# **Alachua County Public Schools**

# THE EINSTEIN SCHOOL, INC.



2025-26 Schoolwide Improvement Plan

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### **School Board Approval**

This plan was approved by the Alachua County School Board on Approved by the Board on Tuesday, October 7, 2025.

# **SIP Authority**

Section (s.) 1001.42(18)(a), Florida Statutes (F.S.), requires district school boards to annually approve and require implementation of a new, amended or continuation SIP for each school in the district which has a school grade of D or F; has a significant gap in achievement on statewide, standardized assessments administered pursuant to s. 1008.22, F.S., by one or more student subgroups, as defined in the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), 20 U.S. Code (U.S.C.) § 6311(c)(2); has not significantly increased the percentage of students passing statewide, standardized assessments; has not significantly increased the percentage of students demonstrating Learning Gains, as defined in s. 1008.34, F.S., and as calculated under s. 1008.34(3)(b), F.S., who passed statewide, standardized assessments; has been identified as requiring instructional supports under the Reading Achievement Initiative for Scholastic Excellence (RAISE) program established in s. 1008.365, F.S.; or has significantly lower graduation rates for a subgroup when compared to the state's graduation rate.

# SIP Template in Florida Continuous Improvement Management System Version 2 (CIMS2)

The Department's SIP template meets:

- 1. All state and rule requirements for public district and charter schools.
- ESEA components for targeted or comprehensive support and improvement plans required for public district and charter schools identified as Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI), Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI), and Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI).
- 3. Application requirements for eligible schools applying for Unified School Improvement Grant (UniSIG) funds.

# Purpose and Outline of the SIP

The SIP is intended to be the primary artifact used by every school with stakeholders to review data, set goals, create an action plan and monitor progress. The Department encourages schools to use the SIP as a "living document" by continually updating, refining and using the plan to guide their work throughout the year.

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#### I. School Information

#### A. School Mission and Vision

#### Provide the school's mission statement

The Alachua County School District is committed to the success of every student. The Einstein School is dedicated to creating a rigorous, individualized learning environment for students whose primary disability is a language-based reading disorder.

#### Provide the school's vision statement

The Alachua County School District's vision for our students is that they will graduate with the knowledge, skills, and personal characteristics to be lifelong learners and independent thinkers. We want our graduates to excel in their chosen careers and be productive and contributing members of the global community. The Einstein School hopes to raise the reading level of all of their students so that they may return to the regular public schools and experience the same academic success as other students therefore allowing them to become productive members of society in their chosen fields.

# B. School Leadership Team, Stakeholder Involvement and SIP Monitoring

#### 1. School Leadership Membership

#### **School Leadership Team**

For each member of the school leadership team, enter the employee name, and identify the position title and job duties/responsibilities as they relate to SIP implementation for each member of the school leadership team.

#### **Leadership Team Member #1**

#### **Employee's Name**

Christine Aurelio

msaurelio@emschool.org

#### **Position Title**

Principal

#### **Job Duties and Responsibilities**

Ms Aurelio duties and responsibilities are similar to that of principals in most charter schools. She

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oversees most discipline and behavioral issues with students and staff. She oversees curriculum decisions, hiring and managing of staff and all business decisions related to the general operations of the school as well as board meetings and discussions.

#### **Leadership Team Member #2**

#### **Employee's Name**

Sara Flint

mrsflint@emschool.org

#### **Position Title**

**Assistant Principal** 

#### Job Duties and Responsibilities

Sara Flint, the Assistant Principal, holds a position much like that of an Assistant principal in other schools. Ms. Flint and Ms. Aurelio discuss all discipline issues, student/parent issues and staff related problems that occur daily within the school. They handle these matters jointly as well as many database and front desk matters that happen daily. Ms. Flint is the main database and attendance clerk at the school.

#### **Leadership Team Member #3**

#### **Employee's Name**

Danielle Melchor

msdani@emschool.org

#### **Position Title**

Clerical/Attendance

#### **Job Duties and Responsibilities**

Danielle Melchor enters daily attendance updates in Skyward. She also does enrollment intake, database entry, referral processing and maintains physical CUM records.

#### 2. Stakeholder Involvement

Describe the process for involving stakeholders [including the school leadership team, teachers and school staff, parents, students (mandatory for secondary schools) and families, and business or community leaders] and how their input was used in the SIP development process (20 U.S.C. § 6314(b)(2), ESEA Section 1114(b)(2).

Note: If a School Advisory Council is used to fulfill these requirements, it must include all required

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#### stakeholders.

Weekly teacher meetings are held in order to discuss issues, upcoming events and/or critical needs. All teachers are encouraged to bring ideas, suggestions and solutions to these meetings and are given an equal opportunity to share, lead discussion or bring up topics. At these meetings, teachers develop the focus of their lesson study for the year.

Periodic teacher and parent meetings occur throughout the year to allow parent concerns to be heard and evaluated. At these times, student progress is assessed and discussed as well.

There are also many parent engagement events through Title I and other entertainment and fundraising events that allow for parent contributions to be fulfilled.

