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| **Goal 1: Academic achievement of students with disabilities as measured by state and local assessments in mathematics and English Language Arts will increase 5% in each index by the end of the 2016-2017 school year.**  Objective 1: By March 1, 2017, to improve consistency of implementation across all KISD campuses and to ensure clarity with parents and community, the framework for all Special Education Programs will be strengthened by having clearly written definitions, purposes, and components.  Programs impacted by this goal include: Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD), Skills, Skills 2, Functional Skills, Positive Behavior Support (PBS), Therapeutic Learning Classroom (TLC), Mainstream, Resource, Communication Academic Social Development (CASD), Content Mastery Center (CMC), Visual Impairment (VI), Auditory Impairment (AI), Homebound, and Vocational Adjustment Program (VAP).   * Refine and strengthen the purpose and framework for each Special Education Program. * Provide a comprehensive professional development plan that addresses special education instructional programs. | | | | | |
| Objective 2: By the end of the 2016-2017 school year, all Full Initial/Individual Evaluation (FIEs) and Individual Education Plan (IEPs) will meet district standards of excellence as adopted by the Special Education Department.   * Train KISD special education staff members as appropriate on how to develop exemplary FIEs and IEPs. * Develop district standards of excellence on FIEs and IEPs. * Implement, monitor and evaluate quality of FIEs and IEPs based on the district standards of excellence.   Objective 3: During the 2016-2017 school year, all teachers of students enrolled in special education will refine and strengthen instructional practices through professional development and learning communities.   * Refine and Strengthen expectations for all special education instructional practices, to include the RTI process. * Carry on the collaborative teaching initiative at identified campuses. * Revise professional development plan by the end of February 2017 to include follow up professional development opportunities. | | | | | |
| **Goal 2: Positive, supportive, and professional culture in KISD across general and special education will continue to improve by .2 annually as measured on a weighted scale of 1-4 for each dimension of the K-12 Insight Staff Survey. Component scores currently range from 2.07-3.18.**  Objective 1: Create a culture of excellence that fosters a positive, supportive, and professional environment for student success by increasing communication effectiveness and collaboration opportunities, with and among KISD staff during the 2016-2017 school year.   * Communicate effectively with more transparency and collaboration within KISD. * Increase collaboration opportunities between special programs/special education teachers and general education teachers through PLC implementation.   Objective 2: By the end of the 2016-2017 school year, KISD will identify areas of needed improvement in staffing and will implement processes for providing and retaining highly qualified trained staff that will meet the needs of all children, as evidenced by special education professional development offerings and new staffing guidelines.   * Evaluate current Special Education staffing guidelines and ratios as compared to staffing needs and industry standards. * Develop staffing plans and revise staffing guidelines by the end of May 2017 for implementation. * Explore partnerships with other agencies/institutions to attract trained staff. | | | | | |
| **Goal 3:  Satisfaction and involvement of parents of students with disabilities with KISD special education programs and services will continually increase by .2 annually as measured on a weighted scale of 1-4 on each dimension of the K-12 Insight Parent Survey. Component scores currently range from 2.49-3.06.**  Objective 1: Create a culture of excellence that fosters a positive, supportive and professional environment for student success by increasing parent education and involvement opportunities for parents of students with disabilities by the end of 2016-2017 school year.   * Increase connections and communication between home and school. * Support active parent involvement in campus and district activities related to special education. * Increase parental access to resources and information related to special education. | | | | | |
| **Strategies & Action Steps** | | **Responsibility** | **Timeline** | **Evidence of Implementation** | **Evidence of Impact/ Effectiveness** | **Evaluation** | |
| 1) Refine and strengthen frameworks (definition, purpose, and components) for each Special Education program to include the RTI process and best instructional practices for implementation 2017-2018  (Goal 1, Obj. 1 and Obj. 3) | | Executive Director/Director for Special Education  Program-Specific Teams | March 2017 | Document for each Special Education program with clearly written definitions, purposes, and components including best instructional practices. | Increased academic achievement in mathematics and English Language Arts.  Consistent program implementation  Disciplinary data | Met    Making Progress    No Progress | |
