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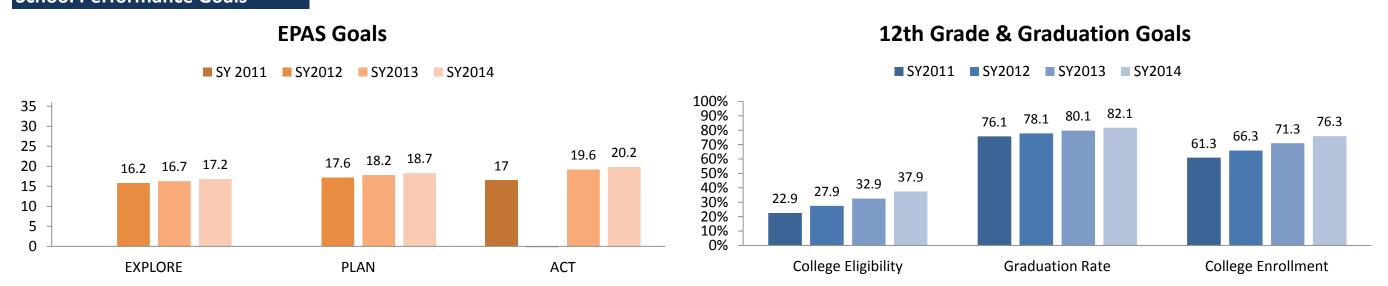
#### **Mission Statement**

It is the mission of Curie Metropolitan High School to offer a rigorous academic curriculum with an emphasis on technology and the arts. Curie High School promotes future success by establishing a culture of college and career readiness and by encouraging students to enroll in post-secondary institutions. Curie High School is committed to providing authentic learning experiences that will provide a foundation for life-long learning. Students will be prepared to become leaders and engaged citizens in a global society, enabling them to contribute positively and responsibly to their community.

#### **Strategic Priorities**

- 1. Promote EPAS growth through targeted instruction that addresses student deficits through teacher integration of Common Core aligned instruction.
- 2. Identify and apply best practice strategies that support increased student attendance and decrease misconducts within the 4-6 range.
- 3. Teachers will monitor weekly on-track goals at each grade level to support achievement by identifying student needs, differentiating instruction and aligning curriculum and instruction to Common Core Standards.
- 4. Identify and apply school-wide structures and procedures that support college and post-secondary metrics.

#### **School Performance 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:	Marie Sklodowska Curie Metropolitan High School

#### **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		
Phillip C. Perry	Principal		
George Pratt, Melissa Rubio, Kenneth Dobert, Keeyana Riley	Special Education Faculty		
Claudia Morales, Elva Witt, Adam Heenan	ELL Teacher		
Marcos Rico, Rocio Urbano	Support Staff		
Homero Penuelas, Miguel Gutierrez	Classroom Teacher		
Rebecca Pavesich	Classroom Teacher		
Michael Gibson, Ian Torres	Classroom Teacher		
Lauren Rodriguez, Willie Watson, Laura Cottrell	Classroom Teacher		
Sherry King, Nicole Vogwill, Dawn Graham	Classroom Teacher		
Sofia Villafuerte, David C. Coronado	Counselor/Case Manager		
Jose Rodriguez	Assistant Principal		
Mario Torros, Maria Longz, Argolia Acuna, Fornando Argiza, Cindy Bornal, Jose Carrillo, Joses Gallardo	Parent/ Guardian		





# 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		14.2	16.2	16.7	17.2	College Eligibility % of graduates eligible for a selective four-year college (GPA & ACT)	22.9	27.9	32.9	37.9
<b>10th Grade - PLAN</b> Average PLAN score		15.6	17.6	18.2	18.7	5-Year Graduation Rate % of students who have graduated within 5 years	76.1	78.1	80.1	82.1
11th Grade - ACT Average ACT score	16.9	NDA	NDA	19.6	20.2	College Enrollment % of graduates enrolled in college	61.3	66.3	71.3	76.3

EPAS Growth	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal
EXPLORE to PLAN Average growth from Spring EXPLORE to Spring PLAN	2.0	2.0
PLAN to ACT Average growth from Spring PLAN to SPRING ACT	2.0	2.0

