Conroe Independent School District Knox Junior High School 2023-2024 Improvement Plan



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Comprehensive Needs Assessment

Student Achievement

Student Achievement Summary

Knox Junior High School is a 7th and 8th grade campus with a total of 1,396 students and is located in The Woodlands, Texas. Knox Junior High School has a legacy of academic excellence supported by meeting the needs of the whole child, including identifying students with educational gaps, and then provide targeted intervention to help those students achieve success. Utilizing Math and Reading Enrichment Class placement, Knox rigorously monitors student progression and achievement while diligently closing gaps by specifically targeting students in need.

Additionally, our staff recognizes that building strong relationships with students will in turn impact their academic achievement. It has been a goal at Knox to connect students with various student groups and clubs to build a sense of pride and a sense of belonging in each student. We believe that these connections have led to the academic engagement and accomplishments of our students.

In regard to Emergent Bilingual students (EBs), Knox JHS uses a math block which includes a regular Math class and a math enrichment class to allow these students extra time and help with mathematical concepts and practice.

At this time, final report card rankings are not out yet. However, we are hoping to continue the tradition of being an A rated campus according to the Texas Education Agency.

For the 2023 STAAR exams, Knox JHS had several gains at all three levels (Approaches, Meets, and Masters). The highlighted scores represent an increase over last year's scores.

2023 Math Performance

7th grade: 83% Approaches, 70% Meets, 43% Masters

8th grade: 94% Approaches, 80% Meets, 54% Masters

2023 Reading Performance

7th grade: 91% Approaches, 77% Meets, 50% Masters

8th grade: 93% Approaches, 79% Meets, 47% Masters

2023 Science Performance

8th grade: 91% Approaches, 73% Meets, 37% Masters

2023 Social Studies Performance

8th grade: 82% Approaches, 57% Meets, 35% Masters

Student Achievement Strengths

Because of intentional student placement and academic intervention, overall, Knox Junior High students continue to exceed state performance on STAAR in all grades and subjects. Staff observes students and looks for opportunities to help students stretch their learning with honors and higher level classes. We recognize the importance of academic progress for students especially as they transition to the high school campus. On the 2023 STAAR, Knox Junior High School is projected to get an A rating from Texas Education Agency. The highest areas of increases for the campus were in our Math scores. See the table below to show the growth between the 2021-2022 school year and the 2022-2023 school year.

Math STAAR Score Comparison: All Student Percentages

Subject	21-22 Approaches	21-22 Meets		22-23 Approaches	22-23 Meets	
Math 7	70	37	13	83	70	43
Math 8	94	76	37	94	80	54

Math STAAR Score Comparison: Economically Disadvantaged Percentages

Subject	21-22 Approaches	21-22 Meets		22-23 Approaches	22-23 Meets	
Math 7	60	27	5	63	44	17
Math 8	86	59	16	87	63	28

Math STAAR Score Comparison: Emergent Bilingual Percentages

Subject	21-22 Approaches	21-22 Meets		22-23 Approaches	22-23 Meets	
Math 7	61	27	5	67	47	20
Math 8	87	55	22	89	70	35

Math STAAR Score Comparison: Special Education Percentages

Subject	21-22 Approaches	21-22 Meets		22-23 Approaches	22-23 Meets	
Math 7	42	22	8	42	29	15
Math 8	58	33	6	63	39	8

Math STAAR Score Comparison: African American Percentages

Subject	21-22 Approaches	21-22 Meets		22-23 Approaches	22-23 Meets	
Math 7	49	16	0	59	44	24
Math 8	87	58	12	92	54	25

Another area of strength is STAAR Social Studies Scores, especially for the All Student, Economically Disadvantaged, and Emergent Bilingual percentages. The highlighted areas represent an increase in the percentages for the 2022-2023 school year.

Social Studies STAAR Score Comparison: All Student Percentages

Subject	21-22 Approaches	21-22 Meets		22-23 Approaches	22-23 Meets	
Soc Studies 8	80	49	36	82	57	35

Social Studies STAAR Score Comparison: Economically Disadvantaged Percentages

21-22 Approaches	21-22 Meets		22-23 Approaches	22-23 Meets	
63	28	14	68	37	22

Social Studies STAAR Score Comparison: Emergent Bilingual Percentages

21-22 Approaches	21-22 Meets		22-23 Approaches	22-23 Meets	
55	25	18	64	33	21

Another area of strength is RLA STAAR Scores. For both 7th and 8th grade, students showed a significant increase in all students for Meets, which can be seen in the highlighted chart below.

RLA STAAR Score Comparison: All Student Percentages

Subject	21-22 App	21-22 Meets	21-22 Masters	22-23 App	22-23 Meets	22-23 Masters
RLA 7	90	70	51	91	77	50
RLA 8	91	70	50	93	79	47

Problem Statements Identifying Student Achievement Needs

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component. **Root Cause:** Professional Learning Committees are not implemented with fidelity in a consistent manner, especially with the ability to make data-driven decisions. Instructional strategies are not implemented to meet the needs of the students.

Problem Statement 2 (Prioritized): On both Math and RLA STAAR Scores, 7th and 8th grade African American students consistently scored significantly lower than the All Students rate for the Meets and Masters categories. Often the difference in scores was over 20 points. Root Cause: African American students are not progressing as far as their counterparts which could be attributed to learning gaps, outside stress, academic frustrations, poverty, and lack of engagement. Additionally, instructional practices in the classroom are not meeting the diverse needs of African American students.

