

Robert Anderson Middle School Title I Strategies/Activities for 2015-2016

*A Full Version of the Title I plan is available at the school

1. Expenditures may include replacements or replacement parts (as needed), charging/syncing carts, protective cases, instructional software applications/subscriptions (ex. My Access, Flocabulary), electronic books, protective cases, as well as, lab materials/supplies such as printer supplies, printer paper, and headphones. Extensive professional development will be provided to teachers in the use of 1:1 technology to enhance instruction and improve academic achievement in grades 6-8.
2. Provide instructional materials in ELA and Math to support SC ELA and math standards in Reading, Writing, and math programs in grades 6-8. Expenditures may include consumable supplies, copier costs, supplemental classroom texts/novels, classroom self-selected reading libraries, supplemental math workbooks, consumable supplies, manipulative, and other content materials to support emphasis on integrated learning in all core content areas. Note on supplanting: The district provides school funds for instructional supplies on an equal per-pupil basis for all schools (including Title I.) Copiers in non-Title I schools are paid using school funds or PTA funds.
3. Provide 9 Teacher(s) @\$25/hour one day/week during school year and four weeks during summer to provide extended day/year program in All Core Subjects for students in grades 6-8 and district bus transportation home from extended day/year program. Bus transportation cost include driver salary (\$1200) and benefits (\$300), and mileage charges (\$3000).
4. Employ 1 Teacher to provide additional academic instruction in Math (Core Plus) in grade(s) 6-8.
5. Consultant with Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence to conduct an evaluation and develop an improvement plan for improving student learning. The assessment includes Administrators, Teachers, Parents, Students, and Staff, followed by three-day on-site validation process which includes Informal Classroom Walkthroughs, Interview Sessions with Parents, Students, Reading Coach, Data Personnel, and Staffers. Additionally, the on-site visit will include the initial exit summary with coaching to provide the administrator with the action plan for improving the school. Additional sessions will be conducted virtually over a three month period to discuss the strategies for implementing the Action Plan. Contract cost includes assessment, on-site visit (includes travel costs), and follow-up.
6. Employ 1 Teacher @ .5 FTE as a curriculum instructional coach to conduct professional development for teachers including follow-up, teach model lessons, observe lessons, provide feedback to teachers, and ensure curriculum alignment with South Carolina standards in grades 6-8.
7. Provide professional development to support School wide academic programs by participating in/attending conferences to support teachers/administrators in instruction/mastery of SC Core Standards conferences/workshops may include AVID Summer Conference (10-15 teachers, Orlando, FL – Site is dictated by strand level required, Furman Teaching Consortium (5), Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence conference -Orlando, FL (2), At-Risk Student conferences (TBD), behavioral intervention (TBD), SC National Middle School Conference – Myrtle Beach, SC (2-3 participants), SC Geographical Alliance Conference (1 teacher) visits to exemplar schools to observe programs (Ron Clark Academy, Atlanta, GA, others TBA). Robert Anderson Middle is a National Avid Demonstration Site and ongoing teacher professional development is required.

Teachers from 6-8 grade(s) will attend. Expenditures may include transportation, registration, food, and lodging.

8. Provide stipends for core academic area certified staff/paraprofessionals (approx 25 staff, 6.5 hours) who engage in professional development beyond their scheduled work hours in 6th-8th grade(s). Select teachers will work with instructional coach to plan AVID activities, instructional sessions, and parent involvement activities.
9. Provide professional development to support School-wide academic programs by providing Core Content Strategies training provided by SREB and/or AVID. Specific training dates/topics TBA. Subject area teachers from grade(s) 6-8 will attend. Consultant/trainer fee is determined by organization and typically ranges from \$2000-\$4000 plus travel expenses.
10. Create, print or copy, and distribute parent-school communications, such as newsletters, brochures, and handbooks for grades 6-8. Expenditures may include: student handbooks, school summary reports, monthly calendars, testing information, announcements, parenting center supplies, refreshments for parent meetings such as Title I planning and parent nights(approx 15-20 participants/per planning meeting), etc.
11. Provide instructional supplies and materials for themed parent night activities, such as 6th grade success night, AVID Night, Technology Night, Math Night, Science Exploration, ELA Night, etc. to involve/inform parents on grade-level standards. Expenditures may include consumable materials used during make-and-take math and reading activities and science experiments, printing costs, refreshments for parent night, and other supplies to carryout parent night themes such as read-aloud books and math manipulatives. Parent/family participation ranges from approximately 100-500.
12. Employ 1 Teacher @ 1.0 FTE as AVID Teacher to provide additional academic instruction and ELA/MATH integration in grades 6-8. Provide supplies/materials to support academic instruction and ELA/MATH integration in the AVID classroom in grades 6-8. AVID is a research based program to enhance core academic instruction and prepare students for more rigorous classes in an effort to prepare at-risk students for college. Supply/Material funds will be used to purchase organizational binders and other instructional supplies such as spiral notebooks, avid pathway books, and mini white boards that are an integral part of the AVID curriculum and strategies.
13. Provide 1 teachers as Interventionist to provide additional academic instruction in small groups in grades 6-8 in ELA and Math.