Linn County R-I Comprehensive School Improvement Plan



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Mission Statement

Linn County R-I School District is committed to quality education and is dedicated to guiding students to their highest potential. It is our aim to educate the whole student, intellectually, physically, socially and emotionally. Education is the responsibility of the parents, student, family, teacher, school staff, and community. All must work cooperatively toward preparing students to be productive and contributing members of an ever-changing global society.

Slogan

Learning for Today, Preparing for Tomorrow!

Beliefs/Vision

The Linn County R-I School District believes that partnerships among students, parents, faculty, and community are keys to educational success. We will work to build a safe, caring, respectful, and supportive learning environment. The individual needs of children will be met through a variety of educational services. These services will be family focused, developmentally appropriate, culturally responsive, community sensitive, and cost effective. Multiple resources will be used to enhance each child's educational experience by ensuring that trained staff and equitable services are available to children and families throughout the Linn County R-I School District.

Measures of Educational Success

- Increased Student Achievement
- Reduced Incidence of Alcohol, Drug Use & Violence Offences
- Improved Student Attendance
- More Meaningful & Increased Parent Involvement
- Better Preparation of Students for College & Career

Description of the Planning Process

In March of 2008 the Linn County R-I administration and School Board addressed the concerns of the CSIP committee. Their recommendations were adopted by the Board of Education to address these concerns.

In the fall of 2007, the Linn County R-I School Board began a process of school improvement. Following the guidelines in the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan Handbook, a committee was established to examine all aspects of the school district and provide recommendations to the board for improvements.

During January 2008 a survey was distributed to all members of the CSIP committee asking for comments concerning district programs and policies. The survey was intended as a basis for the work of the improvement committee.

During January and February of 2008 the committee met on four evenings, comprised of 22 parents/community members, nine teachers, counselor, one student and three

administrators. The committee recommendations in the form of a Comprehensive School Improvement Plan were submitted to the board of education at the March 11, 2008 school board meeting.

Goals for Comprehensive School Improvement Committee

- Approve a School Mission Statement
- Approve School Slogan
- Establish a Statement of Beliefs/Vision for Linn County R-I
- Compile List of School Goals
- List of District Strengths
- List of District Concerns
- Approve District Comprehensive School Improvement Plan

Comprehensive School Improvement Plan Time Line

•	January 10	Background information and discussion on the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan
•	January 17	Review and examine elementary programs.
•	January 31	Review and examine high school programs.
•	February 7	Approval of School Improvement Plan

In March 1999 the District was reviewed under the Missouri School Improvement Plan. The Review Team found the district met 11 of the 11 Performance Indicators, 10 of the 10 Process Standards, and 4 of the 5 Resource Clusters. Out of 26 standards, the district failed to meet only one, concerning teacher certifications. In total the review team found four areas of concern:

- 1. Five staff members are not properly certificated, for a total of 13 assignments (Standard 5.1)
- 2. The board does not annually review student achievement data disaggregated by gender and disabilities. (Standard 7.2B)
- 3. The district does not systematically identify or provide differentiated instruction for gifted students in grades K-2. (Standard 8.2)
- 4. The percent of graduates completing a vocational education program was below the state average for all five years. (Standard 16.3 *3)

Since that time the district reviewed the concerns and determined the appropriate way to address them. The concerns that have not been met have been included in this Comprehensive School Improvement Plan.