# **Climate & Culture**

All Grades	SY2011	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal		SY2011	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal
Attendance Rate Average daily attendance rate	85.0	87.0	89.0	91.0	Misconducts Rate of Misconducts (L4-6) per 100	9.1	7.5	5.0	3.0
Freshman On-Track % of Freshman Students on-track	61.0	66.0	71.0	76.0	Sophomore On-Track % of Sophomore students on track	67.1	72.1	77.1	82.1





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#### **State Assessment**

PSAE	SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal		SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal
<ul><li>PSAE Reading</li><li>% of students meeting or exceeding</li><li>state standards</li></ul>	30.2	45.0	50.0	55.0	<ul><li>PSAE Reading</li><li>% of students exceeding state</li><li>standards</li></ul>	1.2	1.9	2.6	3.3
<ul><li>PSAE Mathematics</li><li>% of students meeting or exceeding state standards</li></ul>	33.7	48.0	53.0	58.0	<ul><li>PSAE Mathematics</li><li>% of students exceeding state</li><li>standards</li></ul>	0.5	1.2	1.9	2.6
<ul><li>PSAE Science</li><li>% of students meeting or exceeding state standards</li></ul>	23.4	38.0	43.0	48.0	PSAE Science % of students exceeding state standards	0.6	1.3	2.0	2.7



involvement are not always communicated in a timely manner

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Typical School	Effective School	Evidence Evaluation
Goals and theory of action		2
<ul> <li>The school has established goals for student achievement that are aimed at making incremental growth and narrowing of achievement gaps.</li> <li>The school has a plan but may have too many competing priorities.</li> </ul>	achievement gap and ensuring college and career readiness of all students at the school, grade, and classroom levels.  • The school has established a clear theory of action or strategic plan that outlines the school's priorities (derived from analysis of data) and key levers along with the anticipated impact when implemented with fidelity.	<ul> <li>The school has established clear, measurable goals for student growth based upon EPAS gains, improved student attendance an on-track rates, fewer misconducts, and FAFSA completion to ensuthat all students are college and career ready.</li> <li>The school has established a theory of action that is communicated to the leadership team, but is in turn not consistently communicated to the teaching staff in many departments.</li> <li>An emphasis is placed upon the core departments and the chait to come up with and follow through with a plan to support some the priorities, perhaps to the exclusion of other departments.</li> </ul>
Principal Leadership		> 3
Professional learning is organized through whole	Principal creates a professional learning system that	Principal has set aside time on a weekly basis for professional
staff development but it is not tightly linked to what	evaluates teacher need and interest and builds	development but it is rarely utilized nor are teacher leaders withi
happens in teacher team meetings or 1:1 coaching		departments sought out to conduct PD within their departments
cycles.		and/or to all teaching staff.
<ul> <li>Principal monitors instructional practice for teacher</li> </ul>	Principal clarifies a vision for instructional best practice,	Principal conducts teacher observations for the purpose of
evaluations.	_	evaluations and to monitor instructional practice but has not
• School-wide or class specific vision is not	benchmarks, monitors quality and drives continuous	established a system to help support teachers who need additior
consistently focused on college and career		assistance in implementing best practices.
readiness		<ul> <li>Principal has established an Rtl team, the PPLC, and ILT but the</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Principal provides basic information for families on</li> </ul>		teams have been disbanded or do not consistently meet.
school events and responds to requests for	external communications and establishment of systems to	<ul> <li>Principal establishes a culture and climate of college and caree</li> </ul>
information. Families and community are engaged	support students in understanding and reaching these	readiness and his vision is clearly communicated to teachers and
through occasional school-wide events such as open	goals.	students.
houses or curriculum nights.	Principal creates a system for empowered families and	<ul><li>Principal seeks out parent and community involvement through</li></ul>
	communities through accurate information on school	open houses, school-wide and sporting events, parent/communi
	performance, clarity on student learning goals, and	training, and parent portal. However, these opportunities for

