PATRIOT OAKS ACADEMY

2026-27 School Improvement Plan | School Board Summary

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AT-A-GLANCE

Current School Grade	A
5-Year Grade Trend	A-A-A-A-A
ELA Achievement (Schoolwide)	84%
Math Achievement (Schoolwide)	91%
ELA Learning Gains (Schoolwide)	69%
Math Learning Gains (Schoolwide)	78%

SIP AREAS OF FOCUS

READING LEARNING GAINS

Measurable Outcome: Increase K-2 Reading Learning Gains from 89% to 91% and 3-8 Reading Learning Gains from 73% to 76%.

Action Steps:

- Engage in systematic PLC cycles to analyze data, set team SMART goals, and implement targeted instructional responses.
- Utilize MTSS Core Team to review Tier I literacy data and recommend interventions.
- Monitor progress via Model PLC Guiding Coalition and FAST Progress Monitoring.

MATHEMATICS LEARNING GAINS

Measurable Outcome: Increase K-2 Math Learning Gains from 86% to 88% and 3-8 Math Learning Gains from 78% to 80%.

Action Steps:

- Analyze FAST and standards-based data in PLCs to set team SMART goals.
- MTSS Core Team to evaluate core instruction and identify barriers to success.
- Implement differentiated instruction and targeted interventions based on diagnostic data.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (SWD) GROWTH

Measurable Outcome: Increase SWD Reading Learning Gains from 52% to 55% and Math Learning Gains from 63% to 66%.

Action Steps:

- Collaborative planning between general education and ESE teachers in PLCs.
- MTSS Core Team to regularly review SWD performance data and intervention effectiveness.
- Utilize diagnostic assessments (DRA/QRI) for targeted small-group support.

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CELEBRATIONS & SUCCESSES

Highlight key achievements, recognitions, programs, and milestones.

- Internationally Recognized as a Professional Learning Community (PLC) Model School
- Character Counts Exemplary School 2026
- Florida Power Library School 2026
- PBIS Silver Award 2026
- Best Buddies Florida Rookie Chapter of the Year 2026
- 4-H Speech Contest Winner 2026
- 4x Consecutive Boys Volleyball District Champions
- Defending Boys and Girls Basketball District Champions
- T-Highest Attendance Rate in SJCSD

WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL UNIQUE

Describe the unique attributes, culture, programs, and opportunities that set our school apart.

Simply put, the relationship that Patriot Oaks Academy has with the Durbin and Middlebourne communities is unparalleled. There is a reason we consistently have one of the highest attendance rates in St. Johns County. We work intentionally to build and maintain trust with our families and community while collaborating to ensure that every child learns at the highest levels.

Patriot Oaks Academy is a truly inclusive school where our ACCESS students learn, serve, and thrive alongside their general education peers. We believe that every student belongs, and that commitment is reflected daily in our classrooms, hallways, and school culture.

Our "Good Chargers" are more than just students. They are leaders, problem-solvers, and active contributors to our school and community. Through programs such as WEB, PBIS, student leadership, and numerous service-learning opportunities, our students help create a culture that is meaningful, supportive, and distinctly their own.

Our students collect clothing for those experiencing homelessness, prepare food for families in need, package more than 10,000 meals for refugees, clean local beaches, perform at State Thespian Festivals, share original student-composed music with the City of St. Augustine, cultivate gardens while learning about horticulture, and serve as mentors through our "Bigs and Littles" programs. These experiences help our students understand that learning extends beyond the classroom and that service to others matters.

Patriot Oaks Academy is a cornerstone of our community because we do more than simply state our mission, "We are committed to every student, every day." We live it. We are committed not only to our students, but also to families, caregivers, staff, and community partners. We strive to do the right thing, even when no one is watching, because that is the foundation of trust, character, and excellence.

What makes Patriot Oaks Academy unique is not any one program or achievement. It is the collective commitment of students, staff, families, and community members working together to create a place where everyone belongs, everyone contributes, and everyone grows.

We are Chargers!

SIP AREAS OF FOCUS

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS ACCELERATION

Measurable Outcome: Increase Middle School Mathematics Acceleration rate from 86% to 90%.

Action Steps:

- Identify essential standards and develop common formative assessments in PLCs.
- Implement systematic intervention and enrichment for accelerated students.
- Provide professional learning focused on mathematics acceleration.

AMBASSADOR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

Measurable Outcome: Be internationally recognized as an Ambassador Model Professional Learning Community by 2027-2028.

Action Steps:

- Engage in recurring cycles of collective inquiry in PLCs.
- Align team SMART goals with schoolwide improvement goals.
- Guiding Coalition to facilitate professional learning and build leadership capacity.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Measurable Outcome: Increase average daily attendance from 93% to 94% and reduce chronic absenteeism by 10%.

Action Steps:

- Consistently implement Capturing Kids' Hearts and Character Counts! practices.
- MTSS Core Team to review data and develop targeted interventions for chronic absenteeism.
- Collaborate with families to address barriers to attendance.