Problem Statement 3 (Prioritized): Students who were in Special Education scored lower than their counterparts for all STAAR exams. Further, 8th Grade students for RLA, Science and Social Studies had lower STAAR scores than the previous year. **Root Cause:** Students who were in Special Education often struggle with academics due to gaps in their learning. Teachers are not properly trained to implement instructional strategies for students who are in Special Education.

Problem Statement 4: Hispanic and African American students who select Honors level courses were significantly lower than their Asian and White counterparts. **Root Cause:** Depending on circumstances, these students' parents may not be informed of higher-level classes, how students can be successful, and what may be required. Also, parents may not understand the value of taking advanced academic coursework at the junior high school level.

Problem Statement 5 (Prioritized): In all four STAAR exams at both the 7th grade and the 8th grade level, the Emergent Bilingual students scored consistently lower than their counterparts. **Root Cause:** Students do not have the academic language acquisition, nor opportunities to elevate and practice their skills consistently. Additionally, due to academic issues in their home language, students often struggle more academically due to the language barrier. Teachers also need instructional strategies to work with this diverse population.

Problem Statement 6 (Prioritized): Students who were economically disadvantaged scored lower than their counterparts in all STAAR exams at the 7th grade and 8th grade level. **Root Cause:** Students who were economically disadvantaged were not progressing at the same rates as their counterparts. Some reasons may be due to lack of resources and/or materials, learning gaps, outside stress, academic frustrations, opportunities for tutoring (before or after school, homework help, etc.), and lack of engagement.

Problem Statement 7: According to PSAT Scores, students are below in the college, career, and military readiness categories. At only 52% in the CCMR categories, there is a need to increase student preparedness. **Root Cause:** 8th grade students, their parents, and their teachers are not always informed regarding CCMR, the PSAT, subject courses, electives, and their purposes as well as the impact on students futures including making informed scheduling choices and decisions.

Problem Statement 8: In the TELPAS Domains in 7th & 8th, students scores slightly improved in all 4 Domains, yet Speaking in the Advanced High Rating category remains lower: 7th 8th Listening 61% 61% Speaking 6% 5% Writing 27% 45% Reading 44% 29% **Root Cause:** Students do not have enough intentional and structured opportunities to practice their speaking and especially academic vocabulary.

Culture and Climate

Culture and Climate Summary

Our campus understands the need to build relationships with our staff members, our students, our parents/guardians, and our community. Our PBIS Foundations team is strong, and we continue to meet the needs of our students and our staff through our work on guidelines of success, hallway behaviors and classroom behaviors. Our staff is important to the overall success of our school, and we consistently hire the best candidates available to build on our strengths. Culture and climate are extremely important to the staff. A sense of family and camaraderie exists among the staff members and is evident in the day-to-day operations of the school.

Culture and Climate Strengths

Some Culture and Climate strengths are:

- Students are celebrated for their achievements through our quarterly Highlighted Knox Knight program.
- Teachers have a voice in the decision-making process on campus, and teacher morale is high.
- Our PBIS Foundations team consistently implements, monitors, and adjusts campus processes and procedures to ensure a positive learning/working environment for everyone.
- Our leadership team (i.e., administrators, counselors, instructional coaches, department chairs, and instructional coaches) works well together and is well-respected on campus.
- The diversity within our building is celebrated.
- A strong sense of pride in our school is evident along with strong parental support.

Problem Statements Identifying Culture and Climate Needs

Problem Statement 1 (Prioritized): Student cell phone usage can create a potentially negative impact on student behaviors as it carries with the student into the classroom affecting classroom management and the learning environment. (Social media distractions. bullying, negative hurtful commentary) Root Cause: Students have a lack of responsible digital citizenship including using their phones to communicate, connect, and to check social media prior to the school day beginning and then "checking" throughout the day which can negatively impact the student's academic achievement and social emotional learning.

Problem Statement 2 (Prioritized): Student Discipline rates were higher than normal last year. Due to a Foundations' loss of ground, there is a need to "return to basics" and to clarify both students and staff members' expectations. (One-liners, Guidelines of Success, etc.) Root Cause: Students and faculty felt a lack of consistency in regard to classroom rules, hallway behaviors, and disciplinary consequences.

Problem Statement 3: Student Attendance rates were lower than other junior high schools. **Root Cause:** Students need to be held accountable for their attendance which has not been done with fidelity. Parents need to be informed of the laws regarding attendance and the reasons behind why attendance is so important to student learning and success.

Parent and Community Engagement

Parent and Community Engagement Summary

Knox JHS is committed to the development of strong, positive relationships with our families and our community. Our teachers send frequent electronic communication to families about what is happening within their classrooms. Two-way communication between the parent and the teacher is key for student success. In addition, we send a biweekly newsletters to all our parents and families to keep them informed about upcoming events. Throughout the year, we host many athletic and fine arts events to showcase the talents of our students.

Parent and Community Engagement Strengths

Some Parent and Community Engagement Strengths are:

- The campus sends out biweekly newsletters to keep parents up to date on the latest Knox JHS news.
- Our PTO organization maintains a strong bond with our community and regularly updates their website at every meeting. In addition, they provide monthly lunches and/or treats for our faculty.
- Our community works with our PTO to provide donations that enhance our building and/or benefit our students and staff members.

Problem Statements Identifying Parent and Community Engagement Needs

Problem Statement 1 (Prioritized): Parents/families are more actively engaged in getting their information from social media and other online sources. Staff need to utilize these platforms to establish and maintain communication. **Root Cause:** Communication is difficult in today's society due to the plethora of online communication methods. As a result, the campus needs to increase their online platform to keep our families and parents informed.

