

# **School Improvement Plan Template**

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# **Section 1: Building Data**

| School: Star Valley Middle School      | Plan Date: October 31, 2022                                 |
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| Principal: Steve Burch                 | District Approval Date (for TSI, WAEA, CSI):                |
| District: LCSD#2                       | Current Identification WAEA: Partially meeting expectations |
| District Representative: Jason Horsley |   |

# **Section 2: Identify Priority Practices**

Complete the High-Impact Domains and Practice reflection (see the "Completing the School Reflection" section beginning on page 4 of the SIP Guide) and engage in a collaborative discussion about your school's biggest areas of need. Based on your review of the reflection, record up to three priorities where improvement is needed immediately in the chart below. These are typically practices your team rated as "Limited" or "Developing."

| Domain                | Practice   | School Reflection Rating |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| (B) Culture & Climate | B.2 School leaders maintain ongoing communication with teachers and other school stakeholders and solicit input on major decisions from relevant stakeholders. | 2.5                      |

|                      | F.3 The systematic approach for prevention and intervention includes student  |
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| (F) Learning Support | placements that are reviewed by a relevant team who use consistent rules and  |
|                      | procedures to deliver effective interventions and support for student growth. |

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# Section 3: Year-Long Plan

Based on your school's identified needs, what plan of action will you take in the coming school year? Record your plan for addressing each of the selected Priority Practices in the sections below.

#### Part 1: Practice Goals and Related Actions

#### **High-Impact Domain: Culture & Climate**

**Priority Practice #1:** School leaders maintain ongoing communication with teachers and other school stakeholders and solicit input on major decisions from relevant stakeholders.

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Provide an explanation for choosing this Practice, including **why** focusing on this Practice will impact student performance (WAEA indicators).

In the past SVMS utilized data from MAP testing to drive decision making. In an effort to put more emphasis on District Assessment data and WYTOPP assessment data, MAP testing has been dropped. Staff feel that they were not included in this decision. Our middle school scored low on stakeholder input for this reason. SVMS feels like input from teachers regarding data collection use and implementation will increase our ability to make the best decisions regarding students.

## **Improvement Strategy**

- Explain the research-based strategy (or strategies) the school will implement to address this area of need.
- Explain how the strategies, in relation to the research, address the needs of your school's students.
- Explain how the strategy, in relation to the research, addresses the needs of your school's adult community members.

Our first step as a school improvement team will be to unpack WYTOPP data and see what is offered or could be offered if we utilized all facets of WYTOPP including interims and modulars. We would do the same with the data we get from District Assessments and how we utilize it. We would then revisit MAP testing and see what data we get and how we have utilized that data in the past.

In addition, we feel that there should be a written District protocol that involves all stakeholders when it involves data collection tools and what the district promotes or purchases.

| 1-Year Adult Practice Goal Provide a measurable goal aligned to the Practice.                      | Goal 1: By the end of the 22-23 school year the school improvement team will have unpacked data collection tools (WYTOPP and all its facets), District assessments, and MAP testing. We will prioritize which data we will utilize for student placement, intervention, and enrichment. We will also utilize this data in unit development and vertical alignment of standards.  Sub-goal: The middle school will work with the district to create a protocol for adopting data collection tools that involves all stakeholders. This goal is dependent on contributions at the District level but we would propose this to be in place by the end of the 22/23 school year. |
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| Impact on Performance Goals Describe how the focus on this Practice will impact performance goals. | When staff understand and utilize data it can be much more effective in driving decision making on the curriculum development level and at the individual student level. Students will increase their growth and achievement as measured by WYTOPP.  |

