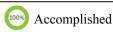
**Performance Objective 4:** Diverse students shall be prepared to meet the demands of the real world when they exit the Lewisville Independent School District. Instructional strategies and programs will be implemented to support all students.

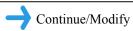
Evaluation Data Sources: STAAR scores; local grades and assessments; campus staff observations and reflections; graduation rates of all groups.

Strategy 1 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 1: Special program students are accurately identified and appropriately served.		Formative	
Language acquisition services are provided for language learners through differentiating for their stage of language acquisition through models	Nov	Feb	May

aligned with state requirements. Special education services are provided to students as determined by the ARD committee. G/T services are provided in alignment with the Texas State Plan for Gifted/Talented students. A plan is in place to accurately identify students for special programs. (Programs serving diverse students include, but are not limited to the following: Gifted and Talented, At-Risk, Bilingual/ESL, Dyslexia, Special Education, Counseling, other special funded programs.) Campus personnel utilize appropriate interventions for students with special needs. The RtI team is in place and appropriately trained to serve students. Professional learning is provided to all staff regarding the needs of learners from special populations (at-risk, special education, 504, dyslexia, G/T, ELL, Economically Disadvantaged, etc.). Teachers receive training and support to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all students. The campus will demonstrate integration of technology in instructional and administrative programs to support student learning. The following resources are used to meet the needs of special students: 504, Inclusion, Contact Teachers, G/T services, Advanced Placement (secondary only) and Literacy Intervention/Dyslexia. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Increased STAAR scores, local grades and assessments; campus staff observation and reflection indicating strategy success; increased family involvement in program supports, graduation rates. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: All staff

No Progress







# Goal 7: Student Achievement/Safeguards

# THIS GOAL IS REQUIRED. DO NOT CHANGE OR DELETE THIS GOAL.

You will update the formative and summative reviews.

**Performance Objective 1:** Achievement of all students, as measured by standardized tests and classroom performance, shall continually improve. Particular emphasis shall be placed on reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Evaluation Data Sources: STAAR scores; local grades and assessments; campus staff observations and reflections indicating interventions are successful, family involvement

Strategy 1 Details	Formative Reviews		
<b>Strategy 1:</b> LISD Accountability and Evaluation Department will train all campus and other relevant staff on the multiple state accountability systems and data analysis required to understand each system to assess academic achievement for students based on student achievement domain, school progress domain, and the closing the gaps domain.	Formative		
	Nov	Feb	May
Campus and department personnel will be able to analyze state mandated testing data housed in campus shared assessment folders and in Eduphoria Aware.	l		
<b>Strategy's Expected Result/Impact:</b> Achievement of all students increase as indicated on STAAR and local academic performance data, graduation rate.	l		
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Learning and Teaching Chief of Schools	ì		
Accountability and Evaluation	ı		
Campus administrators and appropriate staff.	ı		
TEA Priorities: Build a foundation of reading and math, Improve low-performing schools	1		
No Progress Continue/Modify Discontinue	;	l	