

North-Northwest Side High School Network 5039 N Kimball Ave Chicago, IL 60625

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Mission Statement

Mission: Our purpose is to prepare all students for an ever-changing cultural and technological world. We employ critical thinking approaches to teaching and learning. We collaborate across disciplines to design curriculum and deliver instruction to support student achievement at or above grade level. We insist on a culture of responsibility and opportunity for achievement built by all students, parents, teachers, staff, and administrators. The expectation of involvement, self-discipline, and mutual respect extends to all members of our school community.

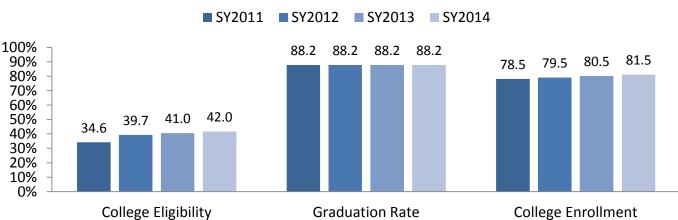
Strategic Priorities

- 1. Common Core State Standards- Purpose: Use student performance data to determine what to explicitly and consistently teach. Teachers deliver Common Core aligned literacy instruction supported by high quality texts.
- 2. Framework for Teaching/REACH...Purpose: Having a highly conscious level of awareness of how we teach and how instructional choices impact student achievement (data team process)
- 3. Create a critical thinkiing environment through student enrichment, intervention and support and through strategic use of instructional minutes.

School Performance Goals



12th Grade & Graduation Goals





Continuous Improvement Work Plan 2012 - 2014



Overview

The Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) is a stream-lined, strategic planning process for schools that also meets the state and federal requirements of a school improvement plan. The CIWP uses previous goal and priority setting completed by the schools from the Scorecard metrics, School Effectiveness Framework and Theory of Action. Please see the CIWP Planning Guide at www.cps.edu/CIWP for detailed instructions on completing the tool.

School Name To get started, please select your school's name from the drop down list: Friedrich W von Steuben Metropolitan Science HS

Developing a CIWP Team

A CIWP team consists of 6 – 12 committed stakeholders that act as the steering committee for the entire CIWP planning process. The principal should serve as the chairperson of the CIWP Team, appointing other team members from the school and community, which can include members from the ILT and/or LSC. These CIWP Team members should have strengths in collaboration and consensus-building. While the CIWP Team needs to remain small, it should include people with a variety of perspectives.

CIWP Team	
Name (Print)	Title/Relationship
Margaret Sullivan	Classroom Teacher
Pedro Alsonso	Principal
Mary Jo Arnashus	Classroom Teacher
Brian Tennison	Assistant Principal
Lauren Welsh	Assessment/Data Faculty
Jennifer Conway	Lead/ Resource Teacher
Michelle Klein	Classroom Teacher
Yvette Laboy	Counselor/Case Manager
Julie Nitz-Weiss	LSC Member
Ken Hilgendorf	Classroom Teacher
Steven Hutnick	Community Member
Scott Trinter	Assessment/Data Faculty





High School Goal Setting

Instructions: Your school's data is organized by Scorecard categories. Using your current performance data and your SY2012 goals, determine the SY2013 & SY2014 performance goals for each metric. Note: PSAE scores include all students in the aggregates, including English Language Learners.

Academic Achievement

EPAS - 9th, 10th, and 11th Grades	Spring SY2011 Score	Fall SY2012 Score	Spring SY2012 Goal	Spring SY2013 Goal	Spring SY2014 Goal	12th Grade & Graduates	SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal
9th Grade - EXPLORE Average EXPLORE score		15.6	17.0	18.1	18.5	College Eligibility % of graduates eligible for a selective four-year college (GPA & ACT)	34.6	39.7	41.0	42.0
10th Grade - PLAN Average PLAN score		17.1	18.0	18.5	19.6	5-Year Graduation Rate % of students who have graduated within 5 years	88.2	88.2	88.2	88.2
11th Grade - ACT Average ACT score	20.4	17.6	21.0	21.0	21.5	College Enrollment % of graduates enrolled in college	78.5	79.5	80.5	81.5

EPAS Growth	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal
EXPLORE to PLAN Average growth from Spring EXPLORE to Spring PLAN	1.5	1.5
PLAN to ACT Average growth from Spring PLAN to SPRING ACT	3.0	3.0

Climate & Culture

All Grades	SY2011	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal		SY2011	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal
Attendance Rate Average daily attendance rate	87.0	87.5	88.0	88.5	Misconducts Rate of Misconducts (L4-6) per 100	4.0	3.5	3.0	3.0
Freshman On-Track % of Freshman Students on-track	76.8	77.5	78.0	78.5	Sophomore On-Track % of Sophomore students on track	84.2	85.0	85.5	86.0





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State Assessment

PSAE	SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal		SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal
PSAE Reading% of students meeting or exceeding state standards	55.8	57.0	57.5	58.0	PSAE Reading% of students exceeding statestandards	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.5
PSAE Mathematics% of students meeting or exceeding state standards	63.1	64.0	67.0	69.0	PSAE Mathematics % of students exceeding state standards	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.2
PSAE Science% of students meeting or exceeding state standards	47.8	49.0	49.5	50.0	PSAE Science % of students exceeding state standards	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.2



