



Plan for Continuous Improvement

SCHOOL: Salem High School DROPOUT RATE

DATE: 09/16/09

VBCPS MISSION: The Virginia Beach City Public Schools, in partnership with the entire community, will empower every student to become a life-long learner who is a responsible, productive and engaged citizen within the global community.

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT: The Salem High School community is united in educating its students for the future by encouraging students to succeed, to achieve, to lead, to excel, and to mature.

VBCPS STRATEGIC GOAL – Compass to 2015: Recognizing that the long range goal of the VBCPS is the successful preparation and graduation of every student, the near term goal is that by 2015, 95 percent or more of VBCPS students will graduate having mastered the skills that they need to succeed as 21st century learners, workers and citizens.

	<p>VIRGINIA SOA REQUIREMENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student Achievement 2. Student / staff Attendance 3. Drop-out Rate 4. Staff Development 	<p>VBCPS OUTCOME FOR STUDENT SUCCESS</p> <p>Our primary focus is on teaching and assessing those skills our students need to thrive as 21st century learners, workers, and citizens. All VBCPS students will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academically proficient; • Effective communicators and collaborators; • Globally aware, independent, responsible learners and citizens; and • Critical and creative thinkers, innovators and problem solvers.
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VBCPS Strategic Objectives

- S01. All teachers will engage every student in meaningful, authentic and rigorous work through the use of innovative instructional practices and supportive technologies that will motivate students to be self-directed and inquisitive learners.
- S02. VBCPS will develop and implement a balanced assessment system that accurately reflects student demonstration and mastery of VBCPS outcomes for student success.
- S03. Each school will improve achievement for all students while closing achievement gaps for identified student groups, with particular focus on African American males.
- S04. VBCPS will create opportunities for parents, community and business leaders to fulfill their essential roles as actively engaged partners in supporting student achievement and outcomes for student success.
- S05. VBCPS will be accountable for developing essential leader, teacher and staff competencies and optimizing all resources to achieve the school division's strategic goal and outcomes for student success.

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Demographic Overview (Briefly summarize background information for understanding the context of the educational process within with in your community. Attach School Report Card for Demographic information)

Salem High School is a comprehensive secondary public school consisting of approximately 1865 students in grades 9-12. The school also houses The Visual and Performing Arts Academy, which accepted its initial group of students in August 2004. The school membership during the 2009-2010 school year reported 792 Caucasians, 689 African Americans, 211 Asian/Pacific Islanders, and 116 Hispanics.

The diversity of the school noted in the configuration of the student population is also mirrored in the composite characteristics of the school's staff, which consists of 40.8 Caucasians, 38.2 African Americans, 11.1 Asian/Pacific Islanders, and 6.9 Hispanics. This configuration reflects the 137 instructional personnel, 55 classified workers, 6 administrative staff members, and 5 individuals considered as others.

The comprehensive efforts of the school's staff assisted with the school achieving AYP and maintaining class sizes that average 24.4 in English, 24 in mathematics, 24.5 in science, and 24 in social studies. Maintaining a safe and orderly environment with adequate class sizes resulted in the school acquiring the not persistently dangerous school status. Salem's spring 2008 SOL percentage passing scores reflected 92.4% in math, 95.0% in reading, 93.8% in writing, 90.0% in science, and 92.2% in social studies. The school's overall attendance percentage for school year 2008-2009 was 95.7%.



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Review and Analysis

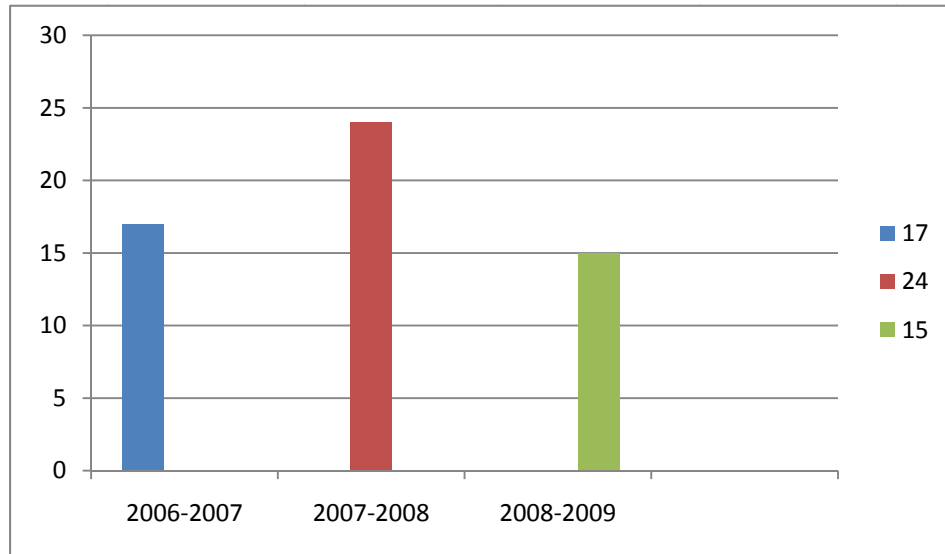
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Review of Data
(Qualitative and quantitative data)

Analysis and Interpretation of Data
(What does the data mean to the school? Identify gaps, list priorities and opportunities for innovation)

Student Dropout Rate



- The number of dropouts decreased by 9 from the 2007-2008 school year.
- The decreased number of dropouts reported for school year 2008-2009 might be attributed to the efforts made by guidance counselors, data tech, and administrators to monitor all students with excessive absences. Reports were provided bi-weekly of students who exceeded six absences. SST meetings were held with the SST team.

PRIORITIES:

- Continue the decrease in the number of dropouts.



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Measurable Objectives

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<p>Focus (Innovation and refinement of needs)</p>	<p>Measurable Objectives (SMART= Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Results Oriented, and Timely)</p>	<p>Performance Measures (What quantitative and qualitative measures will demonstrate the objectives are being met?)</p>	<p>Assigned Action Team</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students dropping out for academic reasons • Students dropping out for attendance reasons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue the decrease of the number of dropouts by 5% for the 2009-2010 school year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly Dropout Report • Final Report from Dropout Task Force in 2009 • Quarterly Marks Analysis by subject, by teacher • Monthly Attendance Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance Department • Barbara Mitchell • Dropout Task Force • Administrative Intervention Team • Student Support Team • Teachers • Attendance Secretary • Data Tech • Parents • Social Worker



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Alignment to School Division Objective:

SO #1

SO #2

SO #3

SO #4

SO #5

School Focus:

Dropout Rate

School Measurable Objective:

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Strategies/Procedures (Describe briefly what will be done to accomplish the goal.)	Assessment (How will progress be measured?)	Targets / Projections	Critical Resources Needed (A collective list of the material needed, staff development, budgetary items and resources to carry out the strategies?)	Point Person or Action Team (List of people who oversee this plan)
Continue to hold SST meetings with all students with excessive absences	SST Meeting Minutes	Decrease dropout rate by 1%	Laptop to conduct and take notes for SST meetings Regularly scheduled days for SST meetings	Admin Data Tech Attendance Secretary Guidance Department

DO Review Cycle:

Weekly

Bi-weekly

Monthly

Bi-monthly

Quarterly

Semi-annually