



Evidence of Progress Monitoring
School District of Indian River County
#SDIRCStrongerTogether

Date: 10/20/2020

School/Department: Gifford Middle

Action Step #
and Description: #1.14 African American Student Council
(If more than one action step is evidenced here, please include all action step #'s and a brief description of each.)

Explanation of Evidence: GMS has had an AASC for the past two years, called Achievers in Action. This is a service club that focuses on Academics, Service and Character. As stated in the Purpose portion of the club description the goal is to foster an interest by exposure to higher level education.

Results of Action Taken: The students will have a better understanding of what the requirements are to become leaders within their school and local community.

Reflection: Due to the restriction that are in place in many educational facilities, all trips or educational experiences have been put on hold until further notice. Therefore, the AASC will focus on academics, service and leadership within their school community.



ACHIEVERS IN ACTION/(AASC)

As a result of the decline of minority and disadvantaged young men and women in our colleges and universities, many educators have felt a need to provide their time and assistance to these young people in an effort to stimulate interest in higher education. Thus around 1984, **Achievers in Action**, a service club at Vero Beach High School was formed. Its main purpose is to provide exposure and educational experiences to minority and disadvantaged students in an effort to stimulate their interest in the pursuit of higher educational goals. As a result of this exposure it is hoped that the pursuit of higher education will truly make them productive members of our free society.

Purpose: The **Achievers in Action** is an organization for young men and women and its purpose is to provide students with the exposure necessary in an effort to stimulate interest in the pursuit of higher educational goals. It establishes a firm foundation so that young men and women can realize their full potential and become productive members of our free society through higher education.

OBJECTIVES

1. To develop character and self-awareness among young men and women.
2. To develop an appreciation for the worth and dignity of others.
3. To demonstrate the qualities of a well-mannered individual by being courteous and polite.
4. To become aware of school rules and regulations and to adhere to them to the fullest.
5. To develop a greater appreciation for school, by respecting school officials and fellow students.
6. To develop leadership qualities by encouraging others to adhere to school rules and policies.
7. To become socially adjusted through participation in activities and social functions.
8. To acquire knowledge and skills necessary to appreciate one's talents.
9. To develop to the fullest extent possible individual creative talents.
10. To develop and understand and appreciation for the role of the family as the basic unit in our society.

GOALS

1. To motivate and raise levels of expectation for minority students.
2. To increase the number of minority students enrolled in advanced courses.

3. To increase the number of minority students in the top 10% in academic achievement.
4. To increase test scores for minority.
5. To increase the number of minority students enrolling in colleges and universities.

CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of **Achievers in Action**, I agree to abide by the ten (10) basic rules of the Code of Conduct. The ten (10) rules of conduct are as follows:

1. To devote time, thought, and study to the pursuit of my educational goals.
2. To work with fellow students in a spirit of harmony and cooperation regardless of differences of opinion.
3. To be able to make personal decisions based upon prescribed rules and regulations and accept the decisions of the majority.
4. To resist every temptation and outside pressure to engage in Drugs, Alcohol, and Acts of Misconduct which might be deemed unacceptable.
5. To develop my individuality to an extent that I can grow and develop to my fullest potential.
6. To work with the community at large and devote my time and energy to its improvement.
7. To support and abide by the rules and regulations of the school and encourage others to do so.
8. To develop love for my country and a respect for the institutions and values which we hold dear.
9. To acquire knowledge, understanding and appreciation for our Democratic institutions, and responsibilities and privileges of citizenship.
10. To develop an appreciation for my Family and Friends and work to produce an atmosphere of mutual respect.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITIES

Some of the college and universities we would like to visit include:

1. Bethune-Cookman University – (B-CU/Daytona Beach)
2. Florida A & M University – (FAMU/Tallahassee)
3. Florida State University – (FSU/Tallahassee)
4. Florida Memorial University– (FMU/Miami)
5. Florida International University – (FIU/Miami)
6. University of Miami – (UM/Miami)
7. University of Florida – (UF/Gainesville)
8. University of South Florida – (USF/Tampa)

9. University of Central Florida – (UCF/Orlando)