School Effectiveness Framework

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Typical School	Effective School	Evidence	Evaluation
Goals and theory of action		>>	3
The school has established goals for student	The school has established clear, measurable goals for	regular teacher-led PD - demos of school goal-related	
achievement that are aimed at making incremental		strategies . Majority of teachers - not all - invested in	•
growth and narrowing of achievement gaps.	achievement gap and ensuring college and career readiness		
The school has a plan but may have too many	of all students at the school, grade, and classroom levels.	success by sharing expertise and strengths (ILT, dept. a	_
competing priorities.	The school has established a clear theory of action or strategic plan that outlines the school's priorities (derived).	level chairs, freshman and sophomore success collabo	
		after school tutors. Curriculum mapping completed for departments based on CCSS and CRS. Learning Walks a	
	anticipated impact when implemented with fidelity.	observations to gather evidence of powerful teaching	
	anticipated impact when implemented with nacity.	<u> </u>	Quarterly
		interim assessments Course maps structured to ensure	•
		students will be AP ready by senior year.	c triat
Principal Leadership		>	3
Professional learning is organized through whole	Principal creates a professional learning system that	Principal facilitates collaboration through common pla	nning time
staff development but it is not tightly linked to what	evaluates teacher need and interest and builds	for course teams. Expectations communicated to staf	
nappens in teacher team meetings or 1:1 coaching	opportunities for growth in content knowledge and	Danielson Framework, local criteria through frequent of	classroom
cycles.	leadership	visits and supportive feedback. Regular vehicles for st	akeholder
 Principal monitors instructional practice for teacher 	Principal clarifies a vision for instructional best practice,	input: PAC, PTSA, SC	
evaluations.	works with each staff member to determine goals and		
 School-wide or class specific vision is not 	benchmarks, monitors quality and drives continuous		
consistently focused on college and career	improvement.		
readiness	Principal establishes and nurtures a culture of college and		
·	career readiness through clarity of vision, internal and		
school events and responds to requests for	external communications and establishment of systems to		
information. Families and community are engaged	support students in understanding and reaching these		
through occasional school-wide events such as open	goals.		
houses or curriculum nights.	Principal creates a system for empowered families and		
	communities through accurate information on school		
	performance, clarity on student learning goals, and		

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opportunities for involvement.





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Teacher Leadership		3	
 A core group of teachers performs nearly all leadership duties in the school. A few voices tend to contribute to the majority of decision-making at the ILT and teacher team levels. Teacher learning and expertise is inconsistently shared after engagement in professional learning activities. 	• Each teacher is invested in the success of the school through leadership in one or more areas, including (but not limited to): -ILT membership -Grade/Course team lead - Rtl team -Committee chair or membership -Mentor teacher -Curriculum team -Coach -Family liaison -Data team -Bilingual lead -SIPAAA/CWIP team -Union representative -Grant writer • Each teacher has equity of voice in grade/course, ILT and whole staff meetings • Each teacher is encouraged to share learning about effective practice from PD or visits to other schools	Each teacher is a member of at least one, often more than one, school team. Success of the teacher is determined in part by overall success of student body. (REACH) Teachers comprise the ILT, grade level and course teams, team instructional coaches, club sponsors, data team, union representatives, CIWP team RTI and Full School Day committees, Advance Placement vertical alignment committee, and the Readir Apprenticeship Team. Teachers from the building are recruited to present and demonstrate effective strategies that support school targeted are such as Critical Thinking, CRS/CCSS, Reading and Explicit Instruction	reas





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Instructional Leadership Team (ILT)		>	2
 The ILT represents some or most grade levels or departments, but may not include critical areas of expertise, like special education, bilingual education or counseling. The ILT splits time and focus between improving teaching and learning and solving day-to-day operational concerns. The ILT organizes some whole staff professional development activities. Development at the teacher team or teacher level is not coordinated by the ILT. ILT decision-making is carried out in isolation, or without a clear process for staff-wide engagement. ILT engages in changes to practice in response to voiced concerns. ILT analyzes student test data if new data is available. 	 The school's ILT is assembled based on the combination of knowledge and expertise needed to make decisions for all students and staff. The ILT leads the work of improving teaching and learning school-wide The ILT leads the school's approach to professional development – whole staff PD, teacher teams, and coaching. The ILT facilitates two-way communication and engages all staff in participating in decision-making that advances the school's strategic focus. The ILT engages in regular reflection upon its own team processes and effectiveness and takes actions to improve its functioning and progress towards school-wide goals. The ILT regularly analyzes qualitative and quantitative data to monitor the implementation of school's plan and make adjustments accordingly 	ILT gathers and analyzes process and performance data and students) through school-wide learning walks, shar via course team leads to individual teachers. Need to in reverse communication from teams to ILT - some currer disconnects. ILT fosters sharing of best practices throughed PD on strategies that promote school priorities - i.e. thinking and CRS goal of 21	es outcomes nprove nt gh faculty
Monitoring and adjusting		>	2
Data for district assessments is occasionally analyzed at the school level, typically when new reports are made available. Analysis may lead to instructional practice.	The school has a systematic approach to analyzing data relative to the school's theory of action on an ongoing basis—at the school level, department/grade level, and classroom level—in order to make adjustments to their focus and to target support for particular teachers and students.	Course teams meet weekly to review progress toward be and goals. SMARTe goals established and adjusted as not during course team meetings and communicated via teal ILT. Teams regularly complete item analysis and prediction interim assessments.	eeded am leads to





