

Highland Park Elementary International Baccalaureate  
Primary Years Program (PYP)

2015-2016

## School Comprehensive Improvement Plan (SCIP) Summary

All Saint Paul Public Schools are required to complete a School Comprehensive Improvement plan, otherwise known as a SCIP. This is a living document that we use to strategically plan for continual improvement in student achievement and school climate. Since the SCIP is extensive, we provide this summary for our families of three major focus areas. If you are interested in viewing the entire SCIP go to our website, [highlandel.spps.org](http://highlandel.spps.org).

Highland Park Elementary Mission:

At Highland Park Elementary we encourage international-mindedness by empowering students to take action and to become lifelong learners through collaboration, inquiry and critical thinking.

### **Reading**

Highland Elementary has made steady growth in reading achievement for our students. Despite these steady gains, there exists an achievement gap between our students of color and our Caucasian students. Strategies to work to closing the achievement gap and raise the proficiency in reading for ALL students includes interventions support through Reading Corp Volunteers; reading support by classroom teachers with small

groups of students based on current diagnostic data; and the use of community volunteers working with small groups of students. Highland Elementary Staff work to provide reading text of high interest, related to our PYP and instructionally appropriate for each student.

## **Math**

While Highland Elementary has made gains in math achievement for our students, there still exists a significant achievement gap. All Highland Park Elementary staff will be teaching Math Expressions as the math curriculum for all students. Students will receive small group support on targeted skills from license teachers.

## **Equity**

Students of color are not achieving academic proficiency at the same rate as their Caucasian peers. Highland Park Elementary staff continue to work on the equity goal which focuses our efforts on accelerating academic achievement for our students of color.

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