Problem Statement 2 (Prioritized): PTO involvement has been lower than expected for student/parent ratio. **Root Cause:** The campus continues to struggle with PTO involvement. Parents often cannot engage with the campus due to their home and work obligations which can impact their ability to be involved.

Problem Statement 3: Due to the changing needs of our community, it has been difficult for our parents to attend school-wide events. **Root Cause:** Parents and families have many obligations which can keep them from attending events. As a result, our campus needs to find ways to increase our parent participation at events.

Priority Problem Statements

Problem Statement 1: While the All-student performance on STAAR Exams improved in many areas, the campus still needs to improve their Academic Growth component.

Root Cause 1: Professional Learning Committees are not implemented with fidelity in a consistent manner, especially with the ability to make data-driven decisions. Instructional strategies are not implemented to meet the needs of the students.

Problem Statement 1 Areas: Student Achievement

Problem Statement 2: Students who were economically disadvantaged scored lower than their counterparts in all STAAR exams at the 7th grade and 8th grade level.

Root Cause 2: Students who were economically disadvantaged were not progressing at the same rates as their counterparts. Some reasons may be due to lack of resources and/or materials, learning gaps, outside stress, academic frustrations, opportunities for tutoring (before or after school, homework help, etc.), and lack of engagement.

Problem Statement 2 Areas: Student Achievement

Problem Statement 3: In all four STAAR exams at both the 7th grade and the 8th grade level, the Emergent Bilingual students scored consistently lower than their counterparts.

Root Cause 3: Students do not have the academic language acquisition, nor opportunities to elevate and practice their skills consistently. Additionally, due to academic issues in their home language, students often struggle more academically due to the language barrier. Teachers also need instructional strategies to work with this diverse population.

Problem Statement 3 Areas: Student Achievement

Problem Statement 4: Student Discipline rates were higher than normal last year. Due to a Foundations' loss of ground, there is a need to "return to basics" and to clarify both students and staff members' expectations. (One-liners, Guidelines of Success, etc.)

Root Cause 4: Students and faculty felt a lack of consistency in regard to classroom rules, hallway behaviors, and disciplinary consequences.

Problem Statement 4 Areas: Culture and Climate

Problem Statement 5: Students who were in Special Education scored lower than their counterparts for all STAAR exams. Further, 8th Grade students for RLA, Science and Social Studies had lower STAAR scores than the previous year.

Root Cause 5: Students who were in Special Education often struggle with academics due to gaps in their learning. Teachers are not properly trained to implement instructional strategies for students who are in Special Education.

Problem Statement 5 Areas: Student Achievement

Problem Statement 6: On both Math and RLA STAAR Scores, 7th and 8th grade African American students consistently scored significantly lower than the All Students rate for the Meets and Masters categories. Often the difference in scores was over 20 points.

Root Cause 6: African American students are not progressing as far as their counterparts which could be attributed to learning gaps, outside stress, academic frustrations, poverty, and lack of engagement. Additionally, instructional practices in the classroom are not meeting the diverse needs of African American students.

Problem Statement 6 Areas: Student Achievement

Problem Statement 7: Student cell phone usage can create a potentially negative impact on student behaviors as it carries with the student into the classroom affecting classroom management and the learning environment. (Social media distractions. bullying, negative hurtful commentary)

Root Cause 7: Students have a lack of responsible digital citizenship including using their phones to communicate, connect, and to check social media prior to the school day beginning and then "checking" throughout the day which can negatively impact the student's academic achievement and social emotional learning.

Problem Statement 7 Areas: Culture and Climate

Problem Statement 8: Parents/families are more actively engaged in getting their information from social media and other online sources. Staff need to utilize these platforms to establish and maintain communication.

Root Cause 8: Communication is difficult in today's society due to the plethora of online communication methods. As a result, the campus needs to increase their online platform to keep our families and parents informed.

Problem Statement 8 Areas: Parent and Community Engagement

Problem Statement 9: PTO involvement has been lower than expected for student/parent ratio.

Root Cause 9: The campus continues to struggle with PTO involvement. Parents often cannot engage with the campus due to their home and work obligations which can impact their ability to be involved.

Problem Statement 9 Areas: Parent and Community Engagement

Goals

Goal 1: Student Achievement and Post-Secondary Success

CISD will prepare all students for graduation and post-secondary success by providing access to a high-quality curriculum that is TEKS-aligned, relevant, and delivered consistently using resources that engage students and challenge them in their learning at appropriate levels.

Performance Objective 1: Knox Junior High will increase the Academic Growth for all students in all subjects from a component score of 87% to 90%.

High Priority

Evaluation Data Sources: TEA Academic Performance Report District Common Formative Assessments STAAR Interim Assessments STAAR Exams

Strategy 1 Details	Formative Reviews			
Strategy 1: Tutorials will be offered before and/or after school to assist with intervention.	Formative			
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Students will excel in the classroom through an increase in their assessment scores. Also, teachers will be able to identify any issues or problem areas which might require reteaching in the classroom setting.	Dec	Mar	June	
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Student Success Manager Department Chairs Administrators				
TEA Priorities: Build a foundation of reading and math - ESF Levers: Lever 4: High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments, Lever 5: Effective Instruction Problem Statements: Student Achievement 1				