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Typical School Effective School Evidence Evaluation Curriculum • Curricular pacing/scope and sequence is most often • Each grade level or course team has a year-long scope Year long scope and sequence maps aligned with CCSS and CRE for and sequence that maps out what Common Core or other determined by the pacing set forth in instructional each department at every level. All depts and levels assess student materials or by an individual teacher. state standards teachers should teach and in what order in growth using the same assessment, rubric and/or scoring guide. • Each teacher develops his/her own units of core subject areas. instruction or follows what is suggested by the • Each grade level or course team develops/uses common pacing provided in instructional materials. units of instruction aligned to the standards. • Text used for instruction exposes some students to • Text used for instruction exposes all students to a gradegrade-appropriate complexity and is heavily focused appropriate level of complexity and informational texts to on fiction. at least the CCSS-recommended levels by grade band. Short- and long-term plans do not consistently Short and long term plans include the supports necessary **DIMENSION** differentiate by learner need. to ensure that students with disabilities and ELLs are able to gain core content knowledge and skills. Instructional materials 3 Core instructional materials vary between teachers Each grade level or course team has a set of instructional Each course team has a set weekly collaboration period where of the same grade/course or are focused mainly on a materials that are aligned with standards. teachers look at student work and outcomes to identify appropriate single textbook with little exposure to standards-• Instructional materials are supportive of students with instructional strategies and materials. Instructional materials are aligned supplemental materials. disabilities as well as varying language proficiency levels of aligned to meet the instructional standards and learning objectives. Instructional materials support a general ELLs (including native language and bilingual supports). Instructional materials are modified to meet the needs of students curriculum with little differentiation for student with disabilities as well students with varying language proficiency learning need. levels.

Reading Materials Survey: In addition to evaluating your school in this area, we encourage schools to begin inventorying grade level literacy materials by completing the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/materialsurvey. While this is not a comprehensive inventory of your school's instructional materials, this will help you identify the additional literacy materials needed to help implement the Common Core State Standards in the upcoming school year.





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Assessment		>	3
teachers need it—or teachers inconsistently bring it to teacher team meetings. • Each grade level or course team administers the required district assessments but there may be gaps in the kind of assessment tools available to them. • Assessments are focused on a particular form of assessment and may not adequately provide a complete picture of student learning.	 School-wide, teacher team and classroom data is organized and available to all who need it immediately after each assessment. Each grade level or course team uses a comprehensive set of assessments – screening, diagnostic, benchmark, formative, and summative – to monitor student learning on a frequent basis. Assessment methods (e.g., student work, selected response, constructed response, performance task) are aligned with the standard(s) being assessed (e.g., knowledge mastery, reasoning proficiency, performance skills, ability to create products). Assessment accommodations and modifications are in place to ensure that students with disabilities and ELLs are able to appropriately demonstrate their knowledge and skills. 	Student grades and interim performance accessible to CIM and Gradebook. Each course team utilizes the data team process: diag formative and summative assessments in a variety of a vehicles: objective tests, writing and other student wo performance task. Mastery and reteaching determined via item analysis a work analysis.	nostic, assessment ork, and





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Instruction		>	3
 Communication of the learning objective is inconsistent or lesson objectives do not consistently align to standards. Questioning is more heavily aimed at assessing basic student understanding and comprehension. Sequencing of lessons in most classes is primarily driven by the pacing suggested in instructional materials. Instruction is most often delivered whole-group with few opportunities for scaffolding learning or the level of rigor is not consistently high. Formative assessment during instruction is used occasionally or inconsistently between teachers. 	procedures, as well as the relevance of the learning. • , Each teacher uses low- and high-level questioning techniques that promote student thinking and understanding. • Each teacher purposefully sequences and aligns standards-based objectives to build towards deep understanding and mastery of the standards. • Each teacher scaffolds instruction to ensure all students, including students with disabilities and English language learners access complex texts and engage in complex tasks. • Each teacher regularly uses formative assessment during	Learning Walk data indicate that on a regular basis most communicate objectives to students. Teacher performar assessments are based on ability to communicate object directions, procedures and the relevance of learning, alt student input suggests that teachers need to more succe establish task and learning objective relevance. There is ongoing PD in formative assessment of high and thinking and teacher questioning. ILT walkthroughs indice most teachers carefully sequence and align objectives to mastery of standards. Course team common assessments and lesson plans ensuring the process of the proces	nce tives, though essfully d low level cate that





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Intervention		3
• Decision-making about how to determine which students are in need of intervention, what interventions they receive and how to determine the success of interventions is not regularly monitored. The intervention options are limited (sometimes one-size-fits-all), making it difficult to find a targeted solution to address a particular student's needs. Intervention monitoring and adjustments are left to teacher discretion without school-wide systems.	 The school has a systematic approach to administering screening assessments to identify students in need of academic intervention. The school has a systematic approach to administering diagnostic assessments to identify particular skills gaps. Interventions at the elementary level include in-class, small group instruction, push-in support provided by specialists, one on one support and additional supports outside of the classroom. Interventions at the secondary school level include small group instruction, double blocks in literacy and mathematics, push-in support provided by specialists, one on one support and additional supports outside of the classroom Interventions are closely monitored at the ILT, teacher team and individual teacher level so that adjustments can be made at least every 6 weeks. 	Year long scope and sequence maps aligned with CCSS ar CRE for each department at every level. All depts and levels assess student growth using the same assessment, rubric and/or scoring guide. Full day resources used to put in place interventions including small group instruction in core areas. Strategic placement of specialists according to greatest need. Relatively small gaps between ethnicities and SPED/Regu indicate some success in intervention and learning assistance - reading gap is large. Freshman and Sophomore success teams monitor on-tracrates and guide interventions every five weeks.