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Teacher Leadership		> 2
<ul> <li>Teacher Leadership</li> <li>A core group of teachers performs nearly all leadership duties in the school.</li> <li>A few voices tend to contribute to the majority of decision-making at the ILT and teacher team levels.</li> <li>Teacher learning and expertise is inconsistently shared after engagement in professional learning activities.</li> </ul>	• 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	<ul> <li>A core group of teachers (department chairs) performs nearly all the leadership duties in the school with little or no input sought from other teachers. However, a broad range of teachers were asked to participate on the CIWP team.</li> <li>The principal has assigned a bilingual lead and teachers have an active Union representative.</li> <li>The school does not have a functional Rtl team and the ILT team does not meet on a consistent basis.</li> <li>Curriculum and grade level teams were established at the beginning of the year to various degrees of success and follow-through.</li> <li>A data team is needed to help teachers analyze student assessment data and to provide ongoing professional development.</li> <li>Curie needs to develop a teacher initiation program to support new teachers and to set up a supported mentor system.</li> <li>Teachers have equity of voice at all-staff meetings.</li> </ul>
	Each teacher has equity of voice in grade/course, ILT and	- There are usually a core group of teachers who contribute to the
	whole staff meetings	majority of the decision making and the ILT. It might be more
	Each teacher is encouraged to share learning about	effective to bring in more teachers from different departments to
	effective practice from PD or visits to other schools	discuss ideas of improvement. It might also be effective to bring in





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Instructional Leadership Team (ILT)		>	1
<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>The ILT splits time and focus between improving teaching and learning and solving day-to-day operational concerns.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>ILT engages in changes to practice in response to voiced concerns.</li> <li>ILT analyzes student test data if new data is available.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The school's ILT is assembled based on the combination of knowledge and expertise needed to make decisions for all students and staff.</li> <li>The ILT leads the work of improving teaching and learning school-wide</li> <li>The ILT leads the school's approach to professional development – whole staff PD, teacher teams, and coaching.</li> <li>The ILT facilitates two-way communication and engages all staff in participating in decision-making that advances the school's strategic focus.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>The ILT regularly analyzes qualitative and quantitative data to monitor the implementation of school's plan and make adjustments accordingly</li> </ul>	The school's ILT is comprised of representatives from codepartments, special education, counselors, deans, and administration. The school's ILT attends the Southwest Network PD sessions. However, the ILT has not formal the fall and has not had an opportunity to focus on impleaching and learning, solving day-to-day operational coproviding professional development to teachers.	d : Side Ily met since oroving
Monitoring and adjusting		>	3
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.	A data team is needed to help teachers analyze studen data and to provide ongoing professional development	

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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 Each grade level/ course team does have some form (general and sequence that maps out what Common Core or other determined by the pacing set forth in instructional outline) of a long scope sequence that maps out what CCRS state materials or by an individual teacher. state standards teachers should teach and in what order in standards teachers should teach, however, there are departments • Each teacher develops his/her own units of core subject areas. that are currently working on detailed curriculum maps per core instruction or follows what is suggested by the • Each grade level or course team develops/uses common subject area. Common units of instruction (or for some pacing provided in instructional materials. units of instruction aligned to the standards. departments common skills) aligned to standards are developed per • Text used for instruction exposes some students to • Text used for instruction exposes all students to a gradecourse team, yet not all teachers who teach that course level follow grade-appropriate complexity and is heavily focused appropriate level of complexity and informational texts to the unit that their team has planned. Grade level teams for core on fiction. classes do meet throughout the school year to common plan, but 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 the frequency of meetings varies based on a variety of factors **DIMENSION** differentiate by learner need. to ensure that students with disabilities and ELLs are able including scheduling conflicts. • Both ELL and Special to gain core content knowledge and skills. Education courses are structured with supports to ensure that students are able to gain core content knowledge and skills. Such structure of long and short term plans are based on individual students' abilities and are differentiated by the learners needs. ELL Instructional materials 2 Core instructional materials vary between teachers Each grade level or course team has a set of instructional Instructional materials are supportive of students with disabilities of the same grade/course or are focused mainly on a materials that are aligned with standards. and Principal has provided additional materials as needed upon single textbook with little exposure to standards-• Instructional materials are supportive of students with request. aligned supplemental materials. disabilities as well as varying language proficiency levels of Instructional materials support a general ELLs (including native language and bilingual supports). Most grade level or course teams have instructional materials but curriculum with little differentiation for student the text are not all aligned to the Common Core standards. Not all learning need. departments have universal materials (textbooks etc) that can be identified per grade level. Core instructional materials vary between teachers of the same grade level/course for some courses.