Board Meetings that occur throughout the year are publicly advertised and all parents are welcome to attend. At these meetings board members are always welcome to give input and suggestions on school improvement.

Specific meetings are offered at various times at the end of the year to garner parent opinions and suggestions for Title I and School Improvement. A school climate survey is also sent out that can be turned in anonymously.

#### 3. SIP Monitoring

Describe how the SIP will be regularly monitored for effective implementation and impact on increasing the achievement of students in meeting the state academic standards, particularly for those students with the greatest achievement gap. Describe how the school will revise the plan with stakeholder feedback, as necessary, to ensure continuous improvement (20 U.S.C. § 6314(b)(3), ESEA Section 1114(b)(3)).

The School Leadership team, specifically the Principal and Assistant Principal will monitor the effective implementation of research based strategies and programs throughout the school year in order to help students achieve academic standards by monitoring learning gains on progress monitoring FAST tests. Student learning gains on these tests will determine if the SIP needs to be revised. Additionally, the leadership completes a midyear review of progress toward the school improvement plan goals.

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# C. Demographic Data

2025-26 STATUS (PER MSID FILE)	ACTIVE
SCHOOL TYPE AND GRADES SERVED (PER MSID FILE)	COMBINATION 2-8
PRIMARY SERVICE TYPE (PER MSID FILE)	ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION
2024-25 TITLE I SCHOOL STATUS	YES
2024-25 ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED (FRL) RATE	83.0%
CHARTER SCHOOL	YES
RAISE SCHOOL	NO
2024-25 ESSA IDENTIFICATION *UPDATED AS OF 1	CSI
ELIGIBLE FOR UNIFIED SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANT (UNISIG)	
2024-25 ESSA SUBGROUPS REPRESENTED (SUBGROUPS WITH 10 OR MORE STUDENTS) (SUBGROUPS BELOW THE FEDERAL THRESHOLD ARE IDENTIFIED WITH AN ASTERISK)	STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (SWD)*  BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS (BLK)* WHITE STUDENTS (WHT) ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS (FRL)*
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT RATING HISTORY	2024-25: MAINTAINING 2023-24: MAINTAINING 2022-23: 2021-22: MAINTAINING 2020-21:

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# D. Early Warning Systems

#### 1. Grades K-8

#### Current Year 2025-26

Using 2024-25 data, complete the table below with the number of students by current grade level that exhibit each early warning indicator listed:

INDICATOR	GRADE LEVEL									TOTAL
INDICATOR	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL
School Enrollment	0	0	6	18	14	14	16	13	11	92
Absent 10% or more school days	0	0	5	5	3	3	4	8	1	29
One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Course failure in English Language Arts (ELA)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Course failure in Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Level 1 on statewide ELA assessment	0	0	4	10	7	9	11	8	6	55
Level 1 on statewide Math assessment	0	0	5	15	11	13	10	5	6	65
Number of students with a substantial reading deficiency as defined by Rule 6A-6.053, F.A.C. (only applies to grades K-3)	0	0	3	10						13
Number of students with a substantial mathematics defined by Rule 6A-6.0533, F.A.C. (only applies to grades K-4)	0	0	3	10	4					17

#### Current Year 2025-26

Using the table above, complete the table below with the number of students by current grade level that have two or more early warning indicators:

INDICATOR			(	GRAD	E L	EVE	L			TOTAL
INDICATOR	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL
Students with two or more indicators	0	0	5	10	7	9	10	8	6	55

#### Current Year 2025-26

Using the table above, complete the table below with the number of students retained:

INDICATOR			G	RAI	DE L	EVE	L			TOTAL
INDICATOR	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	IOIAL
Retained students: current year	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Students retained two or more times	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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# Prior Year (2024-25) As Last Reported (pre-populated)

The number of students by grade level that exhibited each early warning indicator:

INDICATOR				GRA	DE L	EVE	L			TOTAL
INDICATOR	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL
Absent 10% or more school days				3	3	2	4	6	6	24
One or more suspensions										0
Course failure in English Language Arts (ELA)							1			1
Course failure in Math							1			1
Level 1 on statewide ELA assessment				7	7	11	12	8	8	53
Level 1 on statewide Math assessment				7	8	13	13	7	9	57
Number of students with a substantial reading deficiency as defined by Rule 6A-6.053, F.A.C. (only applies to grades K-3)			5	21						26
Number of students with a substantial mathematics defined by Rule 6A-6.0533, F.A.C. (only applies to grades K-4)				7	8					15

#### Prior Year (2024-25) As Last Reported (pre-populated)

The number of students by current grade level that had two or more early warning indicators:

INDICATOR			(	GRA	DE I	EVE	L			TOTAL
INDICATOR	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL
Students with two or more indicators				9	8	11	12	8	9	57

#### Prior Year (2024-25) As Last Reported (pre-populated)

The number of students retained:

INDICATOR			G	BRAD	DE L	EVE	L			TOTAL
INDICATOR	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL
Retained students: current year				6			1			7
Students retained two or more times				2			2		1	5

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# 2. Grades 9-12 (optional)

This section intentionally left blank because it addresses grades not taught at this school or the school opted not to include data for these grades.