Whole staff professional development

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- Whole staff professional development occurs regularly but is not tightly aligned to the school's priorities.
 Quality, effectiveness or relevance of professio development is not monitored. regularly but is not tightly aligned to the school's
 - Quality, effectiveness or relevance of professional
- The school has a year-long, focused plan for whole staff professional development aligned to school-wide priorities and growth goals.
- The school has a method for continually monitoring the effectiveness of all professional development (including coaching and teacher collaboration).
- School-wide structures ensure that professional development is ongoing, job-embedded and relevant to teachers.

June-July administration focus on year-long PD schedule. Continuing PD focus to be on CCSS, Framework for teaching, Data team process.

Effectiveness of PD measured by exit surveys and periodic interviews of Data Teams by administrative team members.

Teachers share via course team leads and department chairs information, support and communication needs on a weekly basis. Teams meet weekly and team leads meet with ILT and admin representatives to discuss and plan PD and other teacher supports.





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Grade-level and/or course teams		> 4
veek. Teachers do not have a regular opportunity to discuss progress monitoring data to track effectiveness of student intervention. Ownership for student learning results lies orimarily with individual teachers.	 Teachers collaborate in regular cycles: quarterly for long-term unit planning, weekly to analyze formative assessment data and plan weekly instruction. Teachers and specialists meet approximately every six weeks to discuss progress-monitoring data for students receiving intervention. Teacher teams share ownership for results in student learning. Teams are inclusive of general education, special education, bilingual teachers and other specialists. Teams are supported by an ILT member, team leader, or "expert", as appropriate. Teachers have protocols or processes in place for team collaboration. 	All instructional planning is collaborative: common skills and objectives, assessments, scoring and grading of assessments by quarter, and by week. Special education and regular teacher teams meet regularly to review progress of special needs students to plan interventions the address learning difficulties. Teacher grade breakdown shared with staff at five week intervals ground discussions about grading purpose and process, and identificating and skill problem areas, and to emphasize teacher responsibility for student learning. Data team protocols followed in each team - all decisions rooted student performance data.
Instructional coaching		> 4
district-sponsored induction. • Professional development decisions are not systematized and left to teacher initiative/discretion. • Teachers occasionally receive quality feedback to support individual growth.	 Every school has a coaching plan that identifies teacher needs, who provides the coaching, and how frequently. New teachers are provided with effective induction support. Teachers have individual professional development plans tailored to their needs. Teachers consistently receive quality feedback that supports their individual growth. Peer coaching and cross classroom visitation is also used as a form of coaching. 	Adminstration follows district procedure for communicating teac expectations, conducts frequent formative observations for teachers, follows up with feedback directly related to teaching areas of strength and of those needing strength. Average 3 visits per year with follow-up conference. More frequent visitation for teachers who need more support.



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High expectations & College-going culture		>	4
• Some staff members reinforce expectations for all students to aspire to college and career ready standards, or expectations are only reinforced for some students.	 Every staff member reinforces school expectations for all students to aspire to college and career-ready standards. The school has developed and is executing an intentional plan to build and maintain a college-going culture. Every student has opportunities for authentic leadership and student voice 	Teachers implement daily lessons that are faithful to wee quarterly benchmarks and curriculum maps. They are destactording to rigorous student performance expectations. Explicit teaching of Standards of Critical thinking in classro reinforces the importance and relevance of what is taught. One School, One Voice Survey for every student - they are to complete. Results data shared with staff and faculty as decisions are made.	ooms t. e require
Relationships		>	3
 Some students form bonds with adult advocates. Patterns of interaction between adults and students and among students are inconsistent Students with disabilities are typically confined to a special education classroom with few opportunities to interact with peers. Student home language and culture is often overlooked. 	 All students have an adult advocate who cares about them deeply and supports them in achieving their goals Patterns of interactions, both between adults and students and among students, are respectful, with appropriate, fair responses to disrespectful behavior Students with disabilities are engaged in the school community, including both physical and social integration. Students' classroom experiences demonstrate value of home language and culture. 	One School One Voice data indicate that students see add advocate for them. Discipline referrals are currently under the 4 per week go the year's start. Interactions between discipline staff and based on clearly established behavior-consquence models. Only 5% of school specials needs students are not enrolle least some general education classes. Special needs student representated on all major clubs and activities at school: smusic, advanced placement, student government.	al set at dean s. ed in at ents are
Behavior& Safety		>	4
 Discipline violations and positive behavior supports are handled differently between teachers without school wide norms. School environment occasionally leads to situations un-conducive to learning. 	approach to student discipline and tiered approach to behavioral intervention that recognizes and builds on positive behavior.	Discipline referrals are currently under the 4 per week gothe year's start. Interactions between discipline staff and based on clearly established behavior-consquence models. School culture is extremely safe at Von Steuben. Only on altercation this entire year. Students respect each other's space and property.	dean s. e physica





