

Grand Forks Secondary School 2010-11 Growth Plan

This action plan is based on specific actions being taken by individual departments within the school

Math and Science

1. Action Plan

Goal: To improve student learning through implementation of technology

Strategies:

- Use colleague sharing sessions to collaborate and share teaching strategies related to use of technology
- Develop lessons that increase student participation through their interactions with technology
- Use pro-d opportunities to research and share resources to use with new technology

Measuring Impact:

- Use website counters to track use - for websites that used as a classroom tool, not for websites used for student absences
- Create and distribute a survey at the end of each semester to measure student satisfaction and enthusiasm regarding the new technology

Student Services

1. Action Plan

Goal: To better prepare students for careers after graduation through work experience and career programs

Strategies:

- Implement a work week program
- Increase enrolment of students in SSA program
- Help students access volunteer opportunities
- Implement (unpaid) work experience programs as part of individualized student programs
- Partner with community to establish an Advisory Group of employers
- Identify students to work with on essential skills
- Set up Career exploration opportunities
- Organize employability skills training ie. WHMIS, FoodSafe

English

1. Action Plan

Goal: to improve provincial exam scores by strengthening reading, writing, and oral communication skills

Reading and Viewing

Strategies

- Pre-reading activities
- daily response journal (rubrics)
- text annotation (post-it notes)
- comprehension checks (quizzes)
- technology (Smartboard interaction)

Writing and Representing

Strategies

- using interactive websites
- literary response such as paragraph, essay, powerpoint, posters, models, visual/verbal essays etc. (rubrics: self, peer, facilitator)
- creative writing (rubrics)
- research papers
- journalism
- blogs

Oral Language: Speaking and Listening

Strategies

- speeches (rubrics)
- presentations
- class discussion with actual participation marks based on rubrics

Physical Education

1. Action Plan

Goal: To improve personal fitness levels for all students
To help students develop a healthy lifestyle

Strategies:

- Our department has incorporated rigor into our **regular** P.E. classes by introducing weekly 5km and 6km runs (in addition to existing sustained run and 2km run)
- Fitness Testing 3 times a semester
- Increase opportunities for classes to work together on fitness components...ie team teaching

Social Studies and Second Language

1. Action Plan

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Practical and Fine Arts

1. Action Plan

Goal: To improve student career preparation with a focus on senior students

Strategies:

FIELD TRIPS

- ie: Kal tire, Unifab, Silver King campus, Kootenay School of Art, GF art gallery

MEDIA PRESENTATIONS

- Video presentations
- You tube and other internet “digs” accompanied by worksheet questions and other class room follow-up
- guest speakers
- visits by Community Futures rep re: Starting your own business
- attend career fair/s

CRITICAL SKILLS

- where applicable, all classes in dept. to conduct area specific math review ie: weights and measures, measurement, fractions

SHOWCASING

- performing arts - assemblies/events, concerts, plays
- foods - prepare foods for special events
- visual arts/automotive/welding/woodwork - still want display cases built in main foyer