**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 <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/materialsurvey">www.surveymonkey.com/s/materialsurvey</a>. 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	
<ul> <li>School wide data is available to the ILT. Teacher team or classroom data is not always available when teachers need it—or teachers inconsistently bring it to teacher team meetings.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Assessments are focused on a particular form of assessment and may not adequately provide a complete picture of student learning.</li> <li>Most assessments are designed to be identical for all students, without accommodation for learner need.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>School-wide, teacher team and classroom data is organized and available to all who need it immediately after each assessment.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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).</li> <li>Assessment accommodations and modifications are in place to ensure that students with disabilities and ELLs are able to appropriately demonstrate their knowledge and skills.</li> </ul>	Assessment accommodations and modifications are in place to ensure that students with disabilities are able to appropriately demonstrate their knowledge and skills on district-wide and classroom-based assessments.  -EPAS exams are not modified for ELL students. Quarterly exams modified in correlation with ELL teachers.  - EPAS and NWEA data is provided for 9th-11th grade teachers.	s are





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Instruction		3
Communication of the learning objective is	Each teacher clearly communicates with students the	Most teachers communicate the lesson's learning objective to their
inconsistent or lesson objectives do not consistently	standards-based learning objective, directions and	students by posting the objetive on the board daily.
align to standards.	procedures, as well as the relevance of the learning.	
<ul> <li>Questioning is more heavily aimed at assessing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>, Each teacher uses low- and high-level questioning</li> </ul>	Administration has provided all teachers with a binder with the new
basic student understanding and comprehension.	techniques that promote student thinking and	Common Core Standards to be used next year. Teachers in each
<ul> <li>Sequencing of lessons in most classes is primarily</li> </ul>	understanding.	department have begun or have modified their lessons to meet the
driven by the pacing suggested in instructional	<ul> <li>Each teacher purposefully sequences and aligns</li> </ul>	new standards.
materials.	standards-based objectives to build towards deep	
<ul> <li>Instruction is most often delivered whole-group</li> </ul>	understanding and mastery of the standards.	School needs to provide more professional developement for its
with few opportunities for scaffolding learning or the	• Each teacher scaffolds instruction to ensure all students,	teachers on how to fully align their lessons to the Common Core
level of rigor is not consistently high.	including students with disabilities and English language	Standards, in order to ensure that the teachers can create lessons
<ul> <li>Formative assessment during instruction is used</li> </ul>	learners access complex texts and engage in complex tasks.	which meet the standards and build towards a deeper
occasionally or inconsistently between teachers.	<ul> <li>Each teacher regularly uses formative assessment during</li> </ul>	understanding of the curriculum.
	instruction to monitor student progress and check for	
	understanding of student learning.	<ul> <li>Instruction is most often delivered whole-group with few</li> </ul>
		opportunities for scaffolding learning or the level of rigor is not
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Intervention		> <u>2</u>
• 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	<ul> <li>The school has a systematic approach to administering screening and diagnostic assessments to identify studer in need of academic intervention, yet there is no struction put in place for referring the identified students for interventions (no RTI team in place)</li> <li>Such administered screening assessments that are currently used are NWEA testing and EPAS testing. Both tests identify particular skill gaps.</li> <li>Some teacher teams do have interventions in place depending on core subject and grade level, yet interventions school wide are not being monitored by th ILT.</li> </ul>

#### Whole staff professional development

- 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.