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Expectations		> 4
Principal provides information to families on school performance in response to parent requests. Teachers provide information to families on their grading system, but families may be unclear on what successfully meeting the standard would look like. Families can learn about the transition process if hey reach out to the school for information.	performance and accurately explains this information so that families understand its relevance to their children as well as the plan for improvement. • Teachers provide clear information for families on what students are expected to achieve in a given grade level or course and examples of what meeting the standards looks like.	School provides multiple opportunities througout the year for families to learn to navigate the grade portal. School community groups and student services providers facilitate communication with families about student performance on high stakes tests and student academic performance and its impact college and career options. All teachers distribute syllabi with scope and sequence in student and parent -friendly language. Counseling department and other student services organizations
Ongoing communication		sponsor tours to area and midwestern colleges for upper class
Communication to families is typically conducted only during report card pick-up and in cases of behavior/academic concerns.	 Teachers and other school staff engage in ongoing, two- way communication with families so that they know how their child is doing relative to grade-level expectations and how the families can support their child's learning at home, but also so that school staff can learn from the families about their child's strengths and needs. 	Teachers complete weekly call logs of communication to families regarding student absences and grade concerns. School websites makes available to families teacher emails and phone extensions; teachers are expected to return communications soon as possible.
Bonding		> 4
The school has a business-like atmosphere. School staff provides occasional opportunities for amilies and community members to participate in authentic and engaging activities in the school community like student performances, exhibitions, iteracy or math events, etc.	 The school establishes and non-threatening, welcoming environment. The principal leads the work to empower and motivate families and community to become engaged. School staff provides frequent opportunities for families and community members to participate in authentic and engaging activities in the school community like student performances, exhibitions, literacy or math events, etc. 	Principal anticipates needs of parents in supportive and leadersh roles throughout the school, and engages professional staff to break down academic data so that it can be understood, discusse and acted upon. School is constantly recognizing the accomplishments of students through updated office marquis, website, PAC announcements, congratulatory emails, music and drama performances, ethnic performances, honors ceremonies and celebrations. A significant amount time and resources are devoted to celebrate and recogn





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Specialized support		>	4
School provides required services to students within the school building/typical school hours.	 School staff conducts intensive outreach to families in need of specialized support through home visits and collaboration with social services agencies. 	School supports students and families in need of social su investing in both in and out of school service providers. A Community center (Gear Up) and Youth Guidance, as well school personnel (social worker, nurse, psychologist, case work to bring together as many resources as possible in students.	Albany Par l as in- e manager
College & Career Exploration and election		>	3
Information about college or career choices is provided.	The school provides early and ongoing exposure to experiences and information necessary to make informed decisions when selecting a college or career that connects to academic preparation and future aspirations.	School invests in Naviance, a web-based program to facility process of student post-secondary planning. Counselors of training sessions on using naviance during orientations at of each year, and use it to track student progress and integrated they matriculate. Counselors sponsor multiple trips and or	conduct the start erests as
Academic Planning		>	3
 Support for college and career planning is provided for some students. Information and opportunities to explore paths of interest are limited. The school encourages high performing students to plan on taking advanced courses. 	preparation, participation, and performance in their college and career aspirations and goals through a rigorous	All School curriculum is based on College Board and ACT recommendations to ensure that students will be success college, and is vertically alligned to maximize student success they move toward graduation. All student assessments as products are measured against these standards. Students are encouraged to take Honors and AP courses i strength, and teachers are strongly urged to recommend for AP if they think the student would benefit and have a reasonable chance of success in a course of this rigor.	cess as nd n areas of
Enrichment & Extracurricular Engagement		>	4
in activities that align with their strengths and needs.	• The school ensures equitable exposure to a wide range of extracurricular and enrichment opportunities that build leadership, nurture talents and interests, and increase engagement with school.	School offers competitive sports programs (all IHSA sports boys football and girls tennis) a competitive band and choprogram, ethnic and other various interests clubs, NHS, and decathlon, debate, math and science teams, Student Court	oral cademic





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Typical School	ol	Effective School	Evidence	Evaluation			
College & Career Assessment	ts		>	3			
Students do not participate in corready assessments	ollege and career	The school promotes preparation, participation, and performance in college and career assessments.	All students will graduate with a WorkKeys Career Readiness Certificate, recognized by hundreds of employers state and nation wide. School will facilitate and fund this test which complements the PSAE WorkKeys assessment.				
College & Career Admissions and	Affordability		>	3			
• Students in 11th and 12th grade information on college options, caid.	•	The school provides students and families with comprehensive information about college options and costs (HS only) The school ensures that students and families have an early and ongoing understanding of the college and career application and admission processes, including information on financial aid and scholarship eligibility.	School provides periodic seminars for parents in the confinancing of college. School requires and tracks submission of FAFSA for ear offers individual help on FAFSA completion through material families, conducts in-school information sessions for seminary for the confinence of the	ch senior, ailings to			
Transitions			·>	3			
Transitions between key grades with the required minimum paper		 The school works to ensure effective transitions—into Kindergarten, at each "benchmark" grade, and from 8th to 9th. (HS only) The school connects students to school and community resources to help them overcome barriers and ensure the successful transition from high school to college. 	School works in grade level success collaborations to i students not successfully making the transition to high put appropriate interventions in place. School funds after school recovery courses to help stutrack to graduate. School uses community resources (Gear Up and Youth provide learning and social-emotional support)	n school and dents stay on			





