

**2008-2009 School Improvement Plan Summary
Nicholson Elementary School**

<p>Section 1. Strengths and Accomplishments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implementation of an extended kindergarten day for 10 At-Risk Students. ▪ Focus on student and staff recognition with S.O.A.R. awards ▪ Implemented Curriculum Night in lieu of Parent conversations ▪ Implemented Parent Advisory Council ▪ Implemented additional instructional time for reading interventions for 4th and 5th Grade students based Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy. ▪ Parent-student Reading Nights with mini-lesson instruction from Reading First Coach and Reading Interventionist. ▪ Nicholson made AYP in 2007-2008 ▪ 6% overall increase in Reading and Math scores on ISAT
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<p>Section 2. Challenges</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increasing parental involvement with Parent Advisory Council. ▪ Cultivate a home-school connection with the Jericho Circle Community. ▪ Continue to work with PBIS implementation on school bus. ▪ Continue to work with transportation on coordinating activity buses to increase participation in after school activities.
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Section 3. Goals	Activities
<p>1. Increase reading and math scores on ISAT from previous year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Year 3 of Reading First Model ▪ All grade levels utilizing DIBELS ▪ Implement and monitor Saxon Math pilot program at 3rd Grade.
<p>2. Decrease major and minor discipline infractions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PBIS / S.O.A.R. students recognized monthly ▪ Implementation of Nurtured Heart Approach ▪ Implement S.O.A.R. on school buses.
<p>3. Increase Technology Use with Staff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tutorial with Interactive Report Card ▪ Staff integration of technology into curriculum with Science, Reading, and Math. ▪ Monthly Newsletters posted on website