In February 2004 the District was last reviewed under the Missouri School Improvement Plan. The Review Team found the district met 11 of the 11 in the Resource Section, 33 of the 38 in Process Section, and 91 of the 100 in Performance Section. Out of 149 standards, the district met 135. In total the review team found the following areas of concern:

- 1. MAP achievement results in the grade span 9-11 showed improvement, but these scores were low in math, science, and social studies. (Standard 9.1.3)
- 2. Reading achievement results in grade 3 are not at an acceptable level and do not show sufficient improvement. (Standard 9.2.1)
- 3. The district did not document the results of the most recent professional development program evaluation. (Standard 6.7.4)
- 4. The district's procedural plan for professional development does not include mentor rules and responsibilities. (Standard 6.7.5)
- 5. The district-wide procedural guidance plan does not include program objective aligned with the objectives of CSIP. (Standard 6.9.1)
- 6. This district's procedural guidance program does not have evaluation criteria based on program objectives and the program objectives are not aligned with the objectives of the CSIP and/or student performance data. (Standard 6.9.1)
- 7. The district has not established an articulation agreement with a postsecondary institution for the agricultural education program. (Standard 7.3.3)
- 8. There is no written plan to evaluate the effectiveness of vocational programs. (Standard 7.3.4)
- 9. The district's Parent As Teachers program serves only 25 percent of its eligible families compared to the state average of 46 percent. (Standard 7.5.1)

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District Goals 2008-2013

1. Increase Academic Achievement

- a. Ninety-five percent of students will read at or above grade level by the end of the third grade.
- b. The percent of students in Proficient and Advanced levels in Communication Arts and Math will meet AYP as measured by the Missouri Assessment Program.
- c. District results on nationally standardized test will remain at or above state and national averages as measured by Tera Nova and ACT.
- d. The district will maintain a graduation rate of above the state average.

2. Maintain A Positive Learning Environment

- a. Construct a new Vocational Agriculture facility.
- b. Create a larger weight room/fitness facility that all students can access.
- c. Update heating a cooling throughout the facility.
- d. Designate a specific smoking area.
- e. Maintain and improve use of technology in the district.
- f. Install surveillance equipment to improve safety in the district.

3. Staff Development to Improve Student Success.

- a. Focus on improvement of MAP scores.
- b. Train substitutes to be better prepared in the classroom
- c. Maintain a certificated staff.
- d. Maintain salaries above the average of area schools.

Strengths

- Teachers provide assistance to students before and after school
- Technology
- Reading First Program
- Opportunity for parent involvement
- Teacher professional development opportunities
- Competitive salaries
- Percent of certified teachers
- Online access through the SIS program
- School is safe and friendly
- Staff is concerned and available to parents and students
- Preschool program
- Gifted/At-Risk programs
- Number of dual credit and college prep classes
- Small class sizes

Concerns

- MAP scores
- Need for an elementary gym
- Need for surveillance equipment in some areas (weight room, gym, hallways, playground)
- Need more assistance for students that are failing
- Need larger locker rooms
- Need larger weight room
- Need for study halls
- Student motivation
- Poor turnout at parent nights
- Lack of respect towards teachers
- Too many classroom interruptions in the high school
- Not enough class for non-college bound students
- Lack of work study programs for juniors and seniors
- Poor writing skills of students
- Too much time off task in Jr. High and High School
- Reading in grads 4-12
- Heating and cooling system
- Tutoring needs to be structured
- Teacher failing to keep grades up-to-date on the SIS program
- Teachers not using textbooks
- More supervision on the buses
- Students need access to computers before and after school
- Lack of pride in the school (parents, students and general public)
- Poor attitude of teachers
- Lack of progress in Jr. High

- Need for after school programs
- Smoking on the school campus
- Too many substitutes in the building too often
- Teachers lack of respect of students
- Funding

Addendum

During the course of the meetings of the Comprehensive School Improvement Committee additional goals were determined that merited mentioning, though they were not prioritized at the same level as the six primary goals. Those additional goals are listed here:

- 1. The district needs to offer a greater number of alternative delivery systems for instruction (zero hour classes, independent study programs, summer workshops, etc.) Additionally the district needs to provide more compensatory programs and services to educationally disadvantaged students. As a district we need to insure that we meet the needs of all the students, gifted, at-risk, and the often forgotten "middle"
- 2. Focus on teacher collegiality and student responsibility, including teacher/parent training in consistent discipline practices.
- 3. Improvement in student writing skills.
- 4. Promotion of comprehensive, systematic planning for instructional improvement or organization of the educational enterprise.
- 5. The district will maintain small class sizes.

