

Santa Ana Unified School District

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School: Mendez Fundamental Intermediate School

What is your site doing *differently* this year from last year to improve student achievement?

- Implementing a school wide weekly grade and organization check.
- Increased promotion and staff participation in PBIS strategies with the creation of the School Culture Team
- Increased opportunities for enrichment in STEAM, Math and Social Studies.
- Structured, data supported and LCAP aligned support opportunities for students in need by teachers.
- Increased participation of AVID students in the GATE Symposium
- Use of Learning Management Systems such as Canvas by all teachers.
- Daily use of 1:1 Chromebooks in and out of class for all students

What is your site doing this year that is considered *new* to improve student achievement?

- Sixth Grade Summer Bridge Program offered to all incoming sixth grade students promoting AVID strategies, technology and math enrichment.
- Ongoing professional development targeting instructional technology.
- Use of technology such as Khan Academy in math classes.
- Afternoon, evening, and Saturday hours for the library and computer technician on site.
- History Support and Incentive Program.

What is your site doing *more of* this year to improve student achievement?

- Annual LCAP Meetings with parents and community members on site.
- Use of Canvas, Google Classroom, and Weebly and other online interaction with students and integrate blended learning into daily classroom instruction.
- Reduce class size in all Physical Education classes; hired one new P.E. Teacher
- Staff collaboration focusing on interventions with at risk students and support of those students
- Expanded Use of Chromebooks for blended learning and student engagement
- Project-based and inquiry-based learning modules
- Text, voice and email-based parent communication (Parentlink, Cel.ly or Remind 101)
- Teacher attendance of conferences.
- Looking at MAP data to follow student progress

What is your site doing *less of* this year to improve student achievement?

- Using the data tracker due to a move to weekly grade check in agenda.
- Static curriculum due to move to more dynamic online sources
- Paper assignments due to move to Chromebook based assignments

What is your site doing this year that is *innovative* to improve student achievement?

- Seventh grade cross curricular unit based centered on the novel "Echo"
- Preparing our school to become an AVID Demonstration school with full integration of AVID based instruction strategies and best practices.
- Integrating project based learning across the curriculum
- Student participation in STEAM competitions such as Student Space Flight Experiment program and the Rube Goldberg competition.
- Continued use of out 1:1 Chromebooks for all students and iPADS and tablets for project creation
- Blended Learning (*Canvas*)
- Use of AVID resource room by all AVID classes for tutorials