This school has a theoretical schedule for professional development meetings (Mondays)

- School year began with planned professional development sessions (Brain research, Mel-Con, Technology), yet this schedule has disintegrated. Recent Monday PD days have been solely devoted to standardized exam logistics as opposed to intervention techniques.
- · Weekly professional development meetings include a mixture of teachers from a wide range of fields. These meetings are not targeted to meet the specific gaps of particular students.
- School has made an attempt to integrate meaningful professional





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Grade-level and/or course teams		3
Teachers meet regularly but it is focused on a mix of activities—planning, professional development, and data analysis—that may change from week to week.  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.  Planning typically takes place with general education teachers only. Special education, bilingual or other specialists typically plan and meet eparately or only join the group occasionally.	<ul> <li>Teachers and specialists meet approximately every six weeks to discuss progress-monitoring data for students receiving intervention.</li> <li>Teacher teams share ownership for results in student learning.</li> <li>Teams are inclusive of general education, special education, bilingual teachers and other specialists.</li> <li>Teams are supported by an ILT member, team leader, or "expert", as appropriate.</li> <li>Teachers have protocols or processes in place for team collaboration.</li> </ul>	Ongoing_communicationPlanning typically takes place with gene education teachers only. Special education typically plan and med separately or only join the group occasionally.  -Department meetings are often focused on various different top and activities which prohibit a cohesive development of common curricullum and assessments across all subject teams.  Development of District wide curricullum ie, Social Studies 2.0, hinhibited the continued implementation and creation of subject wide common curriculums at the school level.  -Programs like IB, MYP, and AVID share ownership for the results the student learning in their cohorts. Ownership of student learning results for students not in cohorts often primarily rest with individual teacher. School's attempt to cohort freshmen into
nstructional coaching		SLC was hampered by the size of the population at the school and
	Every school has a coaching plan that identifies teacher	•Formal support for new teachers comes from district-sponsored
eachers. Formal support for new teachers comes from listrict-sponsored induction. Professional development decisions are not ystematized and left to teacher initiative/discretion. Teachers occasionally receive quality feedback to upport individual growth.	<ul> <li>New teachers are provided with effective induction support.</li> <li>Teachers have individual professional development plans tailored to their needs.</li> <li>Teachers consistently receive quality feedback that supports their individual growth.</li> <li>Peer coaching and cross classroom visitation is also used as a form of coaching.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>induction. New teachers may occasionally be informally assigned "mentor" from within their department but there is no training of guidance given on the responsibilities of that role.</li> <li>While time for professional development is set aside each week is rarely utilized for that. Professional development decisions are not systematized and left to teacher initiative/discretion. However Principal is supportive of teachers who seek out professional development and allows the teacher to attend if it does not interfere with school priorities.</li> <li>Peer observation and cross-classroom visitation happens occasionally. Teachers were directed to complete observations at to conduct follow-up conferences at the beginning of the school</li> </ul>

this process nor provided training on how to have constructive and



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High expectations & College-going culture		>	3
• Some staff members reinforce expectations for all students to aspire to college and career ready standards, or expectations are only reinforced for some students.	<ul> <li>Every staff member reinforces school expectations for all students to aspire to college and career-ready standards.</li> <li>The school has developed and is executing an intentional plan to build and maintain a college-going culture.</li> <li>Every student has opportunities for authentic leadership and student voice</li> </ul>	Evaluation 3- Although the school has instituted various programs to create and maintain a community of life long learners, the programs do not meet their full potential due to the lack of padvertising of the programs to all students and community members. The various programs include:  AVID  TNT tutoring (Loyola)  IB  ACT PREP (Princeton)  GEAR UP	e
Relationships		>	2
<ul> <li>Some students form bonds with adult advocates.</li> <li>Patterns of interaction between adults and students and among students are inconsistent</li> <li>Students with disabilities are typically confined to a special education classroom with few opportunities to interact with peers.</li> <li>Student home language and culture is often overlooked.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All students have an adult advocate who cares about them deeply and supports them in achieving their goals</li> <li>Patterns of interactions, both between adults and students and among students, are respectful, with appropriate, fair responses to disrespectful behavior</li> <li>Students with disabilities are engaged in the school community, including both physical and social integration.</li> <li>Students' classroom experiences demonstrate value of home language and culture.</li> </ul>	Due to the size of the school, some students have fallen throther cracks and lack adult advocates to help them achieve the potential. The school has tried to remedy this situation by the creation of Small Learning Communities which intent was to all freshmen during their hardest year and keep them on tragraduate. The SLC are a continuation of the efforts already established by school programs like TNT and Freshmen connormal three school benefits from many clubs and organizations during school and after school which help students achieve their go Interaction between students and teachers within these club respectful, appropriate and rewarding for both the teachers	eir he read nck to necti ng pals. bs ar
Behavior& Safety		>	2
<ul> <li>Discipline violations and positive behavior supports are handled differently between teachers without school wide norms.</li> <li>School environment occasionally leads to situations un-conducive to learning.</li> </ul>	approach to student discipline and tiered approach to behavioral intervention that recognizes and builds on	Evaluation 2- The school lacks from a consistent attendance which deals with tardiness to class. Students are aware that are few repercussions for chronic tardiness which allows stuto continue the behavior. The attendance office has recently reforms which links senior's attendance to senior activities we seems to have improved student absence and tardiness, but similar system for underclassmen is non existent.  - This system was not clearly explained/stated to the senior	t ther udent ly ma which t a





