

Setting Goals...Making Goals



Manchester Community Schools



WE ARE North Manchester, Indiana. We are a rural community serving roughly 1,570 students in our corporation. 50.8% of our students are on Free or Reduced Lunch. Manchester Elementary School was just named a Four-Star School.

OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Currently, 5% of our schools' populations are EL students. Spanish is our largest language spoken, followed by Mandarin Chinese.

OUR TEACHERS Currently, we have 2 EL teachers on staff, including the director. Our staff has been trained on the basics of WIDA and will begin Sheltered Instruction Training in the 2015-2016 school year.

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE Our corporation has developed a new Individual Language Plan (ILP) that will help the teachers see what specific area the EL student might be struggling in. The ILP includes S.M.A.R.T. Goals, which will be defined and set at the end of the school year with the EL Director, EL Teacher and the student's classroom teacher.

These goals are an effective and simple way to help ensure our EL students are mastering and acquiring the English language. These goals are measurable, and can help give direction on where our students need the most assistance. With our teachers being an active part in setting these goals, they will have ownership of the students' needs.

OUR STEPS Our ILPs are completely digitized. This way, our teachers can access them whenever they need. The original ILPs will be printed, signed and filed in the student's permanent file. The S.M.A.R.T Goals will be reviewed before the end of every school year with the current teacher. They will be adjusted annually based on ACCESS scores and teacher input.

"Manchester Community Schools EL Program has made tremendous gains in vertical alignment between all buildings under the leadership of Mrs. Villafaña."—Wesley Mullett, MES Principal

OUR SOURCES



Students working cooperatively and sharing ideas...



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