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# II. Needs Assessment/Data Review (ESEA Section 1114(b)(6))

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# A. ESSA School, District, State Comparison

combination schools). Each "blank" cell indicates the school had less than 10 eligible students with data for a particular component and was not calculated for the school. The district and state averages shown here represent the averages for similar school types (elementary, middle, high school or

Data for 2024-25 had not been fully loaded to CIMS at time of printing

		2025			2024			2023**	
ACCOUNTABILITY COMPONENT	SCHOOL	DISTRICT	STATE	SCHOOL	DISTRICT†	STATE	SCHOOL	DISTRICT	STATE
ELA Achievement*	18	53	61	10	50	58	∞	46	53
Grade 3 ELA Achievement	17	60	62	20	51	59	œ	55	56
ELA Learning Gains	43	59	61	43	54	59			
ELA Lowest 25th Percentile	63	53	55	81	50	54			
Math Achievement*	12	54	62	12	55	59	15	52	55
Math Learning Gains	53	58	60	49	62	61			
Math Lowest 25th Percentile	88	49	53	69	55	56			
Science Achievement	20	48	57	19	48	54	18	47	52
Social Studies Achievement*	42	69	74	33	64	72	10	62	68
Graduation Rate		55	72		59	71		66	74
Middle School Acceleration		78	75		76	71		77	70
College and Career Acceleration		32	56		34	54		33	53
Progress of ELLs in Achieving English Language Proficiency (ELP)		59	61		54	59		30	55

<sup>\*</sup>In cases where a school does not test 95% of students in a subject, the achievement component will be different in the Federal Percent of Points Index (FPPI) than in school grades calculation

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Grade 3 ELA Achievement was added beginning with the 2023 calculation

<sup>†</sup> District and State data presented here are for schools of the same type: elementary, middle, high school, or combination.

# B. ESSA School-Level Data Review (pre-populated)

2024-25 ESSA FPPI	
ESSA Category (CSI, TSI or ATSI)	CSI
OVERALL FPPI – All Students	40%
OVERALL FPPI Below 41% - All Students	Yes
Total Number of Subgroups Missing the Target	3
Total Points Earned for the FPPI	356
Total Components for the FPPI	9
Percent Tested	100%
Graduation Rate	

		ESSA	OVERALL FPPI	HISTORY		
2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21**	2019-20*	2018-19
40%	37%	12%	29%	20%		32%

<sup>\*</sup> Any school that was identified for Comprehensive or Targeted Support and Improvement in the previous school year maintained that identification status and continued to receive support and interventions in the 2020-21 school year. In April 2020, the U.S. Department of Education provided all states a waiver to keep the same school identifications for 2019-20 as determined in 2018-19 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Data provided for informational purposes only. Any school that was identified for Comprehensive or Targeted Support and Improvement in the 2019-20 school year maintained that identification status and continued to receive support and interventions in the 2021-22 school year. In April 2021, the U.S. Department of Education approved Florida's amended waiver request to keep the same school identifications for 2020-21 as determined in 2018-19 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# C. ESSA Subgroup Data Review (pre-populated)

	2024-25 ES	SA SUBGROUP DATA	SUMMARY	
ESSA SUBGROUP	FEDERAL PERCENT OF POINTS INDEX	SUBGROUP BELOW 41%	NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE YEARS THE SUBGROUP IS BELOW 41%	NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE YEARS THE SUBGROUP IS BELOW 32%
Students With Disabilities	38%	Yes	6	
Black/African American Students	23%	Yes	6	6
White Students	41%	No		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	27%	Yes	6	6

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# D. Accountability Components by Subgroup

the school. Each "blank" cell indicates the school had less than 10 eligible students with data for a particular component and was not calculated for

				2024-25 A	\CCOUNTAI	BILITY CON	2024-25 ACCOUNTABILITY COMPONENTS BY SUBGROUPS	BY SUBGR	OUPS					Dog
	ELA ACH.	GRADE 3 ELA ACH.	ELA ELA	ELA LG L25%	MATH ACH.	MATH LG	MATH LG L25%	SCI ACH.	SS ACH.	MS ACCEL.	GRAD RATE 2023-24	C&C ACCEL 2023-24	ELP PROGRE\$S	Š
All Students	18%	17%	43%	63%	12%	53%	88%	20%	42%					
Students With Disabilities	10%		43%	70%	6%	54%	85%	0%						
Black/African American Students	9%		38%		3%	55%		8%						
White Students	30%		50%		24%	58%								
Economically Disadvantaged Students	19%		36%		12%	51%		15%						

