

## Barack and Michelle Obama School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP)



At Barack and Michelle Obama Elementary, we believe that it's our responsibility to maximize the education of our scholars. It is our mission to inspire all scholars to reach high levels of academic and social achievement and become future leaders through a collaborative system of support. One of the tools we use to continually improve our school toward that mission is the district SCIP (School Continuous Improvement Plan) process. In our SCIP document, we review our school-wide data and create a strategic multi-year plan specific to Barack and Michelle Obama Elementary.

	<p><b>Culturally Responsive Instruction (CRI)</b> Culturally Responsive teachers create learning environments <b>that meet students learning needs by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bringing Native language into classroom</li> <li>• Understanding students' core history and culture</li> <li>• Bringing community culture into the classroom</li> <li>• Involving students' families</li> </ul>	<p><b>2021-2022 School Improvement Goals (SCIP)</b> <b>Barack and Michelle Obama staff will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build &amp; maintain authentic relationships with families, students &amp; colleagues.</li> <li>• Increase rigor in classroom curriculum for all students by holding high expectations for everyone.</li> <li>• Encourage everyone to show up as their authentic selves.</li> <li>• Transform the learning environment so that it relates to students' experiences, interests and backgrounds.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Reading</b> Daily reading engagement looks like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading lessons</li> <li>• Writing lessons</li> <li>• Word Study</li> <li>• Phonics (grades k-2)</li> <li>• Words their Way (grades 3-5)</li> </ul>	<p><b>This year, our SCIP focuses on implementing Guided Reading groups for all k-5 students.</b> Guided Reading is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small groups of students (usually 4-5) who are reading at a similar level, meet with their teacher twice/week.</li> <li>• Each week, the group will focus on one book, chosen and presented by the teacher.</li> <li>• Students learn and practice reading strategies, discuss what they read, complete word work, and practice writing.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Math</b> Daily math involvement looks like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaging hands-on with mathematics</li> <li>• Discussing math concepts</li> <li>• Writing math equations</li> <li>• Debating math solutions (multiple ways to solve a problem)</li> </ul>	<p><b>This year, our SCIP focuses on implementing Math Small Groups for all K-5 students.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small groups of students (usually 4-5) who are needing similar math skills work with their teacher.</li> <li>• Small groups focus on one skill, chosen and presented by the teacher, weekly.</li> <li>• Students learn and practice math strategies, discuss procedures, complete skills work, and practice the math skill.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Family Engagement-<a href="mailto:Ericka.Dennis@spps.org">Ericka.Dennis@spps.org</a></b> Family Engagement at Barack and Michelle Obama Elementary looks like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining clear lines of communication</li> <li>• Welcoming families/volunteers into classrooms</li> <li>• Engaging monthly school events</li> <li>• Providing conferences that meet family needs</li> <li>• Partnering with families to create school plans &amp; the School-Family Agreement</li> </ul>	<p><b>This year the School-Family Agreement (Compact)</b> Barack and Michelle Obama Elementary is committed to increasing family engagement through frequent, authentic communication with families through various communication streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SeeSaw &amp; Schoology accounts</li> <li>• Weekly Friday take home folders,</li> <li>• Periodic "check-in" notes, emails</li> <li>• Weekly class newsletters</li> <li>• Monthly school newsletters</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Student Engagement</b> At Barack and Michelle Obama Elementary Student Engagement looks like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missing no more than 1 day of school per month and arrive no later than 7:30.</li> <li>• Displaying actions and words display active participation and engagement in class.</li> <li>• Ignoring distractive actions and words that aren't beneficial to the learning environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeking out new tasks, independently.</li> <li>• Practicing mental strategies for getting unstuck.</li> <li>• Utilizing strategies and practices for tackling a new task. Thinking through difficult mental processes with temporary support from the teacher.</li> </ul>