SEBASTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

2026-27 School Improvement Plan | School Board Summary

St. Johns County School District | 629 Students | Title I: Yes

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AT-A-GLANCE

Current School Grade	A
5-Year Grade Trend	A - A - A - B - B ←
ELA Achievement (Schoolwide)	69%
Math Achievement (Schoolwide)	65%
ELA Learning Gains (Schoolwide)	59%
Math Learning Gains (Schoolwide)	61%

SIP AREAS OF FOCUS

MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION (TIER 1 & FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT)

Measurable Outcome: Increase overall Math proficiency from 65% to 67%, with gains across Grades 6–8 on PM3.

Action Steps:

- Train teachers to develop and analyze CFAs using GradeCam.
- Use real-time data to guide co-teaching and small-group differentiation.
- Provide push-in Tier 1 and Tier 2 support through a math-certified tutor.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACCELERATION

Measurable Outcome: Increase Middle School Acceleration participation and pass rate from 81% to 90% in 2026–27.

Action Steps:

- Use FAST and classroom data to identify students for math acceleration.
- Monitor accelerated student progress quarterly and adjust supports.
- Use conferences and interim reports to ensure continued success.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (SWD) ACHIEVEMENT

Measurable Outcome: Close the SWD achievement gap by 5%, increasing ELA proficiency to 41% and Math to 35% by Spring 2027 PM3.

Action Steps:

- Provide co-teaching & support facilitation for SWD students in ELA/Math.
- Training in formative assessment, small-group instruction, & teacher clarity.
- Use weekly ESE/Gen Ed co-planning.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE & SOARING CULTURE

Measurable Outcome: Reduce chronic absenteeism by 3% across Grades 6–8 during the 2026–27 school year.

Action Steps:

- Implement SOAR expectations through the schoolwide PBIS Rewards system.
- Review attendance weekly and provide counselor support for at-risk students.
- Reinforce on-time attendance through classroom commitments and family engagement.

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CELEBRATIONS & SUCCESSES

Highlight key achievements, recognitions, programs, and milestones.

SMS continues to SOAR, celebrating three consecutive years as an "A" Rated School and recognition as a Cognia Certified STEM School. Students thrive through innovative STEM electives, including Intro to Technology, Engineering, Aerospace, and Digital Discoveries, along with exceptional performing and fine arts programs and extracurricular opportunities.

WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL UNIQUE

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

What sets SMS apart is our comprehensive STEAM approach and strong SOARING culture. Through the integration of the Engineering and Design Process across all subject areas, students develop critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and real-world problem-solving skills. With a wide range of academic, elective, and high school credit courses, SMS provides meaningful opportunities to explore interests and build college and career readiness. At the heart of our school is a shared SOARING Culture, reinforced through classroom SOAR Collective Commitments that inspire every student to grow, lead, and become a proud SOARING Eagle.