

Santa Ana Unified School District

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School: **McFadden Intermediate**

1. What is your site doing **differently** this year from last year to improve student achievement?
 - Using MAP assessment results to guide instruction
 - School-wide focus on deeper learning, application of concepts and practical skills that relate to real world situations and 21st century skills to prepare students for college and the workplace.
 - Transitioning from learning to identify the correct answer, to the ability to recognize why an answer is the right one and understanding the thought processes which took place to arrive at ascertaining that answer
 - Revised and improved identification process for students most in need of academic interventions and support

2. What is your site doing this year that is considered **new** to improve student achievement?
 - Introducing blended learning strategies and PD for staff
 - Host the WIN Saturday Attendance Program and offering intervention for students
 - Extended Learning opportunities in ELA and Math.
 - New, common core aligned curriculum, lesson delivery and design (District units of study)
 - Professional development from lead teachers on research-based instructional strategies to support common core implementation resulting in more student-centered learning environments
 - Providing Restorative Practices to our School Climate Initiative

3. What is your site doing **more of** this year to improve student achievement?
 - Increased opportunities for academic assistance for all students, in all grade levels and in all subject areas before and after school
 - More opportunities for students to be involved with after school sports
 - Increased hours of access, before and after school to the computer lab for support with research, completing assignments and work on programs such as Accelerated Reader, ST Math, Lexia, ALEKS, and Reading Plus.
 - Identifying and providing support to more students in need of extra motivation and mentoring through the SCOTS program and extended learning opportunities.
 - School wide 1:1 initiative iPad mini allowing access to technology for all students.
 - Teacher PD on Google Apps for Education for students to turn in assignments.

4. What is your site doing **less of** this year to improve student achievement?
 - Less focus on isolated test preparation skills to a focus on knowing the “why” of an answer and the ability to accurately elaborate and reflect upon the process of arriving at an answer
 - Less instructional time lost by students due to reduction of student referrals for minor incidents
 - Less direct instruction in the classrooms

5. What is your site doing this year that is *innovative* to improve student achievement?
- Implementing daily SBAC questions to help students with the paradigm shift to the next generation of academic testing
 - Implemented an innovative robotics elective to the school's offerings as a tangible application of concepts and practical skills that relate to real world situations and 21st century skills
 - Expansion of our STEM program to include engineering, flight and space, forensic science and computer science electives.
 - Introduction of Google classroom and Canvas learning management systems.
 - Instructional team investigating possibility of International Baccalaureate candidacy.