Strategy 2 Details	For	rmative Revi	ews
Strategy 2: A RLA Instructional coach and Math Instructional coach will be hired to assist teachers with data-driven decision making and		Formative	
instructional strategies. Our Student Success Manager will work in conjunction with our Instructional Coaches to assist in the delivery of STAAR and TELPAS data to our teachers.	Dec	Mar	June
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: The PLCs will analyze data regularly throughout the year to determine areas of student need. As a result, students will have higher scores on their classroom and state assessments.			
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Instructional Coaches Department Chairs			
Teachers Administrators			
Student Success Manager			
TEA Priorities: Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals, Build a foundation of reading and math			
- ESF Levers:			
Lever 4: High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments, Lever 5: Effective Instruction			
Problem Statements: Student Achievement 1 Funding Sources: Math Instructional Coach, State Comp. Ed. \$74,047, BLA Instructional Coach, State Comp. Ed. \$21,450,40			
Funding Sources: Math Instructional Coach - State Comp Ed - \$76,067, RLA Instructional Coach - State Comp Ed - \$81,459.40, Student Success Manager - State Comp Ed - \$80,483.20			
Strategy 3 Details	Foi	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 3: The campus allows for students to seek help from their teachers during advisory sessions. In addition, students who are identified	Formative		
with identified gaps are placed into reading and/or math enrichment courses.	Dec	Mar	June
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Students will remedy learning gaps which will result in higher performance on classroom and state assessments.			
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Instructional Coaches Department Chairs			
Teachers			
Administrators			
TEA Priorities: Build a foundation of reading and math - ESF Levers:			
Lever 4: High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments, Lever 5: Effective Instruction			
Problem Statements: Student Achievement 1			
Funding Sources: Math Enrichment Teacher - State Comp Ed - \$51,065.13, Math Enrichment Teacher - State Comp Ed - \$51,065.13, RLA Enrichment Teacher - State Comp Ed - \$25,477.67, RLA Enrichment Teacher - State Comp Ed - \$25,477.67 RLA Enrichment Teacher - State Comp Ed - \$25,477.67			

Performance Objective 1 Problem Statements:

Student Achievement

Problem Statement 1: While the All-student performance on STAAR Exams improved in many areas, the campus still needs to improve their Academic Growth component. **Root Cause**: Professional Learning Committees are not implemented with fidelity in a consistent manner, especially with the ability to make data-driven decisions. Instructional strategies are not implemented to meet the needs of the students.

Goal 1: Student Achievement and Post-Secondary Success

CISD will prepare all students for graduation and post-secondary success by providing access to a high-quality curriculum that is TEKS-aligned, relevant, and delivered consistently using resources that engage students and challenge them in their learning at appropriate levels.

Performance Objective 2: Emergent Bilingual students will increase their STAAR Math Meets percentages from 49% to 57% and their STAAR RLA Meets percentages from 57% to 63%.

High Priority

Evaluation Data Sources: TEA Academic Performance Report District Common Formative Assessments STAAR Interim Assessments STAAR Assessments

Strategy 1 Details	For	rmative Revi	ews
Strategy 1: Math Teacher will teach EBs using a block schedule for continuity of instruction as well as Math Review to teach foundational		Formative	
and academic knowledge prior to content lessons, spiral back over covered material every 2-3 weeks depending on students' test results, as well as utilize small group instruction to help students close educational gaps.	Dec	Mar	June
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Emergent Bilingual students will increase their understanding of math concepts which will lead to improved performance on classroom and state assessments.			
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Math Teachers			
Math Enrichment Teachers			
Department Chair			
Administration			
TEA Priorities:			
Build a foundation of reading and math			
- ESF Levers:			
Lever 2: Strategic Staffing, Lever 4: High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments, Lever 5: Effective Instruction			
Problem Statements: Student Achievement 5			

Strategy 2 Details	For	rmative Revi	iews
Strategy 2: ESL and RLA teachers will teach using Summit K-12, scaffolded books and materials, plus background foundational knowledge		Formative	
and academic vocabulary prior to content lessons and common formative assessments, spiral back over comprehension, making connections to the selected scaffolded literature as well as practicing higher level thinking. Additionally, following CFAs and depending on students test results, ESL and RLA teachers will utilize small group instruction and cooperative learning to help students close educational gaps with	Dec	Mar	June
writing, grammar, and inferencing. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Emergent Bilingual students will improve their language acquisition and writing skills. As a result, students should perform at a higher level on classroom and state assessments (STAAR Assessments and TELPAS).			
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: ESL Teacher			
ESL Paraprofessional RLA Teachers			
Reading Enrichment Teachers			
Department Chair			
LPAC Chair			
Administration			
TEA Priorities:			
Build a foundation of reading and math			
- ESF Levers:			
Lever 2: Strategic Staffing, Lever 4: High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments, Lever 5: Effective Instruction			
Problem Statements: Student Achievement 5			
Funding Sources: Instructional Materials - Title III - \$2,500, Tutorials-Extra Duty Pay - Title III - \$2,750			
No Progress Accomplished — Continue/Modify X Discontinue			

Performance Objective 2 Problem Statements:

Student Achievement

Problem Statement 5: In all four STAAR exams at both the 7th grade and the 8th grade level, the Emergent Bilingual students scored consistently lower than their counterparts. **Root Cause**: Students do not have the academic language acquisition, nor opportunities to elevate and practice their skills consistently. Additionally, due to academic issues in their home language, students often struggle more academically due to the language barrier. Teachers also need instructional strategies to work with this diverse population.

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Performance Objective 3: Students who are economically disadvantaged will increase their Math STAAR Meets percentages from 56% to 61% and RLA STAAR Meets percentages from 52% to 57%.