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1	1	1	1	1		
Economically Disadvantaged Students	White Students	Black/African American Students	Students With Disabilities	All Students		
6%	18%	3%	2%	10%	ELA ACH.	
9%				20%	GRADE 3 ELA ACH.	
49%	50%	41%	42%	43%	ELA	
90%			82%	81%	ELA LG L25%	2023-24
6%	24%	3%	10%	12%	MATH ACH.	ACCOUNTA
49%	62%	31%	42%	49%	MATH LG	вігіту со
			64%	69%	MATH LG L25%	2023-24 ACCOUNTABILITY COMPONENTS BY SUBGROUPS
12%	40%	10%	22%	19%	SCI ACH.	3Y SUBGR
30%		25%	18%	33%	SS ACH.	ROUPS
					MS ACCEL.	
					GRAD RATE 2022-23	
					C&C ACCEL 2022-23	
					ELP PROGRE\$S	

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Economically Disadvantaged Students	White Students	Black/African American Students	Students With Disabilities	All Students		
5%	13%	4%	7%	8%	ELA ACH.	
				8%	GRADE 3 ELA ACH.	
					LG ELA	
					2022-23 ELA LG L25%	
9%	30%	4%	18%	15%	ACCOUNT MATH ACH.	
					ABILITY C MATH LG	
					OMPONEN  MATH  LG  L25%	
7%	31%	0%	17%	18%	2022-23 ACCOUNTABILITY COMPONENTS BY SUBGROUPS  ELA MATH MATH SCI SS LG ACH. LG L25% ACH. ACH.	
				10%	3GROUPS SS ACH.	
					MS ACCEL.	
					GRAD RATE 2021-22	
					C&C ACCEL 2021-22	
					ELP	

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# E. Grade Level Data Review – State Assessments (prepopulated)

The data are raw data and include ALL students who tested at the school. This is not school grade data. The percentages shown here represent ALL students who received a score of 3 or higher on the statewide assessments.

An asterisk (\*) in any cell indicates the data has been suppressed due to fewer than 10 students tested or all tested students scoring the same.

			2024-25 SP	PRING		
SUBJECT	GRADE	SCHOOL	DISTRICT	SCHOOL - DISTRICT	STATE	SCHOOL - STATE
ELA	3	17%	54%	-37%	57%	-40%
ELA	4	29%	55%	-26%	56%	-27%
ELA	5	7%	52%	-45%	56%	-49%
ELA	6	13%	55%	-42%	60%	-47%
ELA	7	31%	56%	-25%	57%	-26%
ELA	8	9%	54%	-45%	55%	-46%
Math	3	0%	55%	-55%	63%	-63%
Math	4	14%	58%	-44%	62%	-48%
Math	5	7%	50%	-43%	57%	-50%
Math	6	13%	49%	-36%	60%	-47%
Math	7	23%	60%	-37%	50%	-27%
Math	8	18%	27%	-9%	57%	-39%
Science	5	21%	47%	-26%	55%	-34%
Science	8	18%	47%	-29%	49%	-31%
Civics		46%	66%	-20%	71%	-25%

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# III. Planning for Improvement

# A. Data Analysis/Reflection (ESEA Section 1114(b)(6))

Answer the following reflection prompts after examining any/all relevant school data sources.

#### **Most Improvement**

Which data component showed the most improvement? What new actions did your school take in this area?

The area of most improvement was math learning gains with the students in the lowest quartile which increased from 69% to 88%. According to the data, our lowest quartile student performance is higher than the state average in both ELA and Mathematics. During the 24-25 school year, we provided small groups with additional staff, changed staffing assignments, and increased the data resources available to teachers.

#### **Lowest Performance**

Which data component showed the lowest performance? Explain the contributing factor(s) to last year's low performance and discuss any trends.

Science, Social Studies, and ELA achievement for all students each have a three year upward trend. However, Mathematics was unchanged at 12% and down from 15% in 22-23. Last year, a new teacher took over math instruction for 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade.

#### **Greatest Decline**

Which data component showed the greatest decline from the prior year? Explain the factor(s) that contributed to this decline.

The data component with the greatest decline was Science achievement for students with disabilities. The three year trend for all students in science achievement is increasing. The students with disabilities subgroup went down from 22% to 0%. Due to the fact that science achievement is only measured in fifth and eight, grade year to year comparisons of subgroup performance is based on a low number of students in the data set.

#### **Greatest Gap**

Which data component had the greatest gap when compared to the state average? Explain the factor(s) that contributed to this gap and any trends.

The data reflects the largest gap between the school and the state for 24-25 is the Math achievement component. This content area has a new instructor.

#### **EWS Areas of Concern**

Reflecting on the EWS data from Part I, identify one or two potential areas of concern.

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Students with less than 90% attendance continues to be an area of concern. As a specialized setting, students can not benefit from our interventions when they are not in attendance.

#### **Highest Priorities**

Rank your highest priorities (maximum of 5) for school improvement in the upcoming school year.

Decrease the number of students with less than 90% attendance.

Increase ELA and Math achievement.

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## B. Area(s) of Focus (Instructional Practices)

(Identified key Area of Focus that addresses the school's highest priority based on any/all relevant data sources)

#### Area of Focus #1

Address the school's highest priorities based on any/all relevant data sources.

