## North Middle School Academic Goals 2011-12

Content Area	Priority Need	Academic Goal	Measurement Tool	Current Benchmark Data
Reading	Increase the number of proficient/distinguished scores school-wide Challenging EXPLORE-like reading practice Increase reading proficiency Improve reading comprehension Vocabulary Improve the RTI process Create a culture of college /career readiness Informational /Textbook/Practical reading Focused attention on progress of students in resource and co-teaching reading classes	86.40% score proficient/distinguished	K-PREP MAP scores Common Assessments Practice EXPLORE Results	<ul> <li>77.53% scored proficient/distinguished on the 2010-2011 KCCT.</li> <li>41% scored at/above college ready reading benchmarks on EXPLORE 2011.</li> <li>54% of students scored at/above grade level on the winter MAP reading test.</li> </ul>
Content Area	Priority Need	Academic Goal	Measurement Tool	Current Benchmark Data
Math	Increase the number of proficient/distinguished scores school-wide Challenging EXPLORE-like math practice Improve basic math skills Vocabulary Narrow the gap between new and old content standards Improve the RTI process Create a culture of college /career readiness Focused attention on progress of students in resource and co-teaching math classes	83.65% score proficient/distinguished	K-PREP MAP scores Common Assessments Practice EXPLORE Results	<ul> <li>75.48% scored proficient/distinguished on the 2010-2011 KCCT.</li> <li>29% scored at/above college ready math benchmarks on EXPLORE 2011.</li> <li>47% of students scored at/above grade level on the winter MAP math test.</li> </ul>
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Writing/ Mechanics	Increase the number of proficient/distinguished scores school-wide Improve the RTI process Create a culture of college /career readiness Vocabulary Argumentative writing Idea development Organization Transferring basic writing/grammar skills into student writing	50% score proficient/distinguished	K-PREP MAP scores Common Assessments Practice EXPLORE Results	38.12% scored proficient/distinguished on the 2010-2011 KCCT. 69% scored at/above college ready English benchmarks on EXPLORE 2011. 55% of students scored at/above grade level on the winter MAP language usage test.
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Science	Literacy Strategies in the Content Area Improve science reasoning skills Challenging EXPLORE-like science practice Interpretations of graphs, charts, tables	70% score proficient/distinguished	K-PREP Common Assessments	59.10% scored proficient/distinguished on the 2010-2011 KCCT.

Content Area	Hands on experimentsIncrease the number ofproficient/distinguished scores in 7th gradeCreate a culture of college /career readinessVocabularyPriority Need	Academic Goal	Measurement Tool	10% scored at/above college ready benchmarks on EXPLORE 2011. Current Benchmark Data
Social Studies	Literacy Strategies in the Content Area Interpretations of graphs, charts, tables Increase the number of proficient/distinguished scores in 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Create a culture of college /career readiness Vocabulary Using sources effectively Connecting events/Cause and effect relationships/Past to present Basic geography skills Retention of 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> grade social studies content	65% score proficient/distinguished	K-PREP Common Assessments	54.91% scored proficient/distinguished on the 2010-2011 KCCT.

## **Questions to Answer During Your Presentation**

Content Area	What have you done in your school so far this year to move toward achieving your goal?	What are you planning to do differently in your school this semester to achieve your goal?
Reading	Align content to new standards Vertical Teaming Analyze common assessments Writing content folders LTF Lessons Literacy standards in science and social studies	Focus on Test-Taking Strategies Develop Independent work skills Focus on vocabulary Work on Cross-Curricular Strategies through vocabulary Emphasize partnership with South Increase Rewards in an effort to motivate students Literacy standards in science and social studies EXPLORE-like reading practice
Math	Align content to new standards Vertical Teaming Analyze common assessments Writing content folders LTF Lessons Math in Focus at the 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Focus on Test-Taking Strategies Develop Independent work skills Focus on vocabulary Work on Cross-Curricular Strategies through vocabulary Emphasize partnership with South Increase Rewards in an effort to motivate students EXPLORE-like math practice
Writing/Mechanics	Align content to new standards Vertical Teaming Analyze common assessments Writing content folders LTF Lessons Argumentative Writing Research Writing Writing across content areas	Focus on Test-Taking Strategies Develop Independent work skills Focus on vocabulary Work on Cross-Curricular Strategies through vocabulary Emphasize partnership with South Increase Rewards in an effort to motivate students Argumentative Writing Research Writing Writing across content areas EXPLORE-like writing/grammar practice
Science	Align content to new standards Vertical Teaming Analyze common assessments Writing content folders LTF Lessons Incorporate Reading and Writing Standards and Strategies Research and research writing	Focus on Test-Taking Strategies Develop Independent work skills Focus on vocabulary Work on Cross-Curricular Strategies through vocabulary Emphasize partnership with South Increase Rewards in an effort to motivate students More hands-on labs and demonstrations Implementing more real-world applications inside the classroom

		EXPLORE-like science practice
Social Studies	Align content to new standards Vertical Teaming Analyze common assessments Writing content folders Incorporate Reading and Writing Standards and Strategies History Alive Lessons Incorporating maps, charts, and diagrams into lessons	Focus on Test-Taking Strategies Develop Independent work skills Focus on vocabulary Work on Cross-Curricular Strategies through vocabulary Emphasize partnership with South Increase Rewards in an effort to motivate students History Alive Lessons Student involved activities and research