| **Strategies & Action Steps** | | **Responsibility** | **Timeline** | **Evidence of Implementation** | **Evidence of Impact/ Effectiveness** | **Evaluation** | |
| 2) Train Special Education coordinators, evaluators, administrators, and classroom teachers on creating FIEs and IEPs as appropriate  (Goal 1, Obj. 2) | | Executive Director/ Director for Special Education | August 2016 | Sign-in Sheet  Professional Development | Increased academic achievement in mathematics and English Language Arts.  Quality of FIE and IEP Documents  Disciplinary data | Met    Making Progress  No Progress | |
| 3) Develop district Standards of Excellence, exemplar models of FIE and IEPs (e.g., PLAAFP, Annual Goals, Transition Plan, BIP, LRE, AU Supplement) and Special Education folder review rubric  (Goal 1, Obj. 2) | | Executive Director/ Director for Special Education  Special Education District Coordinators | November 2016 | Special education folder review rubric  District standards of excellence  Exemplar models | Increased academic achievement in mathematics and English Language Arts.  Quality of FIE and IEP Documents  Disciplinary data | Met    Making Progress  No Progress | |
| 4) Implement the collaborative teaching initiative at newly identified campuses  (Goal 1, Obj. 3) | | Executive Director/ Director for Special Education  Elementary/Secondary Coordinators for Professional Development | August 2016-August 2017 | Walkthroughs  Schedules  Coaching Schedules  Insight Survey | Increased academic achievement in mathematics and English Language Arts.  Increased capacity of general education and special education teachers. | Met  Making Progress  No Progress | |
| **Strategies & Action Steps** | | **Responsibility** | **Timeline** | **Evidence of Implementation** | **Evidence of Impact/ Effectiveness** | **Evaluation** | |
| 5) Create special program PLCs to increase collaboration amongst special education staff  (Goal 2, Obj. 1) | | Executive Director/ Director for Special Education  Special Education District Coordinators | Quarterly | Agendas  Schedule  Sign in Sheets  Insight Survey | Increased academic achievement in mathematics and English Language Arts.  Positive responses regarding KISD’s culture.  Disciplinary data | Met  Making Progress  No Progress | |
| 6) Increase collaboration opportunities between special programs/special education teachers and general education teachers through PLCs  (Goal 2, Obj. 1) | | Executive Director/ Director for Special Education  Special Education  District Coordinators | Weekly/bi-weekly | Agendas  Schedule  Sign in Sheets  Insight Survey | Increased academic achievement in mathematics and English Language Arts.  Positive responses regarding KISD’s culture  Disciplinary data | Met    Making Progress  No Progress | |
| 7) Revise staffing guidelines and hire new positions as approved  (Goal 2, Obj. 2) | | Executive Director/ Director for Special Education  Human Resource Department | February 2017 | New staffing guidelines published in Administrative Brochure | Updates to KISD staffing guidelines and changes to personnel allocations for Board presentation in early 2017 | Met    Making Progress  No Progress | |

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| 8) Contact and collaborate with local agencies (e.g., universities) to develop partnerships to recruit staff in hard-to-fill areas  (Goal 2, Obj. 2) | Executive Director/  Director for Special Education | October 2016  April 2017 | Priority list compiled for developing partnership agreements | Partnerships established for 2017-2018 school year | Met    Making Progress  No Progress |
| 9) Develop and promote a Parent Resource Center  (Goal 3, Obj. 1) | Executive Director/ Director for Special Education  Parent Educators | August 8, 2016 | Parent Resource Center  Sign-In Log  Insight Survey | Increased satisfaction and involvement of parents of students with disabilities with KISD special education programs and services  Resource utilization | Met    Making Progress  No Progress |
| 10) Provide educational opportunities for parents on services, programs, and strategies to assist special education students  (Goal 3, Obj. 1) | Parent Educators | By end of October 2016; Ongoing | Calendar of professional development opportunities, sign-in Sheets, agendas  Professional development materials Used  Insight Survey | Increased satisfaction and involvement of parents of students with disabilities with KISD special education programs and services  Attendance and feedback at professional development, trainings and participation notes | Met    Making Progress  No Progress |

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| 11) Develop new communication channels by creating a parenting resource center website and calendar of events  (Goal 3, Obj. 1) | Executive Director/ Director for Special Education  Parent Educators  Special Education Technologist | By October 2016; on-going | Web page is up and running  Insight Survey | Increased satisfaction and involvement of parents of students with disabilities with KISD special education programs and services  Parent feedback regarding SPED parent education website  Website usage reports | Met    Making Progress  No Progress |