American Heritage Charter School's Strategic Plan

American Heritage Charter School Mission: American Heritage Charter School strives to create patriotic and educated leaders. We believe in James Madison's statement: "The advancement and diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty."

Strategic Challenges and Root Cause	Strategic Priorities	Strategic Objectives	Measures/Target
Challenges: 75% of our students received 50% or	1.1 Writing	1.1.1 By May 2018, all students will demonstrate improvement in written artifacts based on their individualized goals	1.1.1.1 Capture student growth scores from 6 Traits Rubric
lower in the area of Organization on the ISATS.		1.1.2 By the end of the 2017-18 school year, 80% of students will score a 4 or better in organization and ideas and content using the Six	1.1.1.2 Capture the students' scores on the Six Traits of Writing Rubric.
74% of our students received 50% or lower in the area of Evidence on the ISATS.		Traits of Writing Rubric.	Target: 100% of students will meet individual goals set each short cycle period; 80% 4 or
Root Cause: Time has not been allotted to ensure students can perform well on ISAT writing tests.		Key Strategy: Feedforward, student goal setting, increased time on keyboarding instruction.	better on rubric at end of year in organization and details
There has not been an instructional focus on writing across the curriculum and instructing and evaluating the use of embedded sources in writing			
Students need to be exposed to writing across the curriculum and to embed sources in their writing.			
Challenges: Middle School/High School had 31% of their students proficient on the ISATS.	1.1 1.Mathematics	1.1.1 By the end of the 2018 school year, 80% of the middle school students will meet 80% proficiency in identified grade level mathematical conceptual facts as measured by grade level assessments.	1.1.1.1 Reflex pretest and post test 1.1.1.2 Interim Assessments
Root Cause:		1.1.2 By the end of the 2018 school year, the middle school/high school will increase the amount of students proficient on the ISATS from 31% proficient to 45% proficient.	Target: 80% of students will meet 80% proficiency in identified grade level mathematical conceptual facts.
Lack of conceptual facts and operational skills		Key Strategy: Fact practice, Reflex Pre and Post Tests, Initial and ongoing Interim assessments	Middle School/High School will increase the amount of students proficient on the ISATS from 31% proficient to 45%

Challenges: Elementary teachers have limited knowledge on what blended learning could look like at the elementary level	2.1 Blended Program	2.1.1 By the end of November, research will be done on best practices of blended learning for elementary grades with 100% of teachers reporting they feel comfortable enough to move forward.	2.1.1.1 Perception Data will show teachers are comfortable with Mastery Education at the elementary level.
Root Cause: Students need to learn what owning their education looks like including time management. Elementary Teachers need to understand what Blended Learning would look like in their classroom.		2.1.2 By the end of the first semester, research will be conducted using a small roll out of blended learning in a primary and intermediate grade in one subject area with 100% of these teachers sharing their findings with all elementary teachers. 2.1.3 By the end of the first semester, elementary teachers will have job shadowed secondary teachers, and secondary teachers will have job shadowed elementary teachers	Target: Data will be available to study and determine the extent blended learning worked and to make further adjustments to this process. The information learned from job shadowing will be used to create a 6 th grade transition plan.
		Key Strategy: Small scale implementation of blended learning	
Challenges: AHCS Staff members are unaware of expectations to become a Master Teacher Root Cause:	3.1 Maintaining and building AHCS culture	3.1.1 By the end of the 2017 school year, each teacher will have started their professional portfolios with at least 2 items embedded in each professional strand and have training on leadership premiums.	3.1.1.1 Data collected from Teacher Vitae in each professional strand. 3.1.1.2 Perception Data will show teachers are more aware of items in their portfolios to become a Master Teacher and leadership premiums.
Master Teacher is a new item on the Career Ladder and most teachers have not been given information in this area.		Key Strategy: Feedback to teachers; Teacher Vitae, PD in the area of each Professional Strand	Target: 100% of our teachers will have at least 2 items embedded in each profession strand in their portfolios.

Challenges: Data usage is increasing and AHCS wants to continue to build on using data to drive instruction. Root Cause: Teachers don't have the knowledge of the data to collect and articulate across grade levels.	5.1 Using Data for Improvement	5.1.1 By January 2018 each teacher will apply data analysis training to make decisions about students needing interventions in mathematics and have a data based student intervention plan for students not at 90% proficiency in identified mathematical concepts. 5.1.2 By January 2018, each teacher will apply data analysis training to make decisions about students needing interventions in writing and to have a data based student intervention plan for students not at 4 on the Six Trait of Writing rubric. Key Strategy: Professional Development/ PSDA/ Data Notebooks/ Milepost	5.1.1.1 Proficient on data usage on AdvancEd Rubric; Classroom data notebook for Math and writing 5.1.1.2 Teachers inputting math and writing data into Milepost Target: Meeting the Advanced Rubric for proficiency; 100% of teachers using data notebook in math and writing
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