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RCA MISSION:

To deliver the highest quality educational experience where global citizens are born through advanced rigor, engaging teaching methods, and a passionate climate and culture.

RCA VISION:

To be the best school in the world by demonstrating transformative methods and techniques that are embraced and replicated everywhere



The Ron Clark Academy will...

Foster an atmosphere where students, parents, staff, and community members work together to create a family environment for our learners.

Be a school that inspires academic excellence, leadership, collaboration, and a world-class education for our students.

Teach in ways that promote creativity, innovation, wonder, joy, and a passion for learning.

Embrace RCA's motto: No Fear!

Demand academic rigor and set high expectations for every learner.

Follow *The Essential 55* and create a culture with high levels of discipline, manners, and respect.

Cultivate students who will become global leaders and citizens by teaching them about the world and by traveling with them to see it firsthand.

Ensure that we have classes that are composed of students with varied academic, social, emotional, and economic backgrounds.

Seek to enroll a large number of students who would not otherwise have the academic opportunities that the Ron Clark Academy can provide.

Celebrate diversity and different cultures.

Strive to find the best, brightest, most passionate educators from across the country to teach in our classrooms.



STRATEGIES AND TEACHING THAT STUCK WITH MPSD TEACHERS – AH MOMENTS

The most memorable class was Ron Clark's math class with the students. Ron Clark interact with students using hand signs and when writing on the board he never turned his back to the students - unknown

One thing that stuck was the POSITIVITY of the teacher... also teacher microphones are very effective I have one. - Mittovshok

"If you could choose a classroom/school, would you choose your own?"- Kim Bearden "Don't make excuses for why kids can't learn come up with solutions!" - K. Riley

My greatest take away from the RCA experience was to hold students t higher standards, make them accountable, and to create a family! All things that make a great teacher. -Danyelle Cooper

The first thing one must do when engaging with students is to create a relationship that transfers into family. G.Jackson

> Individuality engagement - C. Bradford

My takeaway was the positive relationship between the teachers and the student. Also, would I choose myself as a teacher. -Donnah Rodgers

Call response with all classes was phenomenal! Class routines well-followed! -Mary Bodenhamer

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I took that the power of having a positive attitude can affect the class so much. -Justin Hoskins

Having students moving while you gather materials. Keeping the positive energy up -Katherine Young

Don't let "salt" people drain your vibes of what you want to do. Use more chants, cheers, music, and movement. Use more eye contact. -Boulden

> Reaffirm parents move. -Sara Smith

Dream Big Fearlessly! Don't worry about teacher bullying. Just DO IT! -Rachelle Christian

We put weird demands on students that we don't put on ourselves. -Spencer

Building relationships- Melissa Brown

Student engagement, relationships, classroom themes (decor), student excitement energy conversations with students. -Crystal Triplett



CHARGE: Be positive about athematics and serve a true math influencer cancels out the re impression our has about math.



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Hear parents out about issues, let them speak. Seek to understand, learn, and let go. -Blaine Stiger

> Gaines some contacts with experienced colleagues. -Matt Duprel

> Build Relationships with parents, Music, and Games - Jennifer

> > Parent involvement; more music -Lauro

Use referee hand signals for teaching punctuation through physical movement. - Rushing

Always smile. Greeting, firm handshake look in the eye. Family- house system. Be passionate. -Mothershead

We should challenge our students, expect more, and create a safe atmosphere to give and receive articulate feedback. Stop "wussifiying" our children America. -David Graves

STRATEGIES TEACHERS PLAN TO IMPLEMENT

Donnah Rodgers

Home visits. I think with a connection between the parent and teacher, together we can work to make sure the student does not return to ALC.

Jennifer Thibodeaux

More energy- build a stronger class family. Beginning Monday I plan to meet my students at the door and greet them, as opposed to just being in the norm greeting them. * also music, music, music, "shark bait"- to get them back together, and track the speaker.

Crystal Triplett

I do not have a class this semester since I am full inclusion, so I can't go in and restructure another teacher's classroom. However, I will greet ALL students with a smile, encourage eye contact, and work harder at developing and maintaining relationships. I will begin these things

Monday morning! Emily Lauro

More active teaching color- make kids excited (paint room). More positive phone calls <u>Rachelle Christian</u> Whole Brain Teaching <u>Cymone Bradford</u> More interactive lesson, more visible praise, and chants

Melissa Neese

Use gesture picture and turn and talk for voc. Have every child stand and face peers when speaking and politely agree and disagree - 4 weeks





Spencer

Plan to allocate funds for classroom microphones for teachers. Doing a professional development on the six principles of effective communication.

Glover Jackson

Give students a word

Give them the definition of the word without a dictionary Have students discuss examples of the word for 30 seconds Exit ticket: have students write a sentence using the new word.

<u>K. Riley</u>

Conduct more research on "whole brain teaching" for my teachers. Create a list of strategies to build relationships to share with teachers and ask them to select one for implementation (and I will come to observe).

Mary Bodenhaven

I'm a teapot buffing over with plans. I definitely want to implement the calls from students to a speaking student to encourage each other. Also I have several ADD kids i want to use the drums with them to give them an energy outlet<u>and to encourage them to pay attention. I want to work harder on</u> making sure I speak to every child and make eye contact. I want to avoid turning my back on my class and keep my feet facing them. I will have pics of my students and their families.

Boulden

More Music, chants, cheers, and movement. I am going to try to have more energy when I teach.

STRATEGIES TEACHERS PLAN TO IMPLEMENT

Katherine Young

Incorporate more music/chants to increase student retention at skills. Stand at the door and greet students. Start making eye contact with all students.

<u>Justin Hoskins</u>

I plan on ensuring I am more positive and try to be more energetic in the classroom. I think this is a goal and will make a difference in my classes. Be positive about my job! Create more positive relationships with parents. Cherie Mothershead

Overall more positivity- smiling. Inclusion- look in eye, flexible answering verbal feedback, positive/correct peer feedback. Learning Strategies- positive, eye, handshake response, peer feedback, music, movement

<u>K Rushing</u>

Chants to draw students back to focus. Write and research more chants "Return return no time to burn!" Music in class when entering and greet at door.

<u>Unknown</u>

Become a runner again! Use a microphone. Find a method to teach my kids how to communicate.





NEXT STEPS

- CREATE THE ESSENTIAL TIGER WAY.
- CREATE A WORKING GROUP OF ALL MPSD RON CLARK ATTENDEES – FACILATATED BY CURRICULM & COMMUNICATIONS.
- DENS DISTRICT WIDE
- EXPLORE AND CREATE MEANINGFUL PARENT ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY.
- INCREASE THE RIGOR
- INCREASE ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES. I.E. SUMMER CAMPS SUMMER READING, ETC.
- HOST WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS TO LEARN HOW TO COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY WITH PARENTS.
- TRANFORM/DECORATE CLASSROOMS.









THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY!!

QUESTIONS??