ESSA Subgroups specifically relating to Students With Disabilities (SWD), Black/ African American Students (BLK), Economically Disadvantaged Students (FRL)

#### **Area of Focus Description and Rationale**

Area of Focus Description and Rationale: Include a description of your Area of Focus for each relevant grade level, how it affects student learning and a rationale explaining how it was identified as a crucial need from the prior year data reviewed.

For the 24-25 school year, our overall FPPI rose to 40% however Students with Disabilities, Black/ African American Students, and Economically Disadvantaged Students continue to be below the 41% threshold. All three subgroups have been below 41% for 6 consecutive years. Our black/African American students and our economically disadvantaged students have been under 32% for 6 consecutive years. ELA and Math achievement for all students are the two accountability components with the lowest percent of students reaching grade level scores.

#### **Measurable Outcome**

Measurable Outcome: Include prior year data and state the specific measurable outcome the school plans to achieve for each relevant grade level. This should be a data-based, objective outcome.

By the end of the 25-26 school year, ELA achievement will increase by 2% for all students and our three underperforming subgroups. All students from 18% to 20%, with an increase from 10% to 12% for SWD, 9% to 11% for black/African American students, and 19% to 21% for economically disadvantaged students.

By the end of the 25-26 school year, Math achievement will increase by 2% for all students and our three underperforming subgroups. All students from 12% to 14%, with an increase from 6% to 8% for SWD, 3% to 5% for black/African American students, and 12% to 14% for economically disadvantaged students.

#### Monitoring

Monitoring: Describe how this Area of Focus will be monitored for implementation and impact to reach the desired outcome.

Teachers and administrators will use FAST PM1 and PM2 data to identify students targeted intervention including students on the cusp of level 3. Ongoing monitoring will allow teachers to make timely changes for intervention groupings.

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#### Person responsible for monitoring outcome

Sara Flint

#### **Evidence-based Intervention:**

Evidence-based intervention: (May choose more than one evidence-based intervention.) Describe the evidence-based intervention (practices/programs) being implemented to achieve the measurable outcomes in each relevant grade level and describe how the identified interventions will be monitored for this Area of Focus (20 U.S.C. § 7801(21)(A)(i) and (B), ESEA Section 8101(21)(A) and (B)).

#### **Description of Intervention #1:**

Provide intensive, systematic instruction on up to three foundational reading skills in small groups to students who score below the benchmark score on universal screening. Typically, these groups meet between three and five times a week, for 20 to 40 minutes.

#### Rationale:

According to Assisting Students Struggling with Reading: Response to Intervention(Rti) and Multi-Tier Intervention in the Primary Grades, this practice shows strong evidence of effectiveness.

#### **Tier of Evidence-based Intervention:**

Tier 1 – Strong Evidence

#### Will this evidence-based intervention be funded with UniSIG?

Yes

#### **Description of Intervention #2:**

Provide systematic instruction during intervention to develop student understanding of mathematical ideas.

#### Rationale:

According to Assisting Students Struggling with Mathematics: Intervention in the Elementary Grades, this practice shows strong evidence of effectiveness.

#### Tier of Evidence-based Intervention:

Tier 1 – Strong Evidence

#### Will this evidence-based intervention be funded with UniSIG?

Yes

#### **Action Steps to Implement:**

Action step(s) needed to address this Area of Focus or implement this intervention. Identify 2 to 3 action steps and the person responsible for each step.

#### **Action Step #1**

Small Groups for ELA

#### Person Monitoring: By When/Frequency:

Christine Aurelio Ongoing throughout the year

# Describe the Action to Be Taken and how the school will monitor the impact of this action step:

Students will receive intensive systematic instruction in foundational reading skills. Intervention will be delivered by NOW trained paraprofessionals or teachers daily. The effectiveness of this action will be measured by an increase in ELA learning gains and achievement.

#### **Action Step #2**

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Small Groups for Math

**Person Monitoring:** 

Christine Aurelio

By When/Frequency:

Ongoing throughout the year

Describe the Action to Be Taken and how the school will monitor the impact of this action step:

Students will receive systematic instruction during small group intervention to develop student understanding of mathematical ideas. The effectiveness of this action will be measured by in increase in Math learning gains and achievement.

# IV. Positive Learning Environment

#### Area of Focus #1

Student Attendance

#### **Area of Focus Description and Rationale**

Include a description of your Area of Focus for each relevant grade level, how it affects student learning and a rationale explaining how it was identified as a crucial need from the prior year data reviewed.

Research supports that a positive culture and environment is tied to improving attendance rates. Any absence, excused or unexcused is missed instructional time. As a specialized school setting, improving attendance rates is crucial because our academic interventions can not be effective for students that are not present to receive them.

#### **Measurable Outcome**

Include prior year data and state the specific measurable outcome the school plans to achieve for each relevant grade level. This should be a data-based, objective outcome.