Goal: Increase Student Achievement

MSIP	CSIP	Objective	Person(s)	Start	Date
Standard/	Strategy		Responsible	Date	Completed
Indicator	Number				
1.1.1	1.a	Ninety-five percent of students will	Classroom	March 2008	Ongoing
6.3.2		read at or above grade level by the end	Teacher/		
9.2		of the third grade.	Reading Coach		
6.2.5	1.b	The percent of students in Proficient	Teachers	March 2008	Ongoing
9.1.1		and Advanced levels in	Principals		
9.1.3		Communication Arts and Math will	Counselor		
		meet AYP as measured by the Missouri			
		Assessment Program.			
6.2.5	1.c	District results on nationally	Teachers	March 2008	Ongoing
9.1.1		standardized test will remain at or	Principals		
9.1.3		above state and national averages as	Counselor		
9.3		measured by Tera Nova and ACT.			
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6.3.3	1.d	The district will maintain a graduation	HS Principal/	March 2008	Ongoing
9.5		rate of above the state average.	Counselor		

Goal: Increase Student Achievement

Measurable Objective: Ninety-five percent of students will read at or above grade level by the end of the third grade.

How the Objective will be measured: Reading First testing.

MSIP	CSIP	Action to be Taken	Person(s)	Start	Date	Federal
Standard/	Step		Responsible	Date	Completed	Programs
Indicator	Number					
1.1	1.a	Ninety minute, uninterrupted block that focuses on	Teachers/	March	Ongoing	YES
1.1.1		reading.	Reading	2008		
6.3.2		-	Coach/			
9.2			Elementary			
			Principal			
1.1	1.a	Intensive and supplemental instruction are provided	Teachers/	March	Ongoing	YES
1.1.1		according to student need.	Reading	2008		
6.3.2			Coach/			
9.2			Elementary			
7.1.3			Principal			
6.7	1.a	Teachers will be engaged in high quality professional	Teachers/	March	Ongoing	YES
6.7.1		development.	Reading	2008		
6.7.2		-	Coach/			
6.7.4			Elementary			
6.7.5			Principal			
6.2.1	1.a	Data is collected and disseminated in order to provide	Teachers/	March	Ongoing	YES
8.2.1		students with differentiated instruction.	Reading	2008		
			Coach/			
			Elementary			
			Principal			

Goal: Increase Student Achievement

Measurable Objective: The percent of students in Proficient and Advanced levels in Communication Arts and Math will meet AYP as measured by the Missouri Assessment Program.

How the Objective will be measured: AYP will be met in Communication Arts and Math on the district's Annual Performance report.

MSIP	CSIP	Action to be Taken	Person(s)	Start	Date	Federal
Standard/	Step		Responsible	Date	Completed	Programs
Indicator	Number		_		_	_
9.1	1.b	The district will provide instruction and guided practice	Principals	March	Ongoing	NO
9.1.1		on test taking skills to all students and teachers	Teachers	2008		
9.1.3			Counselor			
6.1.1	1.b	The district will review all curriculum guides and revise	Principals	March	Ongoing	NO
6.1.2		them to assure that there is a clear alignment between		2008		
6.1.3		the skills tested and skills taught.				
6.1.4						
6.4.2						
6.2.6	1.b	The district will provide incentives and motivation for	Principals	March	Ongoing	NO
		students to encourage them to perform their best on	Teachers	2008		
		MAP test.	Counselor			
9.1.3	1.b	The district will develop supplemental and extended	Supt./PDC/	March	Ongoing	YES
		learning opportunities for students on the MAP test.	Principals/	2008		
			Teachers/			
			Counselor			
6.1.1	1.b	The district will provide professional development	PDC	March	Ongoing	YES
6.1.2		opportunities to support improved teaching		2008		
6.1.3		strategies/techniques and testing results.				
6.1.4						

6.4.2			
6.7.2			

Goal: Increase Student Achievement

Measurable Objective: District results on nationally standardized test will remain at or above state and national averages as measured by Tera Nova and ACT.