High Priority

Evaluation Data Sources: TEA Academic Performance Report District Common Formative Assessments STAAR Interim Assessments STAAR Assessments

Strategy 1 Details	For	mative Revi	iews
Strategy 1: Tutorials will be offered before and/or after school as well as assistance will be provided in advisory.		Formative	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Students who are economically disadvantaged will have higher performance on classroom and state assessments.	Dec	Mar	June
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Reading Enrichment Teachers			
Math Enrichment Teachers			
Teachers			
Department Chairs			
Administration			
TEA Priorities:			
Build a foundation of reading and math			
- ESF Levers:			
Lever 2: Strategic Staffing, Lever 4: High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments, Lever 5: Effective Instruction			
Problem Statements: Student Achievement 6			
Funding Sources: Extra Duty Tutorials - State Comp Ed - \$4,294, Instructional Materials - State Comp Ed - \$4,294			

Strategy 2 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 2: Teachers will utilize Tier I best practices in their instruction. Instructional Coaches will work with PLCs to focus on the need for		Formative	
targeted instruction for both large and small groups.	Dec	Mar	June
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Students will show improved academic growth and performance on CFAs, State Assessments, and classroom exams.			
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Teachers			
Instructional Coaches			
Department Chair			
Administration			
TEA Priorities:			
Build a foundation of reading and math			
- ESF Levers:			
Lever 4: High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments, Lever 5: Effective Instruction			
Problem Statements: Student Achievement 6			
No Progress Accomplished — Continue/Modify X Discontinue			

Performance Objective 3 Problem Statements:

Student Achievement

Problem Statement 6: Students who were economically disadvantaged scored lower than their counterparts in all STAAR exams at the 7th grade and 8th grade level. **Root Cause**: Students who were economically disadvantaged were not progressing at the same rates as their counterparts. Some reasons may be due to lack of resources and/or materials, learning gaps, outside stress, academic frustrations, opportunities for tutoring (before or after school, homework help, etc.), and lack of engagement.

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Performance Objective 4: Students who are in special education will increase their STAAR Math Meets percentages from 28% to 38% and their STAAR RLA Meets percentages from 33% to 43%.

High Priority

Evaluation Data Sources: TEA Academic Performance Report District Common Formative Assessments STAAR Interim Assessments STAAR Assessments

Strategy 1 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 1: Math, RLA, Resource, and Enrichment Teachers will use data to identify their students' specific needs. Then, based on this		Formative	
information, teachers will provide targeted instruction in order to bridge any gaps in learning.	Dec	Mar	June
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Students will become more comfortable and gain confidence in the curriculum which will allow them to achieve at higher levels on classroom and state assessments.			
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Math Teachers			
RLA Teachers			
Math/RLA Resource Teachers			
Math/RLA Enrichment Teachers			
Department Chairs			
Instructional Coaches			
Administration			
TEA Priorities:			
Build a foundation of reading and math			
- ESF Levers:			
Lever 2: Strategic Staffing, Lever 4: High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments, Lever 5: Effective Instruction			
Problem Statements: Student Achievement 3			

Strategy 2 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 2: The campus will provide professional development with special education staff to develop and to train teachers in proper student		Formative	
support and in tiered assignments.	Dec	Mar	June
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Students who are in special education will see an increase in CFAs, State Assessments, and classroom assessments.			
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Case Managers	ļ		
Special Education Teachers District Support Coaches	ļ		
Administration	<u> </u>		
TEA Priorities:			
Build a foundation of reading and math	ļ		
- ESF Levers: Lever 2: Strategic Staffing, Lever 4: High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments, Lever 5: Effective Instruction	ļ		
Problem Statements: Student Achievement 3	ļ		
No Progress Accomplished Continue/Modify Discontinue	;		

Performance Objective 4 Problem Statements:

Student Achievement

Problem Statement 3: Students who were in Special Education scored lower than their counterparts for all STAAR exams. Further, 8th Grade students for RLA, Science and Social Studies had lower STAAR scores than the previous year. **Root Cause**: Students who were in Special Education often struggle with academics due to gaps in their learning. Teachers are not properly trained to implement instructional strategies for students who are in Special Education.

Goal 1: Student Achievement and Post-Secondary Success

CISD will prepare all students for graduation and post-secondary success by providing access to a high-quality curriculum that is TEKS-aligned, relevant, and delivered consistently using resources that engage students and challenge them in their learning at appropriate levels.

Performance Objective 5: African American students will increase their 8th Grade STAAR Math Meets percentages from 49% to 55% and their 8th Grade STAAR RLA Meets percentages from 54% to 58%.

High Priority

Evaluation Data Sources: TEA Academic Performance Report District Common Formative Assessments STAAR Interim Assessments STAAR Assessments

Strategy 1 Details	For	mative Revi	iews
Strategy 1: Through PLC planning two times per week and monthly professional development, teachers will continue to use and improve		Formative	
CISD's best instructional practices following the campus instructional model with an emphasis on feedback, content, and context.	Dec	Mar	June
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Teachers will continue to grow and improve their instruction which will increase student growth and achievement.			
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Teachers			
PLCs			
Team Leads			
Department Chairs			
Campus Instructional Coaches			
Student Success Manager			
TEA Priorities:			
Build a foundation of reading and math			
- ESF Levers:			
Lever 2: Strategic Staffing, Lever 4: High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments, Lever 5: Effective Instruction			
Problem Statements: Student Achievement 2			