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Typical School	Effective School	Evidence Eva	aluatio
Use of Discretionary Resources		>	4
 School discretionary funding is inconsistently aligned to identified needs and priorities. Outside funding or community partnerships are primarily limited to opportunities that present themselves to the school. Funding of non-priority initiatives is common throughout the year. 	 School allocates discretionary spending to align with identified needs and strategic priorities. School actively identifies and pursues opportunities to for outside funding or community partnerships to help meet student and staff needs. School maintains focus on use of resources for the student achievement growth necessary for every student to graduate college and career ready. 	School allocates discretionary spending to align with identifueds and strategic priorities. School obtained outside funding to support literacy and real initiative from NRC, and from the Albany Park Community C which supports students with tutoring.	ading
Building a Team		>	4
• Interviews typically consist of an interview with the	 Hiring is conducted after an assessment of student need, staff capacity and scheduling priorities. School actively works to build a pool of potential staff members through internships and part-time work. A multistep interview process includes a protocol for questioning and classroom lesson demonstrations to assess candidate expertise, philosophy and commitment. Grade/course teams are assembled to include the needed combination of knowledge and expertise. 	Hiring is conducted after an assessment of student need, st capacity and scheduling priorities. School works to build a pool of potential staff members thr internships. A multistep interview process includes a protocol for quest and classroom lesson demonstrations to assess candidate exphilosophy and commitment.	rough
Use of Time		>	4
		School schedule allows for regular, meaningful collaboratio teacher teams. Struggling students receive structured intervenion in dedicate blocks at the end of the new full day schedule.	





Mission & Strategic Priorities

Instructions: Write in your Mission Statement. Using your key levers from the Theory of Action, develop 3 - 5 strategic priorities you will focus on over the next two years. Provide a Rationale using these guiding questions: What data (student achievement, school effectiveness framework, etc.) did you use to determine the priority? How does this priority impact instruction? How does this priority help you to achieve your goals? Tip: When entering text, press Alt+Enter to start a new paragraph.

Mission Statement

Mission: Our purpose is to prepare all students for an ever-changing cultural and technological world. We employ critical thinking approaches to teaching and learning. We collaborate across disciplines to design curriculum and deliver instruction to support student achievement at or above grade level. We insist on a culture of responsibility and opportunity for achievement built by all students, parents, teachers, staff, and administrators. The expectation of involvement, self-discipline, and mutual respect extends to all members of our school community.

Vision: We envision a school that fosters a culture of achievement built on critical thinking. Our graduates will succeed in and contribute to a competitive and ever-changing world.

Strate	gic Priorities	
#	Priority Description: Write in the description of your priority.	Rationale: Write in your rationale (see instructions for guiding questions).
1	Common Core State Standards- Purpose: Use student performance data to determine what to explicitly and consistently teach. Teachers deliver Common Core aligned literacy instruction supported by high quality texts. Framework for Teaching/REACHPurpose: Having a highly conscious level of	Teachers need to collaborate to allign curriculum (70% non-fiction reading) to the common core standards. Literacy and Math skills can increase such that 80% will meet or exceed expected gains targets (EPAS) Classroom instruction must become more explicit and measurable outcome-based to
2	awareness of how we teach and how instructional choices impact student achievement (data team process) Support and provide collaboration time for teachers to effectively implement the Framework for Teaching	achieve results in student ownership of learning and increase on-track for graduation rate, student GPA, and students graduating in five years.
3	Create a critical thinkiing environment through student enrichment, intervention and support and through strategic use of instructional minutes.	Increased student achievement requires personal accountablity for learning and quality teacher-student interactions. Students must develop critical thinking habits to be accountable for attendance, student work, GPA, and postsecondary and career goals.
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Strategic Priority 1

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Action Plan Monitoring

Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps
Increase academic success in chem/physics courses by providing students with basic technology needed to apply math skills in a science classrooms.	Equipment/ Technology	All	Arnashus/Roden	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		
Decrease freshman failure in science/math courses by providing remediation of skill gaps in the following areas: locating information, reading graphs and tables, extrapolating and interpolating data during summer science laboratory workshops.	Staffing	Other student group	Arnashus	Summer 2012	Summer 2012		
Summer planning time devoted to curriculum development for Project Lead the Way (science) - to complete vertical alignnment of science curriculum to incorporate a freshman level engineering course.	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Arnashus/Karagianni s	Summer 2012	Summer 2012		
Increase student data-related science skills in physics/environmental and biology AP - to address changes in College Board curricula - using textbooks that support CRS/CCSS vertical alignment.	Instructional Materials	Other student group	Arnashus/Karagianni s	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		
Support Increase in student data-related science skills as measured on EPAS by purchasing 10 stationary computers for classroom use in physics/engineering labs.	Equipment/ Technology	Other student group	Arnashus/Karagianni s	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		
Increase relevance of science curriculum to students' lives through Project Lead the Way by integrating math science, reading, and writing in engineering focus. Support critical thinking in all students, and in particular for traditionally underperforming student groups such as females and students in the academic middle.	Instructional Materials	All	Waites	Summer 2012	Quarter 4		