How the Objective will be measured: ACT and Tera Nova scores will be evaluated each year to determine that the objective is met.

MSIP	CSIP	Action to be Taken	Person(s)	Start	Date	Federal
Standard/	Step		Responsible	Date	Completed	Programs
Indicator	Number					_
6.2.5	1.c	The district will provide instruction and guided practice	Teachers	March	Ongoing	NO
		on test taking skills to all students.	Counselor	2008		
6.1.1	1.c	The district will review all curriculum guides and revise	Principals	March	Ongoing	NO
6.1.2		them to assure that there is a clear alignment between		2008		
6.1.4		the skills tested and skills taught.				
6.2.1		_				
6.4.2						
6.7.2						
6.2.6	1.c	The district will provide incentives and motivation for	Principals	March	Ongoing	NO
		students to encourage them to perform their best on the	Teachers	2008		
		ACT and Tera Nova test.	Counselor			
6.3.3	1.c	The district will develop additional supplemental and	Supt./PDC/	March	Ongoing	NO
		extended learning opportunities for students on the ACT	Principals/	2008		
		and Tera Nova teat.	Teachers/			
			Counselor			
6.7.1	1.c	The district will provide professional development	PDC	March	Ongoing	YES
6.7.2		opportunities to support improved teaching		2008		
6.7.4		strategies/techniques and testing results.				
6.7.5						

Goal: Increase Student Achievement

Measurable Objective: The district will maintain a graduation rate of above the state average.

How the Objective will be measured: The district graduation rate will remain 95% or higher.

MSIP	CSIP	Action to be Taken	Person(s)	Start	Date	Federal
Standard/	Step		Responsible	Date	Completed	Programs
Indicator	Number					
6.3.4	1.d	At-Risk program will identify and serve the needs of At-	At-Risk	March	Ongoing	NO
6.5.3		Risk students.	Teacher/	2008		
			HS Principal/			
			Counselor			

Form A PERFORMANCE GOALS						
Goal: Mainta	nin A Positive L	earning Environment				
MSIP	CSIP	Strategy	Person(s)	Start	Date	

Standard/	Strategy		Responsible	Date	Completed
Indicator	Number				
8.2.1	2.a	Construct a new Vocational	Board	March 2008	
8.10		Agriculture facility.	Superintendent		
8.10.1					
8.10.2					
8.11					
7.1.2	2.b	Create a larger weight room/fitness	Board	March 2008	
8.2.1		facility that all students can access.	Superintendent		
8.10					
8.10.1					
8.10.2					
8.11					
6.5.1	2.c	Update heating and cooling throughout	Board	March 2008	
8.2.1		the facility.	Superintendent		
8.10					
1.1.1	2.d	Create a tobacco-free environment	Board	March 2008	
1.2.2			Superintendent		
1.3			Principals		
6.1.3	2.e	Maintain and improve the use of	Board	March 2008	Ongoing
6.4.3		technology in the district.	PDC		
6.4.4					
6.8.1					
8.11.1	2.f	Install surveillance equipment to	Board	March 2008	
8.11.3		improve safety in the district.	Superintendent		

Goal: Maintain A Positive Learning Environment

Measurable Objective: Construct a new Vocational Agriculture facility.

How the Objective will be measured: Vocational Agricultural facility will be constructed.

MSIP	CSIP	Action to be Taken	Person(s)	Start	Date	Federal
Standard/	Step		Responsible	Date	Completed	Programs
Indicator	Number					
8.3.1	2.a	The district will place Proposition Waiver on the April	Board	March	March	NO
8.6.2		2008 ballot to provide funding for a new vocational agricultural facility.		2008	2008	
8.2.1	2.a	An vocational agriculture will be build with adequate	Board	March		NO
8.10		space for the safety of the students.	Superintendent	2008		

8.10.1 8.10.2 8.11			
8.10.2			
8.11			

Goal: Maintain A Positive Learning Environment

Measurable Objective: Create a larger weight room/fitness facility that all students can access.