Strategy 2 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 2: Using Math Review, Math Teachers will teach foundational and academic knowledge prior to content lessons, spiral back over		Formative	
covered material every 2-3 weeks depending on students' test results, as well as utilize small group instruction to help students close educational gaps.	Dec	Mar	June
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: 8th grade African American Math STAAR scores will improve in the Meets category.			
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Math Enrichment Teachers			
Math Instructional Coach			
Math Teachers			
Department Chair			
TEA Priorities:			
Build a foundation of reading and math			
- ESF Levers:			
Lever 2: Strategic Staffing, Lever 4: High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments, Lever 5: Effective Instruction			
Problem Statements: Student Achievement 2			
Funding Sources: Math Enrichment Teachers - State Comp Ed - \$51,065.13			
Strategy 3 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 3: RLA teachers will teach background foundational knowledge and academic vocabulary prior to content lessons and common		Formative	
formative assessments. Teachers will spiral back over comprehension, making connections to the chosen literature as well as practicing higher	Dec	Mar	June
evel thinking. Additionally following CFAs and depending on students' test results, RLA Teachers will utilize small group instruction and cooperative learning to help students close educational gaps with writing, grammar, and inferencing.		57242	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: 8th grade African American RLA STAAR Scores will improve in the Meets category.			
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Reading Enrichment Teachers			
Reading Instructional Coach			
RLA Teachers			
Department Chair			
TEA Priorities:			
Build a foundation of reading and math			
- ESF Levers:			
Lever 2: Strategic Staffing, Lever 4: High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments, Lever 5: Effective Instruction			
Problem Statements: Student Achievement 2			

Performance Objective 5 Problem Statements:

Student Achievement

Problem Statement 2: On both Math and RLA STAAR Scores, 7th and 8th grade African American students consistently scored significantly lower than the All Students rate for the Meets and Masters categories. Often the difference in scores was over 20 points. **Root Cause**: African American students are not progressing as far as their counterparts which could be attributed to learning gaps, outside stress, academic frustrations, poverty, and lack of engagement. Additionally, instructional practices in the classroom are not meeting the diverse needs of African American students.

Goal 2: School Leadership and Fiscal Responsibility

CISD will foster the development of successful and dynamic leaders who effectively and efficiently manage their teams and fiscal resources.

Performance Objective 1: To maintain efficient and effective fiscal management of resources and operations.

Evaluation Data Sources: Annual Budgets

Strategy 1 Details	Fo	rmative Revi	ews
Strategy 1: The campus will monitor expenses and budgeted items to ensure that campus goals are met.		Formative	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Funds will be spent effectively, and funds are available for needed resources. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal Administrators Department Chairs Financial Secretary TEA Priorities: Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals - ESF Levers: Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning	Dec	Mar	June
Strategy 2 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 2: Meet with financial secretary once a month to ensure budget items and processes are completed in accordance with district policy and state law.		Formative	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Reconciliation of month reports Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal Financial Secretary TEA Priorities: Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals - ESF Levers: Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning	Dec	Mar	June
No Progress Continue/Modify X Discontinue	e		

Goal 2: School Leadership and Fiscal Responsibility

CISD will foster the development of successful and dynamic leaders who effectively and efficiently manage their teams and fiscal resources.

Performance Objective 2: Campus leadership will ensure that communication is clear, and decisions are goal focused and data-driven.

Evaluation Data Sources: OHI

Staff Surveys

Strategy 1 Details	For	rmative Revi	ews
Strategy 1: Campus Administration will meet once a week to maintain clear lines of communication and consistency for the campus. Campus		Formative	
Administrators and Counselors will meet once a week to increase the level of communication between the two groups.	Dec	Mar	June
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: An increase in communication and implementation of campus goals.			
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal			
TEA Priorities:			
Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals			
- ESF Levers:			
Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning			
Strategy 2 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 2: Campus Administration will meet with PBIS/Foundation team to gather staff feedback and to improve communication.		Formative	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Staff members will have the ability to express their needs and concerns to administration on a regular basis.	Dec	Mar	June
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: PBIS/Foundation Team			
Administrators			
Principal			
TEA Priorities:			
Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals			
- ESF Levers:			
Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning			
No Progress Accomplished — Continue/Modify X Discontinue	;		

Goal 3: Recruitment, Development, and Retention of Staff

CISD will recruit, develop, and retain a highly-qualified staff to ensure effective instruction for all students.

Performance Objective 1: Knox JHS will recruit, retain, and develop highly qualified teachers and staff to support all students.

Evaluation Data Sources: CISD Job Fairs

New Teacher Campus Orientation

New Teacher/Mentor Meetings (Knights of the Round Table)

PLC Meetings

Staff Surveys

Strategy 1 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 1: Knox will host an "on campus" new teacher orientation, and new teachers will meet monthly in the Knights of the Round Table		Formative	
meetings.	Dec	Mar	June
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Teachers will learn the campus' expectations and the use of campus resources including instructional coaching and hard copies of "go-to" resource information through the Knights of the Round Table meetings.			
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Campus Instructional Coaches			
Student Success Manager			
Principal			
TEA Priorities:			
Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals			
- ESF Levers:			
Lever 2: Strategic Staffing, Lever 3: Positive School Culture, Lever 5: Effective Instruction			

Strategy 2 Details	For	mative Revi	iews
Strategy 2: New teachers will be assigned a mentor teacher to meet with bi-weekly. Additionally, PLCs will provide daily support and meet		Formative	
 Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Teachers will receive instructional and emotional support regarding content and classroom management. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Assigned Mentor Teachers Department Chairs Team Leads PLCs 	Dec	Mar	June
TEA Priorities: Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals - ESF Levers: Lever 2: Strategic Staffing, Lever 3: Positive School Culture, Lever 5: Effective Instruction			
No Progress Accomplished — Continue/Modify X Discontinue			

Goal 4: Safe and Collaborative School Culture

CISD will strive to cultivate a safe, positive, and collaborative school culture, conducive to learning, by creating and implementing specific behavioral expectations and management systems, developing responsive student support teams that focus on the needs of every student, and enhancing two-way communication and building partnerships with parents and the community in accordance with the education standards outlined by the State and the values of our community.

