



LRSP Status Report – June 2012

1.07 SMS College and Career Ready SR 2012

Strategic Objective (SO):

1.07 Prepare all students to be College and Career Ready using 21st Century Learning and Teaching.

Topic of Strategic Objective (SO):

College & Career Ready

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In a year, we hope to see the following progress on this strategic objective:

1. Multiple exploratory opportunities for career and college readiness were provided.
2. Community, business and educational representatives presented to students regarding college and career pathways and opportunities.
3. College and career readiness skills are included in all content areas.

PROGRESS SUMMARY

As part of the Long Range Strategic Plan, renewed attention was given to the preparation of students for post-high school education and career opportunities. The World of Work class was a primary location to expose students to career options and preparation. Students were provided instruction in traditional and non-traditional occupations, educational preparation for various careers, and necessary skills to enhance their readiness. A partnership with Junior Achievement also supplemented the learning of the students in economics and business formation. For eighth graders, pathways for college and career readiness were explored throughout the year. The greatest emphasis was focused on transitioning successfully to the high school and beginning to develop an educational track based on interest that would allow a full range of opportunities at graduation. Additionally, speakers were invited into both classes, as well as grade level settings, to expose students to career and educational choices with the intent to build relevance on current learning and laying the foundation for future readiness. An Access class for sixth and seventh graders also explored non-profit organizations, as well as the basic structure for establishing a business. Students interviewed the key people in the organizations, researched the non-profits, and created plans for their own start-up companies.

Continued implementation of the action steps of this plan will be a focus of the upcoming year. Opportunities to further explore career readiness, as well as the pathway for college readiness, will continue to be a priority as we further develop the transitional program to the high school.