How the Objective will be measured: A new weight room facility will be available that is on ground level.

MSIP Standard/ Indicator	CSIP Step Number	Action to be Taken	Person(s) Responsible	Start Date	Date Completed	Federal Programs
7.1.2	2.b	The current vocational agriculture facility will be made	Board	March		NO
7.1.3		into a weight room when a new facility is built.	Superintendent	2008		
8.10.1						

Goal: Maintain A Positive Learning Environment

Measurable Objective: Update heating and cooling throughout the facility.

How the Objective will be measured: All classrooms will have adjustable heating and cooling throughout the district.

MSIP	CSIP	Action to be Taken	Person(s)	Start	Date	Federal
Standard/	Step		Responsible	Date	Completed	Programs
Indicator	Number					
6.5.1	2.c	Funds will be transferred from the incidental fund to	Board	March		NO
		the capital projects fund, provided funds are available	Superintendent	2008		
		and allowable.	_			

Goal: Maintain A Positive Learning Environment

Measurable Objective: Create a tobacco-free environment

How the Objective will be measured: Tobacco use will only be allowed in specific areas of the district.

MSIP	CSIP	Action to be Taken	Person(s)	Start	Date	Federal
Standard/	Step		Responsible	Date	Completed	Programs
Indicator	Number					
8.3.3	2.d	Policy will be adopted to promote a tobacco free	Board	March		NO
		campus.		2008		
8.11.3	2.d	Signs will be posted and designated area's assigned that	Superintendent	March	Ongoing	NO
		will be supervised the administration.	Principals	2008		

Goal: Maintain A Positive Learning Environment

Measurable Objective: Maintain and improve use of technology in the district.

How the Objective will be measured: All technology in the district will be kept up-to-date, maintained and professional development will be made available to staff.

MSIP	CSIP	Action to be Taken	Person(s)	Start	Date	Federal
Standard/	Step		Responsible	Date	Completed	Programs
Indicator	Number					
6.4.4	2.e	Smart Boards will be added to all classrooms where	Board	March	Ongoing	NO
6.8.1		applicable and other technological items will be added as needed.	Superintendent	2008		
6.4.3	2.e	Staff will be trained to use all technology available by	Superintendent	March	Ongoing	YES

means of high quality professional development.	Principals	2008	
	PDC		
	Teachers		

Form B PERFORMANCE GOALS Goal #2

Goal: Maintain A Positive Learning Environment

Objective/Strategy #6

Measurable Objective: Install surveillance equipment to improve safety in the district.

How the Objective will be measured: Surveillance equipment will be installed in order to monitor the building more closely.

MSIP	CSIP	Action to be Taken	Person(s)	Start	Date	Federal
Standard/	Step		Responsible	Date	Completed	Programs
Indicator	Number					
6.6.2	2.f	Money will be authorized and budgeted to install	Board	March		NO
8.11.1		surveillance equipment throughout the building.	Superintendent	2008		
8.11.3						
2.3.2	2.f	Hard to supervise areas will be monitored by building	Principals	March		NO
		principals via monitors.	_	2008		

Form A	PERFORMANCE GOALS					
Goal: Staff development to improve student success						
MSIP	CSIP	Strategy	Person(s)	Start	Date	
Standard/	Strategy		Responsible	Date	Completed	
Indicator	Number					
6.2.5	3.a	Focus on improvement of MAP scores	Board	March 2008	Ongoing	

9.1.1			Superintendent		
9.1.2			Principals		
9.1.3			Counselor		
			Teachers		
2.1.2	3.b	Train substitutes to be better prepared	Principals	March 2008	Ongoing
6.7.1		in the classroom.	Reading Coach		
6.7.2					
6.7.3					
6.7.6					
1.1.2	3.c	Maintain a certificated staff.	Board	March 2008	Ongoing
3.1			Superintendent		
3.2			Principals		
4.1					
4.3					
5.1					
8.4.3	3.d	Maintain salaries above the average of	Board	March 2008	Ongoing
		area schools.	Superintendent		

Goal: Staff development to improve student success

Measurable Objective: Focus on improvement of MAP scores.