Performance Objective 1: Administration will work jointly with families and the community to ensure and improve learning for all students through communication and collaborative partnerships.

Evaluation Data Sources: Newsletters

Surveys

PTO Participation

Community Engagement

Strategy 1 Details	For	mative Revi	ews	
Strategy 1: Knox JHS will utilize campus website, social media, school messenger(texts/emails) and newsletters to promote campus and		Formative		
district information to families, community leaders, and other stakeholders. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: The campus will have an increase in student and family engagement as well as an increase in the awareness of academics, athletics, and other events at Knox. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Administration Librarian Instructional Coaches Student Success Manager	Dec	Mar	June	
Coaches Teachers TEA Priorities:				
Connect high school to career and college - ESF Levers: Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning, Lever 3: Positive School Culture Problem Statements: Parent and Community Engagement 1				

Strategy 2: Knox JHS will create opportunities to regularly meet with parent groups, such as PTO and parent informational meetings, to give and receive feedback regarding students' academic endeavors, school procedures, social achievement, and celebrations. Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: The campus will have an increase in student attendance and participation as well as family participation and engagement. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Administration Counselors Teachers	Dec	Formative Mar	June
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: The campus will have an increase in student attendance and participation as well as family participation and engagement. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Administration Counselors	Dec	Mar	June
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: The campus will have an increase in student attendance and participation as well as family participation and engagement. Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Administration			
TEA Priorities: Connect high school to career and college - ESF Levers: Lever 3: Positive School Culture			
Problem Statements: Parent and Community Engagement 2 No Progress No Progress No Progress Online/Modify Discontinue/Modify			

Performance Objective 1 Problem Statements:

Parent and Community Engagement

Problem Statement 1: Parents/families are more actively engaged in getting their information from social media and other online sources. Staff need to utilize these platforms to establish and maintain communication. **Root Cause**: Communication is difficult in today's society due to the plethora of online communication methods. As a result, the campus needs to increase their online platform to keep our families and parents informed.

Problem Statement 2: PTO involvement has been lower than expected for student/parent ratio. **Root Cause**: The campus continues to struggle with PTO involvement. Parents often cannot engage with the campus due to their home and work obligations which can impact their ability to be involved.

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Performance Objective 2: The campus will implement KJHS Guidelines for Success, Hallway one-liners, cafeteria procedures, restroom procedures, and no cell phone usage in the classrooms in order to provide a safe and orderly school environment conducive to learning for all students and staff.

High Priority

HB3 Goal

Evaluation Data Sources: Referral Data

Foundations Committee Data Branching Minds Behavioral Data

Strategy 1 Details		Formative Reviews		
Strategy 1: Assistant principals will meet weekly to maintain consistent application of discipline based on the Levels of misbehavior.	Formative			
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: The campus will see a 20% reduction in the number of referrals.	Dec Mar Ju		June	
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Principal				
Assistant Principals				
Teachers				
TEA Priorities:				
Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals				
- ESF Levers:				
Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning, Lever 3: Positive School Culture				
Problem Statements: Culture and Climate 2				

Strategy 2 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 2: Teachers will attend professional development training to include positive classroom management and effective and safe response	Formative		
to misbehavior, which will include the campus policy of no cell phones in the classrooms and restrooms.	Dec	Mar	June
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Teachers will have a rise in student learning and engagement, which will boost overall teacher morale.		27202	
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Foundations Committee			
Department Chairs			
Instructional Coaches			
Student Success Manager Administration			
Nurse			
Clinic Aid			
TEA Priorities:			
Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals			
- ESF Levers:			
Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning, Lever 3: Positive School Culture			
Problem Statements: Culture and Climate 1			
Strategy 3 Details	For	mative Revi	ews
Strategy 3: Knox JHS will conduct fire, disaster, lock-down, evacuation, and emergency drills to ensure the effectiveness of the Emergency		Formative	
Operations Plans at both the district and the campus level.	Dec	Mar	June
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: All staff and students will be aware of the expectations during any form of emergency situation on campus.		572012	
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Teachers			
Administration			
Instructional Coaches			
Student Success Manager			
TEA Priorities:			
Recruit, support, retain teachers and principals			
- ESF Levers:			
Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning, Lever 3: Positive School Culture			
Problem Statements: Culture and Climate 2			

Performance Objective 2 Problem Statements:

Culture and Climate

Problem Statement 1: Student cell phone usage can create a potentially negative impact on student behaviors as it carries with the student into the classroom affecting classroom management and the learning environment. (Social media distractions. bullying, negative hurtful commentary) **Root Cause**: Students have a lack of responsible digital citizenship including using their phones to communicate, connect, and to check social media prior to the school day beginning and then "checking" throughout the day which can negatively impact the student's academic achievement and social emotional learning.

Problem Statement 2: Student Discipline rates were higher than normal last year. Due to a Foundations' loss of ground, there is a need to "return to basics" and to clarify both students and staff members' expectations. (One-liners, Guidelines of Success, etc.) **Root Cause**: Students and faculty felt a lack of consistency in regard to classroom rules, hallway behaviors, and disciplinary consequences.