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Expectations		> 2
<ul> <li>Principal provides information to families on school performance in response to parent requests.</li> <li>Teachers provide information to families on their grading system, but families may be unclear on what successfully meeting the standard would look like.</li> <li>Families can learn about the transition process if they reach out to the school for information.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Principal provides clear information for families on school performance and accurately explains this information so that families understand its relevance to their children as well as the plan for improvement.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Schools proactively provide information regarding school choices to families looking to relocate or to students in transition grades.</li> </ul>	•Curie proactively provides students/parents that have specific instructional and behavioral needs with a list of alternative school choices to help the student successfully earn a high school diplore.  •Teachers provide information to families on their grading system but families may be unclear on what successfully meeting the standard would look like. (Dobert, Pratt, Rubio)  The school has set forth goals of promoting epas growth, but that has not been communicated effectively to parents. parents are unclear about our goals at the school and they are not able to promote the same goals with their children. Parents do not have information about how the epas tests are alligned with the school plan for improvement.
Ongoing communication		> 2
<ul> <li>Communication to families is typically conducted only during report card pick-up and in cases of behavior/academic concerns.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Communication to families is typically conducted only during report card pick-up, IEP meetings, attendance conferences, and i cases of behavior/academic concerns.</li> <li>Parents have access to school and student information through the Curie website, parent portal, teacher email, and school all-ca</li> </ul>
Bonding		
<ul> <li>The school has a business-like atmosphere.</li> <li>School staff provides occasional 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.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The school establishes and non-threatening, welcoming environment.</li> <li>The principal leads the work to empower and motivate families and community to become engaged.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Lyrical Revolution, Open house performances, French and Spanishonors society Induction, IB breakfast in June Student of the Month (Last year), French Exchange, Senior Citizen Prom in May, Social Studies, Science Peru Trip, World Language Dinner meetin with parents, FASFA workshops – CTE and Counselors, Build On, AVID- Quarterly parent meetings re: info, edmodo, workshops, Math Team – Ms James, Mr Wang 5 competitions a year, CTE copartnerships with area businesses. Music Dept has winter and Spring concerts Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Percussion combo perform twice a year at local elementary schools, including

Cawver and Madero Jazz Rand norforms at two area jazz fectivals





## School Effectiveness Framework

Instructions: Evaluate your school from 1-4 on each of the Effective Practices of the School Effectiveness Framework in the drop down box under "Evaluation". Cite evidence from