During the 24-25 school year, 32% of all students had attendance rates below 90%. This represents 30% of students in sixth, seventh, or eighth grade and 25% of elementary students. By the end of the 25-26 school year, we will reduce the number of students with less than 90% attendance rates to 25% in middle grades and to 15% in elementary grades.

#### **Monitoring**

Describe how this Area of Focus will be monitored for the desired outcome. Include a description of how ongoing monitoring will impact student achievement outcomes.

This area of focus will be monitored by monthly attendance data reviews. Ongoing monitoring provides the opportunity for early intervention. The earlier a student's attendance improves the more time teachers have to provide instruction, intervention and enrichment.

#### Person responsible for monitoring outcome

Sara Flint

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#### **Evidence-based Intervention:**

Evidence-based intervention: (May choose more than one evidence-based intervention.) Describe the evidence-based intervention (practices/programs) being implemented to achieve the measurable outcomes in each relevant grade level and describe how the identified interventions will be monitored for this Area of Focus (20 U.S.C. § 7801(21)(A)(i) and (B), ESEA Section 8101(21)(A) and (B)).

#### **Description of Intervention #1:**

Attendance Works Recommendation: 3 Tiers of Intervention Foundational strategies are practices for the whole school that promote positive conditions for learning. When positive conditions are in place, students are more likely to attend and be engaged. Tier 1 strategies are aimed at encouraging better attendance for all students and at preventing absenteeism before it affects achievement. Tier 2 interventions are designed to remove barriers to attendance for students at greater risk of chronic absenteeism, such as those who missed 10% of the school year. These students and families should receive personalized attention as part of the engagement strategy. Tier 3 interventions provide intensive support to students missing the most school.

#### Rationale:

Research shows students that miss more school than their peers have lower standardized scores. Using a tiered approach to attendance intervention provides targeted support to our most at risk students while providing a metric to identify students with declining attendance rates for early intervention.

#### Tier of Evidence-based Intervention:

Will this evidence-based intervention be funded with UniSIG?

#### **Action Steps to Implement:**

Action step(s) needed to address this Area of Focus or implement this intervention. Identify 2 to 3 action steps and the person responsible for each step.

#### **Action Step #1**

Daily Absence List

Person Monitoring: By When/Frequency:

Danielle Melchor by 2 pm daily

# Describe the Action to Be Taken and how the school will monitor the impact of this action step:

Absences will be tracked daily by Danielle Melchor and sent to Sara Flint for follow-up with families. Effectiveness of this action will be measured by a decrease in daily absences and an increase in excusal notes provided to the school.

#### Action Step #2

Contact by staff

Person Monitoring: By When/Frequency:

Sara Flint weekly

# Describe the Action to Be Taken and how the school will monitor the impact of this action step:

Families with students identified for Tier 2 intervention based on prior year attendance or current attendance will be contacted by text message or phone call. The effectiveness of this action will be measured by a decrease in absences for these students.

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#### Action Step #3

Individualized Attendance Plan

Person Monitoring: By When/Frequency:

Sara Flint Monthly

Describe the Action to Be Taken and how the school will monitor the impact of this action step:

Families with students identified for tier 3 attendance intervention will meet with Mrs. Flint and develop a personalized attendance plan. The effectiveness of this action will be measured by an improved attendance rate for targeted students.

#### Area of Focus #2

Other: Family Engagement

#### **Area of Focus Description and Rationale**

Include a description of your Area of Focus for each relevant grade level, how it affects student learning and a rationale explaining how it was identified as a crucial need from the prior year data reviewed.

In order to improve student outcomes, the role of family involvement can not be overlooked. In addition to instructional practices to support our students in the classroom, we also want to enlist parents and guardians to take an active role in their child's education. Research shows that student outcomes improve when families are involved. This is a crucial need because our students are struggling learners. The stronger we can make the home and school partnership the better we can serve our students.

#### **Measurable Outcome**

Include prior year data and state the specific measurable outcome the school plans to achieve for each relevant grade level. This should be a data-based, objective outcome.

No Answer Entered

#### Monitoring

Describe how this Area of Focus will be monitored for the desired outcome. Include a description of how ongoing monitoring will impact student achievement outcomes.

This area of focus will be monitored by reviewing family survey input monthly. The desired outcome is a increase in guardians checking student progress in Skyward between grading periods. This allows teachers, students and parents to address areas of weakness prior to course failure.

#### Person responsible for monitoring outcome

Sara Flint

#### **Evidence-based Intervention:**

Evidence-based intervention: (May choose more than one evidence-based intervention.) Describe the

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evidence-based intervention (practices/programs) being implemented to achieve the measurable outcomes in each relevant grade level and describe how the identified interventions will be monitored for this Area of Focus (20 U.S.C. § 7801(21)(A)(i) and (B), ESEA Section 8101(21)(A) and (B)).

#### **Description of Intervention #1:**

Research shows that when schools and families support each other, students of all backgrounds and abilities achieve at higher levels. The Einstein School will designate a family liaison to communicate upcoming assessments, reminders and support in accessing grade information, as well as conversation prompts about current learning topics.