Goal 5: Effective Instruction

CISD will deliver meaningful instruction through objective-driven lessons and rigorous learning experiences using appropriate technology and instructional resources, and CISD will analyze data from ongoing formative assessments to foster the development of critical-thinking skills for all learners.

Performance Objective 1: Teachers will utilize technology to improve their instructional practices and to ensure all students are engaged in a highly effective learning environment.

High Priority

Evaluation Data Sources: STAAR Scores STAAR Interim Assessments CFAs Common Assessments Walk Through/Observations

Strategy 1 Details		Formative Reviews		
Strategy 1: Teachers will utilize technology with Tier I best practices in their instruction.	Formative			
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: STAAR Scores will increase in the "meets" and "masters" categories of all content areas.	Dec	Mar	June	
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Department Chairs Instructional Coaches				
Student Success Manager				
Administration				
TEA Priorities:				
Build a foundation of reading and math				
- ESF Levers:				
Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning, Lever 4: High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments, Lever 5: Effective Instruction				

Strategy 2 Details	For	mative Revi	ews	
Strategy 2: Through PLC planning and professional development in instructional technology, teachers will continue to use and improve	Formative			
CISD's best instructional practices following the campus instructional model with an emphasis on feedback, content, and context.	Dec	Mar	June	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Teachers will continue to grow and improve their instruction, which will increase student growth and achievement.				
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Teachers Team Leads				
Department Chairs				
Campus Instructional Coaches				
Student Success Manager				
Administration				
TEA Priorities:				
Build a foundation of reading and math				
- ESF Levers:				
Lever 1: Strong School Leadership and Planning, Lever 4: High-Quality Instructional Materials and Assessments, Lever 5: Effective				
Instruction				
Strategy 3 Details	For	mative Revi	ews	
Strategy 3: Teachers will be provided with opportunities for staff development to learn new ways to incorporate technology into their	Formative		tive	
classrooms.	Dec	Mar	June	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Students will become more familiar and confident with using technology and technology tools which will translate to improved performance on their classroom and state assessments.	Dec	Mai	June	
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: District and Campus Instructional Coaches				
Teachers				
Team Leads				
Department Chairs				
Department Chairs				
Department Chairs Administrators TEA Priorities: Build a foundation of reading and math				
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Performance Objective 2: Teachers will utilize data to drive instruction.

High Priority

Evaluation Data Sources: CFAs

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Interim Assessments STAAR Scores

Strategy 1 Details	For	rmative Revi	ews
Strategy 1: During PLC meetings, teachers will use data to target focus areas for instruction.		Formative	
Strategy's Expected Result/Impact: Students' engagement in classroom learning and performance on assessments will improve.	Dec	Mar	June
Staff Responsible for Monitoring: Teachers			
Team Leads			
Department Chairs			
Campus Instructional Coaches			
Student Success Manager			
Administration			
TEA Priorities:			
Build a foundation of reading and math			
Problem Statements: Student Achievement 1			
No Progress	ie		

Performance Objective 2 Problem Statements:

Student Achievement

Problem Statement 1: While the All-student performance on STAAR Exams improved in many areas, the campus still needs to improve their Academic Growth component. **Root Cause**: Professional Learning Committees are not implemented with fidelity in a consistent manner, especially with the ability to make data-driven decisions. Instructional strategies are not implemented to meet the needs of the students.

State Compensatory

Budget for Knox Junior High School

Total SCE Funds: \$0.00

Total FTEs Funded by SCE: 8

Brief Description of SCE Services and/or Programs

Personnel for Knox Junior High School

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>FTE</u>
Abbie Speight	RLA Enrichment Teacher	1
Brittany Queener	Math Enrichment Teacher	1
Elizabeth Buenger	RLA Enrichment Teacher	1
James Doggett	Math Enrichment Teacher	1
Steve Dixen	Math Enrichment Teacher	1
Tiffany Lee	Math Instructional Coach	1
Twyla Bozeman-Dean	RLA Instructional Coach	1
Vivian Henry	RLA Enrichment Teacher	1

Campus Funding Summary

			Title III		
Goal	Objective	Strategy	Resources Needed	Account Code	Amount
1	2	2	Instructional Materials		\$2,500.00
1	2	2	Tutorials-Extra Duty Pay		\$2,750.00
		•		Sub-Total	\$5,250.00
				Budgeted Fund Source Amount	\$5,250.00
				+/- Difference	\$0.00
			State Comp Ed		
Goal	Objective	Strategy	Resources Needed	Account Code	Amount
1	1	2	Math Instructional Coach		\$76,067.00
1	1	2	Student Success Manager		\$80,483.20
1	1	2	RLA Instructional Coach		\$81,459.40
1	1	3	RLA Enrichment Teacher		\$25,477.67
1	1	3	RLA Enrichment Teacher		\$25,477.67
1	1	3	Math Enrichment Teacher		\$51,065.13
1	1	3	RLA Enrichment Teacher		\$25,477.67
1	1	3	Math Enrichment Teacher		\$51,065.13
1	3	1	Instructional Materials		\$4,294.00
1	3	1	Extra Duty Tutorials		\$4,294.00
1	5	2	Math Enrichment Teachers		\$51,065.13
				Sub-Total	\$476,226.00
				Budgeted Fund Source Amount	\$476,226.00
				+/- Difference	\$0.00
				Grand Total Budgeted	\$481,476.00
				Grand Total Spent	\$481,476.00
				+/- Difference	\$0.00