How the Objective will be measured: MAP scores will be evaluated annually to check for improvement.

MSIP	CSIP	Action to be Taken	Person(s)	Start	Date	Federal
Standard/	Step		Responsible	Date	Completed	Programs
Indicator	Number					
6.2.5	3.a	The district will provide instruction and guided practice	Principals	March	Ongoing	NO
		on test taking skills to all students and teachers.	Counselor	2008		
			Teachers			
6.1.1	3.a	The district will review all curriculum guides and revise	Principals	March	Ongoing	NO
6.1.2		them to assure that there is a clear alignment between	Teachers	2008		
6.1.4		the skills tested and skills taught.				
6.2.1						
6.4.2						
6.7.2						
6.2.6	3.a	The district will provide incentives and motivation for	Principals	March	Ongoing	NO
		students to encourage them to perform their best on	Counselor	2008		
		MAP test.				
6.3.3	3.a	The district will develop additional supplemental and	Principals	March	Ongoing	NO
		extended learning opportunities for students and	Counselor	2008		
		teachers on the MAP test.				
6.7.1	3.a	The district will provide professional development	PDC	March	Ongoing	NO
6.7.2		opportunities to support improved teaching		2008		
6.7.3		strategies/techniques and testing results.				
6.7.4						
6.7.5						
6.7.6						

Goal: Staff development to improve student success

Measurable Objective: Train substitutes to be better prepared in the classroom.

How the Objective will be measured: Substitutes will attend training to be better prepared for the classroom.

MSIP Standard/	CSIP Step	Action to be Taken	Person(s) Responsible	Start Date	Date Completed	Federal Programs
Indicator	Number		responsible	Dutt		1108141115
2.1.2	3.b	Reading Coach will work with substitute teachers to be	Principals/	March	Ongoing	YES
6.7.1		better prepared to work in Reading First classrooms.	Reading	2008		
6.7.2			Coach			
6.7.4						
6.7.5						
6.7.6						

Goal: Staff development to improve student success

Measurable Objective: Maintain a certificated staff.

How the Objective will be measured: The district will have a professional staff that is fully certificated.

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MSIP	CSIP	Action to be Taken	1	Person(s)	Start	Date	Federal
Standard/	Step		F	Responsible	Date	Completed	Programs
Indicator	Number			_		_	_

2.1.2	3.c	The district provides a professional development	PDC	March	Ongoing	YES
6.7.1		program that focuses on the supports its instructional		2008		
6.7.2		practices.				
6.7.3						
6.7.4						
6.7.5						
6.7.6						
6.7.1	3.c	The district has a written plan for professional	Superintendent	March	Ongoing	YES
		development, which includes provisions for complying	PDC	2008		
		with specific program requirements, and all rules,				
		regulations, and legislation related to professional				
		development funding.				

Goal: Staff development to improve student success

Measurable Objective: Maintain salaries above the average of area schools.

How the Objective will be measured: Salaries will remain above the average that is paid to area school personnel.

MSIP	CSIP	Action to be Taken	Person(s)	Start	Date	Federal
Standard/	Step		Responsible	Date	Completed	Programs
Indicator	Number					
8.4.3	3.d	A mutually acceptable (to board and faculty) salary schedule will be adopted each spring.	Board Superintendent Teachers	March 2008	Ongoing	YES
8.4.3	3.d	The three steps of career ladder will be maintained.	Board Superintendent	March 2008	Ongoing	NO