#### Rationale:

According to Texting Parents: Evaluation Report and Executive Summary, communication about upcoming assessments, grades, attendance, and current learning topics resulted in improved attendance rates and math scores.

#### **Tier of Evidence-based Intervention:**

Tier 1 – Strong Evidence

Will this evidence-based intervention be funded with UniSIG? Yes

#### **Action Steps to Implement:**

Action step(s) needed to address this Area of Focus or implement this intervention. Identify 2 to 3 action steps and the person responsible for each step.

#### **Action Step #1**

Family Liaison Communication

Person Monitoring: By When/Frequency:

Christine Aurelio Quarterly

# Describe the Action to Be Taken and how the school will monitor the impact of this action step:

The family liaison will send a weekly summary with upcoming assessments and information about checking grades in the student management system. Additionally, the liaison will provide support for families who need assistance with SIS access or navigation. The impact of this action will be monitored by reviewing the frequency of family assess log ins.

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# V. Title I Requirements (optional)

## A. Schoolwide Program Plan (SWP)

This section must be completed if the school is implementing a Title I, Part A SWP and opts to use the SIP to satisfy the requirements of the SWP plan, as outlined in 20 U.S.C. § 6314(b) (ESEA Section 1114(b)). This section of the SIP is not required for non-Title I schools.

#### **Dissemination Methods**

Provide the methods for dissemination of this SIP, UniSIG budget and SWP to stakeholders (e.g., students, families, school staff and leadership, and local businesses and organizations). Please articulate a plan or protocol for how this SIP and progress will be shared and disseminated and to the extent practicable, provided in a language a parent can understand (20 U.S.C. § 6314(b)(4), ESEA Section 1114(b)(4)).

List the school's webpage where the SIP is made publicly available.

A copy will be placed in the parent resource notebook in the Family Resource Center in our Front office, it will be posted on the website and discussed in the Title I comprehensive needs review meetings at the end of the year.

www.emschool.org

#### Positive Relationships With Parents, Families and other Community Stakeholders

Describe how the school plans to build positive relationships with parents, families and other community stakeholders to fulfill the school's mission, support the needs of students and keep parents informed of their child's progress.

List the school's webpage where the school's Parental Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) is made publicly available (20 U.S.C. § 6318(b)-(g), ESEA Section 1116(b)-(g)).

The Einstein School is a small learning community where students have the same teachers as they progress from each grade rather than getting a new team of teachers every year. Students, families and teachers get to know each other well over time and specifically through individualized student enrollment, new student meetings, consistent Title I family involvement opportunities and other extracurricular activities like Fall Festival, book fairs and open houses. Weekly newsletters inform parents of these events as well as the school Facebook page.

Individual parent, teacher and student meetings are held throughout the year especially because so many of our students have IEPs or 504 plans. Teachers have data chat meetings with students to discuss their progress as well. Progress reports, reports cards and IEP goals are all shared with

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parents and Open Houses are scheduled around these times so that parents can meet with teachers to discuss concerns.

The school's website is www.emschool.org

#### Plans to Strengthen the Academic Program

Describe how the school plans to strengthen the academic program in the school, increase the amount and quality of learning time and help provide an enriched and accelerated curriculum. Include the Area of Focus if addressed in Part II of the SIP (20 U.S.C. § 6314(b)(7)(A)(ii), ESEA Section 1114(b)(7)(A)(ii)).

Because we now have Title I funding, we have increased the amount of intervention time that students get in small groups within math and reading. Reducing the student teacher ratio and the amount of small group time strengthens and enriches the academic opportunities our students have for achievement and remediation which they all greatly need.

Our school already has more minutes in the school day than required every day of the week and does not have one shortened day like our district. Rather than extending the school day even more, we have opened our summer school program to more students in need of remediation in elementary rather than just for students who did not pass a course.

#### How Plan is Developed

If appropriate and applicable, describe how this plan is developed in coordination and integration with other federal, state and local services, resources and programs, such as programs supported under this Act, violence prevention programs, nutrition programs, housing programs, Head Start programs, adult education programs, career and technical education programs, and schools implementing CSI or TSI activities under section 1111(d) (20 U.S.C. § 6314(b)(5) and §6318(e)(4), ESEA Sections 1114(b)(5) and 1116(e)(4)).

As previously mentioned, we are using Title I funds to achieve a smaller student to teacher ratio and more small group interventions. This year CSI funds will also be used to provide intervention services to targeted students.

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## B. Component(s) of the Schoolwide Program Plan

#### Components of the Schoolwide Program Plan, as applicable

Include descriptions for any additional, applicable strategies that address the needs of all children in the school, but particularly the needs of those at risk of not meeting the challenging state academic standards which may include the following:

#### Improving Student's Skills Outside the Academic Subject Areas

Describe how the school ensures counseling, school-based mental health services, specialized support services, mentoring services and other strategies to improve students' skills outside the academic subject areas (20 U.S.C. § 6314(b)(7)(A)(iii)(I), ESEA Section 1114(b)(7)(A)(iii)(I)).