Typical School	Effective School	Evidence Evaluation
Specialized support		3
<ul> <li>School provides required services to students within the school building/typical school hours.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>School provides required services to ELL's and students with disabilities within the school building.</li> <li>School staff conducts outreach to local school agencies such as DHS, Access Living, MOPD, and the Chicago Park District to provid transitional secondary and post-secondary educational and vocational services to students with disabilities.</li> </ul>
College & Career Exploration and election	n	> 3
<ul> <li>Information about college or career choices is provided.</li> </ul>	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.	<ul> <li>Students are encouraged to explore post-secondary education a employment options through the College and Career Center.</li> <li>Gear-up provides opportunities to explore college campus' and assists students and parents in accessing information on colleges and financial aid options.</li> </ul>
Academic Planning		> 2
for some students. Information and opportunit explore paths of interest are limited.	<ul> <li>The school provides support for student planning, preparation, participation, and performance in their college and career aspirations and goals through a rigorous academic program and access to information and opportunities.</li> <li>(HS only) The school regularly evaluates rigorous coursetaking and performance patterns (e.g., AP) and removes barriers to access.</li> </ul>	•Students earning A's and B's are encouraged to enroll in honors courses by counselors. They are encouraged to take more than the state required number of math courses. Counselors review the significance of enrolling in a rigorous course of study with student during programming sessions. (D. Graham) Choose Your Future creates a student selectivity scale that uses their unweighted GPA with their most recent EPAS. This helps us guide students towards colleges that match their potential.
Enrichment & Extracurricular Engagemen	nt	> 3
<ul> <li>Extracurricular activities exist but may be limi scope or students may not be purposefully invoin in activities that align with their strengths and r</li> </ul>	lved extracurricular and enrichment opportunities that build	•A wide variety of activities exist, however participation seems to be strictly based on student choice, not need or assessment. The number of openings for students is limited and thus can't address the true need.

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	Typical School	Effective School	Evidence Evaluation	on
O	College & Career Assessments	<del></del>	3	
DIMENSIC	Students do not participate in college and career ready assessments	The school promotes preparation, participation, and performance in college and career assessments.	•CTE students take the National Occupational Competency Testin Institute's (NOCTI) examination which is a series of assessments students enrolled in career and technical education programs in high schools and technical colleges in the United States. There is not a systemic approach for addressing this item for each grade	for
	College & Career Admissions and Affordability		3	
	Students in 11th and 12th grade are provided information on college options , costs and financial aid.   Transitions	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.	<ul> <li>Senior parents are allowed access to the College and Career Center during a period of time and assistance is given for completing the FAFSA. It is not clear if information regarding colle options is made available to underclassmen.</li> <li>All students have access to the College and Career center where they may meet with counselors to discuss information on college options, costs and financial aid.</li> <li>Students can also obtain information through the Gear-Up office</li> </ul>	e e
	Transitions between key grades provide families with the required minimum paperwork/information.	<ul> <li>The school works to ensure effective transitions—into Kindergarten, at each "benchmark" grade, and from 8th to 9th.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The school utilizes the TRIO program and GearUP for college too and other resources.</li> <li>The school connects students with disabilities to the following community agencies to help them with the transition to post-secondary education: Department of Human Services, Access Living, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, Community Services Options, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, and Lighthouse for the Blind.</li> <li>The school has also offered Freshman Connection and an 8th gr</li> </ul>	



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Typical School	Effective School	Evidence Evaluat
Use of Discretionary Resources	<del></del>	> 4
<ul> <li>School discretionary funding is inconsistently aligned to identified needs and priorities.</li> <li>Outside funding or community partnerships are primarily limited to opportunities that present themselves to the school.</li> <li>Funding of non-priority initiatives is common throughout the year.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>School allocates discretionary spending to align with identified needs and strategic priorities.</li> <li>School actively identifies and pursues opportunities to for outside funding or community partnerships to help meet student and staff needs.</li> <li>School maintains focus on use of resources for the student achievement growth necessary for every student to graduate college and career ready.</li> </ul>	•School allocates discretionary spending to align with identified needs and strategic priorities. Even with the strains on the budg much needed counseling clerk was provided to help with data e and pass on messages to students more easily, manage data, etc.
Building a Team		3
	<ul> <li>Hiring is conducted after an assessment of student need, staff capacity and scheduling priorities.</li> <li>School actively works to build a pool of potential staff members through internships and part-time work.</li> <li>A multistep interview process includes a protocol for questioning and classroom lesson demonstrations to assess candidate expertise, philosophy and commitment.</li> <li>Grade/course teams are assembled to include the needed combination of knowledge and expertise.</li> </ul>	•Grade/Course level teams are assembled to participate in the interview process and determinations are made based upon student need, staff capacity, and scheduling priorities.
Use of Time		3
<ul> <li>School schedule is designed based on number of minutes per subject or course.</li> <li>Teacher collaboration time is limited or occurs only before/after school.</li> <li>Intervention for struggling students happens at the discretion/initiative of individual teachers, during core courses.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>School designs a "right fit" schedule based on student needs and school-wide growth goals.</li> <li>The school schedule allows for regular, meaningful collaboration in teacher teams.</li> <li>Struggling students receive structured intervention in dedicated blocks.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The school has designed a schedule with three start times to incorporate the needs of and the number of students within the building.</li> <li>Time for teacher collaboration is allotted on a biweekly basis through the Reconstructed Day schedule.</li> <li>Intervention for struggling students happens at the discretion/initiative of individual teachers during teacher preps well as before and after school.</li> <li>Struggling students can receive structured academic intervent</li> </ul>

