

***Mickle Middle School
Safe & Responsive Schools
Team Summary and Plan 2001-2002***

Mickle Goals for 2001-2002:

- Team members complete school practices survey & come to consensus
- Administer safety survey to students, parents, and staff
- Use the information obtained for the surveys to prioritize and select several target areas to address during current school year

Vision statement:

The Safe & Responsive School Team will review current practices & programs at Mickle Middle School that promote a safe & responsive educational environment. The team will evaluate the benefit of implementing other interventions as a result of this self-analysis and the Safe Schools Survey administered to a sample of parents, students and teachers.

The Mickle SRS team, consisting of 10 members, each individually completed the School Practices survey and then discussed this as a group at which time they compiled a group consensus. Parents were invited to complete the Safety Survey during parent-teacher conferences. Shortly after, students and staff also completed a web-based version of the survey. One hundred seventeen parents, 337 students, and 52 staff completed the survey. Results indicated that in general all feel that school is a safe place overall. After reviewing the survey results, the SRS team agreed that there seemed to be consistency in concerns of all groups. The major concerns centered around bullying and harassment with significant other issues being drugs and alcohol issues, weapons, and the need to provide an environment in which students feel comfortable conveying their concerns to an adult.

The team also discussed other sources of data including the perceptions of the team members, and other earlier surveys related to drug and alcohol use. Teachers had expressed a need for a more unified school discipline program during the year, and this had been discussed in some staff meetings and in-service sessions.

Based on the results of the team's consensus from the school practices survey as well as the Safety Survey, and other data, the Mickle team read fact sheets provided by the university project staff on these topics to help in planning to address these issues. The team also previewed several videos that focused on bullying and discussed possible uses at school.

In January, the team determined that they would like to undertake implementation of the "School-Wide Organizational Plan" that Mickle School was developing in conjunction with Dr. Ron Nelson, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The staff had heard Dr. Nelson speak and felt his ideas would assist them in addressing the behavior management needs which teachers had expressed earlier. As a result, involvement with this plan would be a vehicle in which some of issues identified by the SRS team could be addressed.

Goals for 2002-2003

As a result of the activities during 2001-2002 school year, the Mickle team identified several goals to be the focal point for next year's activities. These were:

- Undertake implementation of the "School-wide Organizational Plan"
- Develop and implement an anti bullying program during the year
- Develop and implement activities to address student use of drugs and alcohol