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"There are risks and costs to action. But they are far less than the long range risks of comfortable inaction." John F. Kennedy



The ACHIEVE 180 initiative is a research-based action plan to support, strengthen, and empower underserved and underperforming HISD feeder pattern communities to increase student achievement.

Best practices from successful school turnaround initiatives, including effective teachers, strong principal leadership, and an environment of high expectations for both students and staff, were incorporated into the plan's guiding pillars.





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DISTRICT GOAL 1

The percentage of students reading and writing at or above grade level from grades 3 through English II will increase by three percentage points annually between Spring 2017 and Spring 2022;

DISTRICT GOAL 2

The percentage of graduates meeting the Global Graduate standards will increase three percentage points annually per year from 2017 up to 85% by 2022; and

DISTRICT GOAL 3

Among students who exhibit below-satisfactory performance on state assessments, the percentage who demonstrate at least one year of academic growth will increase three percentage points annually in reading and in math between Spring 2017 and Spring 2022.



THEORY OF ACTION

If HISD provides a package of essential leadership, instructional, social and emotional, and community supports for our historically underserved and underperforming feeder patterns and school communities, then our schools will be equipped to accelerate preparation of our students to fulfill the qualities and characteristics of the HISD Global Graduate profile.











PILLAR I: LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

Identify and facilitate the assignment of talented leaders who will bring effective instructional leadership skills to each school in order to improve student proficiency in core academic areas. School leaders will receive additional compensation and supports (staffing, professional development, etc.) to encourage retention.

- Principal Profile
- Essential Positions
- Leadership Incentives
- Collaborative School Support







PILLAR II: TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Selective hiring, development, compensation and strategic assignment of talented teachers with the appropriate experience and certification will ensure teacher excellence in every classroom. Teachers are an integral part of developing Global Graduates and improving student growth and achievement.

- Priority Teacher Staffing
- Differentiated Job Posting
- Staff Incentives







PILLAR III: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE

The engagement, acceleration and optimization of learning experiences will allow students to achieve at their highest potential.

- Consistent Curriculum and Instruction
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Calendar of Aligned Formative Assessments
- Uniform Data Tracking
- High Quality Training
- Structured Data Conversations







PILLAR IV : SCHOOL DESIGN

The space and environment where students spend a good deal of their time learning has an effect on how well they learn. Effective school design enables students to become critical thinkers, problem solvers and meaning makers in an environment that encourages active, cooperative and community-based approaches to teaching and learning.

- Extended Work Day for Teachers
- Structured Instructional Time
- Behavioral Expectations
- Cultural Competence
- Master Scheduling
- Blended Learning
- Addressing the Needs of all Students
- Addressing the Needs of Overage Students







PILLAR V: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

The focus on social and emotional learning will be strategic, systematic and completely inclusive of teachers, school leaders and community partners in supporting the social emotional needs of the whole child.

- Teaching the Whole Child
- Global Graduate Profile
- Feeder Pattern Connections
- Wraparound Services







PILLAR VI: FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

The focus of increasing family and community empowerment will be to improve student achievement. The goal is to ensure that all schools are family-friendly learning environments that will increase parent advocacy by encouraging twoway communication from home to school.

- Family Friendly Schools
- Two-Way Communication
- Stakeholder Climate Surveys
- Feeder Pattern Connections



SCHOOLS

PRIMARY GROUP (IR 4-7)			
SCHOOL	FEEDER		
Kashmere HS	Kashmere		
Worthing HS	Worthing		
Wheatley HS	Wheatley		
Blackshear EL	Yates		
Highland Heights EL	Washington		
Woodson K-8	Worthing		
Kashmere Gardens EL	Kashmere		
Dogan	Wheatley		

SECONDARY GROUP (IR 2 & 3)				
SCHOOL	FEEDER			
Henry MS	Sam Houston			
Cook EL	Kashmere			
Lewis EL	Chavez			
Mading EL	Worthing			
Wesley EL	Washington			
North Forest HS	North Forest			
Forest Brook MS	North Forest			
Hilliard EL	North Forest			
Bruce EL	Wheatley			
Cullen MS	Yates			
Edison MS	Austin			
Key MS	Kashmere			
Lawson MS	Madison			
CMartinez EL	Northside			
Young EL	Worthing			
*Yates HS	Yates			

TERTIARY GROUP (IR 1)				
SCHOOL	FEEDER			
Bonham EL	Sharpstown			
Foerster EL	Westbury			
Gallegos EL	Milby			
GregoryLincoln	Heights			
Madison HS	Madison			
Milby HS	Milby			
Washington HS	Washington			
Westbury HS	Westbury			

*A Former Improvement Required (FIR) High School whose primary elementary and middle feeder schools are Improvement Required.



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HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

	STRATEGIES	PRIMARY Improvement Required Years 4-7 8 schools	SECONDARY Improvement Required Years 2-3 16 Schools	TERTIARY Improvement Required Year 1 8 Schools
PILLAR 1	Experienced and effective leadership	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
	Essential positions	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓
	Leadership incentives	\checkmark	\checkmark	
PILLAR 2	Priority teacher staffing	\checkmark		
	Staff incentives	\checkmark	\checkmark	
PILLAR 3	Consistent curriculum implementation, assessment and instruction	\checkmark	\checkmark	~
	Data conversations and data tracking	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
	Adherence to calendar of assessments	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓
	Critical thinking skills	✓	✓	√
	Professional development	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
PILLAR 4	Extended work day for teachers	\checkmark	\checkmark	
	Structured instructional programs - Online Differentiated Instruction Designed to Improve Reading Comprehension - Online Differentiated Instruction Designed to Improve Math	✓	✓	~
	Behavioral Expectations	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓
	Cultural competence	\checkmark	\checkmark	√
	Addressing the needs of all students	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓
	Blended learning	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
	Teaching the whole child	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
PILLAR 5	Global Graduate profile	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
	Feeder pattern connections	\checkmark	✓	✓
	Wrap-Around services	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
PILLAR 6	Family friendly schools	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
	Two-Way communication	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark



INVESTMENT

\$21,787,362 Investment



Pillar I Pillar II Pillar III Pillar IV Pillar V & VI – Central office resources redistributed to support ACHIEVE 180.

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"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." African Proverb