The Einstein School participates in the Mental Health Plan offered by our district. This ensures that our staff has access to the required Youth Mental Health trainings and provides us with school-based mental health services and supports.

#### **Preparing for Postsecondary Opportunities and the Workforce**

Describe the preparation for and awareness of postsecondary opportunities and the workforce, which may include career and technical education programs and broadening secondary school students' access to coursework to earn postsecondary credit while still in high school (20 U.S.C. § 6314(b)(7)(A)(iii)(II), ESEA Section 1114(b)(7)(A)(iii)(II)).

The Einstein School serves students in 2nd through 8th grade. We do not offer any career or technical training programs although we do work very hard to educate our middle school students on the magnet programs offered throughout our county in high school so that they might choose something that helps them along this path. Our eighth graders participate in a structured career planning unit of study where they explore career options including the coursework/training requirements for their areas of interest.

#### Addressing Problem Behavior and Early Intervening Services

Describe the implementation of a schoolwide tiered model to prevent and address problem behavior and early intervening services coordinated with similar activities and services carried out under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. § 6314(b)(7)(A)(iii)(III), ESEA Section 1114(b)(7)(A)(iii)(III)).

We have the student code of conduct which outlines our behavioral expectations and discipline policy. We have a positive behavioral intervention system that uses school wide monetary system and good citizenship awards. Students can use the school money to purchase out of uniform days, participate in raffles and auctions as well as a variety of other things.

#### **Professional Learning and Other Activities**

Describe the professional learning and other activities for teachers, paraprofessionals and other

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school personnel to improve instruction and use of data from academic assessments, and to recruit and retain effective teachers, particularly in high-need subjects (20 U.S.C. § 6314(b)(7)(A)(iii)(IV), ESEA Section 1114(b)(7)(A)(iii)(IV)).

Every teacher and paraprofessional is trained in the NOW program which is the research based program used to teach decoding skills and the crux of our school program. All teachers are highly qualified and have attended professional development on quality IEP development as well as use of data. ELA and Mathematics teachers have attended trainings on the Florida B.E.S.T. standards.

#### **Strategies to Assist Preschool Children**

Describe the strategies the school employs to assist preschool children in the transition from early childhood education programs to local elementary school programs (20 U.S.C. § 6314(b)(7)(A)(iii)(V), ESEA Section 1114(b)(7)(A)(iii)(V)).

The Einstein School is for students from grades 2 through 8. We do not serve Pre K students.

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### VI. ATSI, TSI and CSI Resource Review

This section must be completed if the school is identified as ATSIor CSI (ESEA Sections 1111(d)(1)(B)(4) and (2)(C) and 1114(b)(6).

#### Process to Review the Use of Resources

Describe the process you engage in with your district to review the use of resources to meet the identified needs of students.

In order to identify strategies with strong evidence, we reviewed practice guides and recommendations from What Works Clearinghouse.

#### **Specifics to Address the Need**

Identify the specific resource(s) and rationale (i.e., data) you have determined will be used this year to address the need(s) (i.e., timeline).

#### Resource

Assisting Students Struggling with Reading: Response to Intervention (Rti) and Multi-Tier Intervention in the Primary Grades

- Provide intensive, systematic instruction on up to three foundational reading skills in small groups to students who score below the benchmark score on universal screening. Typically, these groups meet between three and five times a week, for 20 to 40 minutes.
- Providing Reading Interventions for Students in Grades 4-9
- Build students' decoding skills so they can read complex multisyllabic words.
- Provide purposeful fluency-building activities to help students read effortlessly.
- Routinely use a set of comprehension-building practices to help students make sense of the text.

#### Rationale

Our students are all struggling readers and this recommendation fits our school model.

Plan to address needs

Intervention groups will begin once baseline data is available for groupings. Groupings will be adjusted based on classroom and PM data.

#### Resource

Assisting Students Struggling with Mathematics: Intervention in the Elementary Grades

- Systematic Instruction: Provide systematic instruction during intervention to develop student understanding of mathematical ideas.
- Mathematical Language: Teach clear and concise mathematical language and support students' use of the language to help students effectively communicate their understanding of mathematical concepts.
- Representations: Use a well-chosen set of concrete and semi-concrete representations to

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support students' learning of mathematical concepts and procedures.

Rationale

We know our students benefit from small groups for the delivery of intervention.

Plan to address needs

Intervention groups will begin once baseline data is available for groupings. Groupings will be adjusted based on classroom and PM data.

Resource

Texting Parents: Evaluation Report and Executive Summary

Rationale

Research shows that when schools and families support each other, students of all backgrounds and abilities achieve at higher levels.

Plan to address needs

The Einstein School will designate a family liaison to communicate upcoming assessments, reminders and support in accessing grade information, as well as conversation prompts about current learning topics.

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# VII. Budget to Support Areas of Focus

Check if this school is eligible for 2025-26 UniSIG funds but has chosen NOT to apply.

No

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