



Breakthrough Partnership with Educentric: A Case Study from South Bend, Indiana

District Overview

The South Bend Community School Corporation (SBCSC) is a vibrant district with 30 schools serving a diverse student population. However, many schools face challenges such as low test scores, high chronic absenteeism, and economic disadvantages. During the 2023-24 school year, two of its schools -- Kennedy Academy and LaSalle Academy-- embarked on a transformative journey by partnering with an Educentric Accountability Navigator (School Improvement Coach) to generate breakthrough performance.

Kennedy Academy: A Beacon of Growth

Kennedy Academy is an elementary school in South Bend, Indiana, serving around 520 students from kindergarten to 5th grade.

Student/Teacher Ratio: 17:1

Number of Students: 520

Racial Breakdown:

- White: 35.2%
- African American: 32.1%
- Hispanic: 23.3%
- Two or more races: 7.5%
- Asian: 1.5 %
- American Indian: 0.4%

Remarkable Results

In the 2023-2024 school year, Kennedy Academy's team embraced the concept of 'singular focus,' generated impressive results with the guidance of an Educentric school improvement coach:

- **ILEARN English Language Arts:** Third-grade proficiency soared from 41.3% to 49%.
 - **ILEARN Math:** Third-grade scores jumped from 45.7% to 55.1%.
 - **Fourth-Grade Math:** Achievement increased from 47.1% to 55.5%.
 - **Statewide Ranking:** The school climbed from 341st to 320th, now ranking better than 68.3% of Indiana elementary schools.
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Kennedy Academy surpassed district averages—achieving 50.54% proficiency in English Language Arts. This transformation showcases how focusing on the school’s most important metric and continuous coaching can lead to breakthrough performance.

LaSalle Academy: Reaching New Heights

LaSalle Academy is a public middle school in South Bend, Indiana, serving 488 students in grades 6-8.

Student/Teacher Ratio: 13:5

Number of Students: 488

Racial Breakdown:

- White: 37.3%
- Hispanic: 28.1%
- African American: 24.0%
- Two or more races: 9.2%
- Asian: 1.4%

Profound Impact

LaSalle Academy leveraged the same strategic partnership with an Educentric school improvement coach and implemented the singular focus framework, resulting in:

- **ILEARN English Language Arts:** Seventh-grade achievement skyrocketed from 65.6% to 80.1%.
- **ILEARN Math:** Scores jumped from 31.6% to 51.8%.
- **Statewide Ranking:** LaSalle Academy leaped from 50th to 21st, ranking in the top 5% of Indiana middle schools.

With an impressive Average Standard Score of 94.24 and 80.47% of students proficient in English Language Arts, LaSalle has become a model of excellence—earning a 5 Star Ranking from SchoolDigger. This targeted approach has unified staff efforts and significantly enhanced student outcomes.

Performance Metrics

- **English Language Arts Proficiency:** 80.47% at LaSalle compared to 21.88% for the district.
 - **Math Proficiency:** 51.63% at LaSalle versus 16.57% for the district.
 - **Overall Ranking:** 21st out of 485 Indiana middle schools, earning a 5-star rating.
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A Lasting Partnership for Success

The South Bend Community School Corporation has recognized the transformative potential of partnering with Educentric and has committed to continuing this collaboration for the 2024-2025 school year. Educentric guarantees measurable improvements within the first year. If goals aren't met, we offer a second year of coaching at no additional cost, underscoring our dedication to sustainable success.

Our experienced Accountability Navigators (school improvement coaches) work closely with school leadership teams, providing tailored, ongoing support through weekly virtual meetings. This collaborative approach ensures that each school receives the personalized guidance needed to drive meaningful, lasting change.

Join Us in Achieving Breakthrough Results

To explore how Educentric can help your school achieve breakthrough results, visit www.educentric.org or email us at info@educentric.org. Let's work together to unlock your school's full potential with our proven strategies and results-driven coaching.