# Action Plan for Priority Practices #1

| Action Items                                     | Timeline | Resources Needed   | Plan for Measuring<br>Impact/Implementation  |
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| In depth WYTOPP analysis<br>training             | 1/13/23  | Trainor or expert in the field. PD time to get this training | All teachers will be able to explain three important data points that they will utilize in their instruction from WYTOPP. This will be measured by adding a section on the PLC self assessment that asks teachers to rate their level of understanding and implementation of data. |
| Additional District Assessment analysis training | 1/13/23  | Trainor or expert in the field. PD time to get this training | All teachers will be able to explain how they use District Assessment data in their instructional decision making. In addition, on interventions and enrichment. This will be measured by adding a section on the PLC self assessment that asks teachers to rate                   |

|  |         |  | their level of understanding and implementation of data.  |
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| UnPack MAP testing   | 1/13/23 | Trainor or expert in the field. PD time to get this training | All teachers will understand what data MAP testing is giving them and if that data can be gathered from other data points. This will be measured by crosswalking MAP data with District Assessment data and WYTOPP data once all data trainings have occurred.          |
| Create District Wide Protocol<br>for data assessment tool<br>adoption practices that involve<br>all stakeholders | 6/1/23  | District Policy and Procedure team                           | Provide a clear process that involves all stakeholders in deciding what data will be used at each level and protocols to provide training in whatever data collection tools are adopted. This will be in the form of a policy and protocol adopted by the school board. |

#### **High-Impact Domain: Learning Support**

Priority Practice #2: The systematic approach for prevention and intervention includes student placements that are reviewed by a relevant team who use consistent rules and procedures to deliver effective interventions and support for student growth.

#### **Practice Rationale**

Provide an explanation for choosing this Practice, including **why** focusing on this Practice will impact student performance (WAEA indicators).

Star Valley middle school has a protocol for placing students in remediation and intervention. We have protocols for placing students in tutorial classes as well. Both of these protocols happen after we get to work with our students. We believe that if we were utilizing data from the previous year's teachers we could be more effective in getting our students the support they need as soon as the school year starts. Our current practice is just a general placement recommendation from previous teachers in regular or accelerated courses. If student data was utilized earlier on we would have interventions and tutoring set up the day our students entered the middle school.

#### **Improvement Strategy**

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- Explain how the strategies, in relation to the research, address the needs of your school's students.
- Explain how the strategy, in relation to the research, addresses the needs of your school's adult community members.

A starting point is to utilize data already provided for us by the WYTOPP. We really need this information sooner rather than later. There is data on the "understanding your student's scores" that could benefit teachers and the student in providing support for each student in the areas they are weak. The "next steps" section of the WYTOPP report specifically could give teachers direction on individual students with individual skills.

Staff will receive training on understanding the WYTOPP reports and be given access to those reports as early as possible.

Teachers will use WYTOPP data to guide decision making in student placement and intervention.

#### 1-Year Adult Practice Goal

Provide a **measurable goal** aligned to the Practice.

By the end of the 22-23 school year school staff will utilize WYTOPP data to guide decision making in student placement in courses and interventions utilizing protocols already in place at the middle school. This specifically means that Math & ELA teachers will utilize the next steps portion of the WYTOPP official report that is unique to each student. Math and ELA teachers will use the "next steps" portion of the report to provide grouping and interventions for each student. In addition, the middle school will look for other relevant data points from previous year teachers to guide the decision making process for student placement and intervention.

# **Impact on Performance Goals**

Describe **how** the focus on this Practice will impact performance goals.

By utilizing the next steps portion of the WYTOPP report, teachers will be able to provide grouping and instruction specific to gaps in learning for each individual student on the first day of school.

