

CARL SANDBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our Commitments and Our Plans

2009-2010

Education: The Road to Success

Sandburg is committed to academic excellence in a nurturing and stimulating environment. We encourage and support a diligent work ethic, lifelong learning, exploration of creative arts, respect for diversity, and responsible citizenship.



In support of this mission, Sandburg staff and community focus on four key objectives (our core four):

1. Improving the **academic achievement** of all students.
2. Increasing **student engagement** in learning, especially through instructional **technology**.
3. Achieving a **positive school climate** through development and implementation of strategies that will promote social, emotional, physical, and intellectual well-being.
4. Enhancing and supporting whole-child growth through the **middle school concept**.

Sandburg Core Values and Beliefs

As students we bring:

- Diversity of needs/perspectives
- Desire to be active learners
- Commitment to a safe environment
- Interest in responsible citizenship

As teachers we bring:

- Dedication to students and subject
- Use of instructional best practices
- Collaboration for student success
- A rigorous learning experience

As a community we bring:

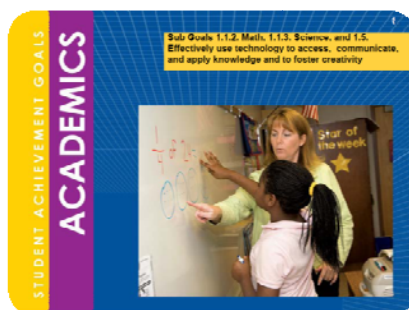
- Partnerships for student success
- Support for the school mission
- Focus on student achievement
- Focus on our students' future

As administrators we bring:

- Assurance of a safe/secure school
- Monitoring of student learning
- Support for teacher collaboration
- Open communication about students

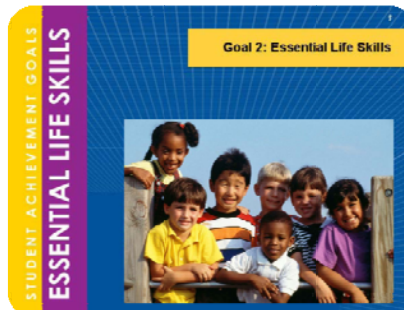
We show these commitments in three areas:

Academics, Essential Life Skills, and Responsibility to the Community



What We're Doing in '09-10

- High engagement strategies
- Better use of achievement data
- Increased use of eCart
- More intervention classes
- Student Support Team
- Student Recognition Events
- Relationship-building with kids



What We're Doing in '09-10

- SAW Time/advisory
- Focus on PBS
- More classroom technology
- More AVID, ESOL, and Special Education services
- American School Counselor Association RAMP certification



What We're Doing in '09-10

- Expanded opportunities for Service Learning
- Find Your Inner Courtyard
- After School Program
- MWAA 20th Anniversary
- National Network of Partnership Schools