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Course team collaboration allowed with full day time weekly to plan lessons, common assessments, assessment results analysis and ensure that CCSS are being addressed in instruction.	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Mr. Tennison/ Ms. Pinkerton	Quarter 1	Quarter 4	
Community-based Instruction - to allow students in the Low Incidence program to practice their functional life skills 10 trips.	Instruction	Students With Disabilities	Jennifer Cook/Samantha Estrada	Quarter 1	Quarter 4	
Independent Functioning Materials to provide LIP students with necessary cooking and self-care materials	Instructional Materials	Students With Disabilities	Jennifer Cook/Samantha Estrada	Quarter 1	Quarter 1	
Curriculum Materials to meet the needs of LIP significantly modified curriculum per IEP	Instructional Materials	Students With Disabilities	Jennifer Cook/Samantha Estrada	Quarter 1	Quarter 4	
Teacher training in CCSS and REACH - provide teachers with training necessary for successful incorporation of CCSS in Danielson framework	Professional Development	All	Admin/ILT	Quarter 1	On-going	
Summer pre-calculus class to prepare students for AP calculus	Staffing	Other student group	Edstrom	Summer 2012	Summer 2012	
Provide non-fiction curriculum resources for English department at levels 7-12 to support science focus	Instructional Materials	All	Narbert	Summer 2012	Summer 2012	
Provide substitute coverage for teachers to attend network sponsored CCSS professional development	Staffing	All	Admin/ILT	Quarter 1	Quarter 4	
Provide supplies for CCSS curriculum - department needs - paper, markers, boards, overhead sheets	supplies	All	Admin/ILT	Summer 2012	Summer 2012	
provide current AP English text books to meet CCSS requirements.	Instructional Materials	All	Admin/ILT	Summer 2012	Summer 2012	
Provide 15 dictionaries for each English Classrooms to support CCSS.	Instructional Materials	All	Admin/ILT	Summer 2012	Summer 2012	
Articulate a 3-4 year AP course sequence for Scholars - science focus	instruction	All	Admin/ILT	Summer 2012	Quarter 3	
Ensure that each course team employs common assessments, lesson focus, and follows department curriculum map	Instruction	All	ILT/Admin	Quarter 1	Quarter 4	
Ensure that common interim assesments are implemented in core disciplines on CIM	Instruction	All	Dpt. Chairs/ Tech/Admin	Quarter 1	Quarter 4	
Fund data analysis positions to provide stakeholders (parents, LSC, teacher teams, admin) with current, clear, student performance data	Staffing	All	Admin	Quarter 1	Quarter 4	
Expand and adjust sequence of AP course offerings to increase student accessibility to colleges and preparedness for workforce -	instruction	All	ILT/Admin	Summer 2012	Quarter 1	



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Strategic Priority 1								
Provide time for teacher teams to norm assessment practice, assess student work, analyze student outcomes, devise remediation and instructional plans	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	ILT/Admin	Quarter 1	Quarter 4			





Strategic Priority 2

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Strategic Priority Description	Rationale
	Classroom instruction must become more explicit and measurable outcome-based to achieve results in student ownership of learning and increase on-track for graduation rate, student GPA, and students graduating in five years.

Action Plan Monitoring

Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps
Recruit RTI tier 1,2,3 team members for Full Day resource period	After School/ Extended Day	Other student group	Case Manager	Summer 2012	Quarter 4		
Provide meeting time for Full day planning and monitoring committee	After School/ Extended Day	All	Full day committee	Summer 2012	Quarter 4		
Provide RTI curriculum materials for all three tiers	Instructional Materials	All	Full day committee	Summer 2012	Quarter 4		
Provide regular meeting time for teacher teams to share effective strategies and review learning goals	ILT/Teacher teams	All	Admin/Ilt	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		
Implement RTI training - staff training on 3-tier model (RTI) and how it will fit into the Full Day resource period.	Professional Development	Students With Disabilities	Case Manager	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		
Ensure effective implementation of Danielson through ILT walkthroughs	Instruction	All	Admin/Ilt	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		
Provide professional development on Framework for teaching	Professional Development	All	Admin/Ilt	Quarter 1	Quarter 1		
Reading Apprentice trainees provide Reading instruction plan PD to rest of staff	Professional Development	All	Admin/Ilt	Summer 2012	Quarter 4		
Network for College Success to fund PD for classroom reading instruction (Reading Apprentice Program (20 teacher trainees)	Professional Development	All	Admin/Ilt	Summer 2012	Quarter 4		
Increase student academic success by ensuring uniformity in grade categories, proportions of categories and expectations of performance	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	ILT/Chairs	Summer 2012	Quarter 4		
Teacher training in CCSS and REACH - provide teachers with training necessary for successful incorporation of CCSS in Danielson framework	Professional Development	All	Admin/ILT	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		



