



Watch School Proposal Review - Site Summary

Reviews for: LA Academy Middle School

	Reviewer	Overall Rating	Recommended?	Comments
<p>WATCH SCHOOL: LA Academy MS</p>	Reviewer A	Well-Developed	YES	<p>The following points demonstrate that Los Angeles Academy Middle School is headed in the right direction: Los Angeles Academy Middle School has shown a 44 point increase in API in the last year. They have momentum and their plan is well-written, easy to read, and addresses areas of concern. The plan identifies several research-based strategies for student achievement. Multiple data sources were analyzed in the writing of the plan, as cited above. The plan also addresses the team’s leadership, history, experiences and successes working with the community it will serve.</p>
	Reviewer B	Well-Developed	YES	<p>The LA Middle School proposal is aligned with best practice and the school’s mission. Strategies match the needs of the student population. They have a plan for developing the capacity of their staff especially developing their knowledge and skills to effective use data and generate data that demonstrates student learning. The plan also has structures to sustain the plan by inducting new teachers, using an existing resource, Tuesday PD time, as an opportunity for common planning and developing common formative and summative assessments and developing a system of distributed leadership and teacher leaders. The writing team includes many accomplished individuals and the commitment of the administrator to harness the capacity of the teacher leaders at the site.</p> <p>Concern: Clear plan for differentiating and implementing RTI and the effective strategies to address diverse populations are there but there is lack of focus on targeting the specific subgroups. It was challenging to read this proposal because information is scattered in different sections. It will help focus your implementation if you make sure you have pulled out all the things, for example, you want to do for parent involvement. You need this before you can move to plan your implementation.</p>