# **Action Plan for Priority Practice #2**

| Action Items  | Timeline | Resources Needed   | Plan for Measuring<br>Impact/Implementation   |
|---|----------|--|---|
| WYTOPP "Understanding Your<br>Student's Scores" report training | 1/13/23  | Expert in the field<br>to work with Staff<br>on utilizing this<br>report. PD time to<br>implement. | Staff will be able to show that they are utilizing the WYTOPP report in the placement process. We can measure this by looking at the grouping and standards that will be covered for each group. This should correlate with the "next steps portion of the WYTOPP report. Our current protocols will be amended to reflect this step. |
| Vertical teacher/school Data Share                              | 5/15/23  | Data share from<br>elementary to<br>middle school  | Staff will be able to show that they are utilizing data from previous years teacher(s) in the placement process. Recommendations from previous teachers will be used for class placement but specific groupings and interventions can reflect the data from the "next steps" portion of the WYTOPP.                                   |

|  | Our current protocols will be amended to reflect this step. Staff will use three points of data including teacher recommendation, DAS scores and WYTOPP to make sure that we are getting an accurate picture of each student. |
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**Part 2: Student-Focused Performance Goals** 

Fill in your school's performance goals for each category that is required (based on your school's designation). To determine ambitious, achievable goals, review the data you recorded in the School Improvement Plan Guide **DATA COLLECTION TEMPLATE**.

## **WAEA School Performance Goals**

|   | Current Performance<br>Score<br>(insert a numeric score) | 1 Year Performance<br>Goal<br>(insert a numeric goal) |
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| WAEA Weighted Average Indicator Score (0.0-3.0) | 1.4  | 1.6   |
| Achievement (Numeric value)                     | 61   | 62  |
| Growth (Numeric value)                          | 45   | 48  |
| Equity (Numeric value)                          | 41   | 48  |
| EL Progress (Numeric value)                     | 30   | 36  |

## **ESSA School Performance Goals**

| Current Performance Score | 1 Year Performance Goal |
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|  | (insert a numeric goal) | (insert a numeric goal) |
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| ESSA Average Indicator Score (0.0-3.0) | 1.8                     | 1.9                     |
| Achievement (Numeric value)            | 62.1                    | 63                      |
| Growth (Numeric value)                 | 45.2                    | 48                      |
| Equity (Numeric value)                 | 41.1                    | 48                      |
| EL Progress (Numeric value)            | 30.0                    | 36                      |

#### **Content Area Performance Goals**

|                         | Current Performance Score<br>(% Proficient or Above) | 1 Year Performance Goal<br>(% Proficient or Above) |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| ELA (Numeric value)     | Overall = 68.4 (7th =67.3) (8th =69.5)               | maintain 68.4 % proficient or above                |
| Math (Numeric value)    | Overall = 55.9 (7th =59.7) (8th = 52.0)              | overall 57% proficient or above                    |
| Science (Numeric value) | Overall = $57.1$ (7th = NA) (8th = $57.1$ )          | maintain 57.1% proficient or above                 |

# **Section 4: Plan Submission**

# Part 1: Plan Summary

Fill in the table below with information from Section 4, Part 1 (Practice Goals and Related Actions) to provide a snapshot of your team's priority practice(s) and associated goal(s).

| Priority Practice           | Associated High-Impact Domain | Current School Reflection<br>Rating | Practice Goal |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Domain B Culture & Practice | B2                            | 2.5                                 | 4             |
| Domain F                    | F3                            | 2.8                                 | 4             |

# **Part 2: Plan Contributors**

Provide the names and roles of the individuals who contributed to the creation of this plan in the tables below.

| Leadership Team Member Name      | Role                              |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Steve Burch/ Wyndy McGinley      | Principal and Assistant Principal |
| Mercey Dickey/ Makena Johnson    | 7th Grade Math Teachers           |
| Shawn Johnson/ Rachel Taylor     | 8th Grade Math Teachers (parents) |
| Garret Lym/ Josh Winder          | Special Education Teachers        |
| Chris Christie/ Kalin Schwab     | 7th Grade ELA Teachers            |
| Stacey Bergeson/ Shain Saberon   | 8th Grade ELA Teachers            |
| Cynthia Merritt/ Amber Summers   | Special Education Teachers        |
| Crystal Engen/ Laurie Cunningham | Informational Literacy Teachers   |

| District School Improvement Representative Name | Position                 |
|---|--------------------------|
| Jason Horsley                                   | Assistant Superintendent |