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Strategic Priority 2						
Observations - use Framework for teaching to identify effective practice, areas for improvement	Instruction	All	Admin/Ilt	Quarter 1	Quarter 3	
Provide post-observation conference and written data to improve capacity	Instruction	All	Admin/Ilt	Quarter 1	Quarter 3	
Provide teachers with student performance for professional self-reflection.	Instruction	All	ILT/Teacher team	Quarter 1	Quarter 4	
Provide professional development in use of tech for differentiation	Professional Development	All	Schimpff	Quarter 1	Quarter 1	
Differentiation - provide tech tools for classroom use	technology	Other student group	Schimpff	Quarter 1	Quarter 1	
Decrease freshman and sophomore failures overall through twice-monthly meetings of grade level teachers - to identify and implement necessary interventions	Instruction	Other student group	Arendt/Kaestner/Mo dy	Quarter 1	Quarter 4	
Expand use of moodle by faculty- student / teacher communication and learning resource	Instruction	All	Schimpff	Quarter 1	Quarter 4	
Increase effective use of gradebook as communication and assessment tool.	Instruction	All	Schimpff	Quarter 1	On-going	
Apply Time to Teach strategies - the five p's - preparedness, promptness, presence, participation to build positive school culture	Other	All	PPLC	Quarter 1	Quarter 4	





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Create a critical thinkiing environment through student enrichment, intervention and support and through strategic	Increased student achievement requires personal accountablity for learning and quality teacher-student
use of instructional minutes.	interactions. Students must develop critical thinking habits to be accountable for attendance, student work,
	GPA, and postsecondary and career goals.

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Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps	
Fund professional development for counseling department to increase student success and personal engagement, and increase counseling department cohesiveness and effectiveness.	Professional Development	All	Gonzalez	On-going	Quarter 4			
Facilitate student achievement of a National Career Readiness certificate through national WorkKeys locating information test - Seniors	Other	Other student group	Welsh/Wilson	Quarter 3	Quarter 3			
Expand use and increase successful completion of on-line Aventa classes to ensure senior graduation - provide supervision of coursework on school site.(60 hrs x 2)	Staffing	Other student group	Gonzalez/Wilson	Quarter 1	Quarter 4			
Present An Honor Roll/Scholars Awards Assembly for Seniors to increase student motivation increase attendance and graduation. (invitations, awards, refreshments)	Parental Involvement	Other student group	Bonnick	Quarter 4	quarter 4			
Host spring and fall college fairs for soph, juniors and seniors to strengthen motivation for college, provide access to college representatives and college material, increase and strengthen professional contact with selective colleges (table rental and refreshment for reps)	Supplies	All	Kwan	Quarter 1	Quarter 4			
Provide college tours to junior and senior students to increase interest in and strengthen professional relationships with selective colleges in Illinois and Midwest. Also to expose student to college campus environment. (transportation, lodging, staffing)	Other	All	Kwan	Quarter 1	Quarter 3			



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Conduct credit check and transcript review of rising seniors, juniors, sophomores to minimize the need for student program changes, facilitate communication with parents about student deficiencies and to place students in appropriate courses early so as to ensure the highest chance of success.	Staffing	All	Laboy	Summer 2012	Summer 2012	
Provide FAFSA completion incentives to increase number of students applying to college, expand student choice, and decrease follow-up time for counselors.	Supplies	Other student group	Kwan	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Conduct high school investigation night for incoming freshmen allowing them to become familiar with high school environment, meet peers, teachers and LINK Crew mentor and school Service Club members. (staffing and refreshments for event volunteers) 2 counselors x 60 hrs	Staffing	Other student group	laboy	Quarter 4	Quarter 4	
Increase number of students on Honor Roll, affirm academic success and increase parent involvement through Honor Roll Events twice yearly.	Supplies	All	Gonzalez	Quarter 2	Quarter 4	
Provide Naviance student support program to increase student performance on ACT through PrepME, increase student identification of a career and post-secondary opportunities, scholarships, number of college acceptances, awareness level of college payment options for parents,	Equipment/ Technology	All	gonzalez	On-going	On-going	
Present a school open house on a non-attendance day to increase the number of qualified students applying to and attending Von Steuben. Provide funds for 30 staff to conduct tours and curricular/extra-curricular programs with refreshments (7500)	Staffing	Other student group	Keneally	Quarter 2	Quarter 2	
Fund PSAT administration to facilitate college application and acceptance process - on a Saturday to prevent disruption of a school day.	Staffing	All	Gonzalez	Quarter 2	Quarter 2	
Provide extended day time to prepare for re-RAMP application, which measures counseling department effectiveness.	Staffing	All	Kwan	Quarter 3	Quarter 3	
Conduct Student Orientation for all returning students to facilitate the collection of fees, decrease amount of student debt that prevents students from graduating and decreases amount of unreturned books. (60 x 3 counselors + 15 hrs staff)	Staffing	All	Kwan	Summer 2012	Summer 2012	
Provide credit recovery opportunity to freshman	Staffing	All	Admin/ILT	Quarter 1	quarter 4	



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Strategic Priority 3						
provide work time for CIWP team to review and update work plan	Staffing	All	Teacher group	Quarter 1	Quarter 4	
Fund Youth Guidance services for non -SPED students	Other	All	other	Quarter 1	Quarter 4	
PAC sponsored parent workshops - literacy and college	LSC/ PAC/ PTA	All	other	Summer 2012	Quarter 4	
sponsor PSAE prep sessions for juniors	Staffing	All	Admin/ILT	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	





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Strategic Priority Description	Rationale

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Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps





Strategic Priority 5

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