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#### 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**

It is the mission of Curie Metropolitan High School to offer a rigorous academic curriculum with an emphasis on technology and the arts. Curie High School promotes future success by establishing a culture of college and career readiness and by encouraging students to enroll in post-secondary institutions. Curie High School is committed to providing authentic learning experiences that will provide a foundation for life-long learning. Students will be prepared to become leaders and engaged citizens in a global society, enabling them to contribute positively and responsibly to their community.

#	Priority Description: Write in the description of your priority.	Rationale: Write in your rationale (see instructions for guiding questions).
1	Promote EPAS growth through targeted instruction that addresses student deficits through teacher integration of Common Core aligned instruction.	Based upon data found in the FY2011 School Performance Score Card, EPAS gains ranged from 0.9 from Explore to Plan and 1.3 from Plan to ACT. The school has identified students who are not making expected gains. By targeting instruction, teachers will ensure that their students display a two-point gain from fall to spring assessments.
2	Identify and apply best practice strategies that support increased student attendance and decrease misconducts within the 4-6 range.	Based on the 2011 Performance Management Report, Curie's attendance rate was 85% and is currently below our 90 percent goal. Improving attendance and limiting misconducts are both integral in promoting student growth. Research shows that schools with a safe and supportive environment for learning achieve better academic, behavioral and social outcomes for students than schools without such a climate for learning.
3	Teachers will monitor weekly on-track goals at each grade level to support achievement by identifying student needs, differentiating instruction and aligning curriculum and instruction to Common Core Standards.	According to our Performance Management data and weekly On Pace, Attendance, Behavior reports, the on-track rates are currently below our goals for 9th and 10th graders (9th: 66%, 10th: 72.10%). By aligning the Common Core Standards, we will decrease the rate of students failing one or more core classes by 5 percent from first quarter to fourth quarter.
4	Identify and apply school-wide structures and procedures that support college and post-secondary metrics.	According to the 2011 Performance Management Report, only 22.9% of graduates are eligible for a Selective Four-Year college and 61.3% of graduates are enrolled in college. In alignment with Curie's mission statement, it is essential to prepare students to access post-secondary careers and opportunities.
5	Optional	





## Strategic Priority 1

Instructions: Develop milestones for each strategic priority that you will implement. Milestones are significant steps that a school must accomplish in the implementation of the strategic priority. Milestones are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-bound). Indicate the category and group of students to which the milestone applies, the responsible party and the timeline. You will update the status and next steps throughout the year as part of your continuous improvement cycle.

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Action Plan Monitoring

Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps
Provide professional development for teachers regarding the analysis of data	Professional Development	All	administration/ ILT	Summer 2012	On-going		
provide professional development for teachers regarding how to use data to inform instruction	Professional Development	All	administration/ ILT	Quarter 1	Quarter 1		
working with the network to create a calendar of professional development for 2012-2013	Professional Development	All	administration/ ILT	Summer 2012	Summer 2012		
monitor the effectiveness of P.D. provided on EPAS specific topics	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	administration/ ILT	Quarter 1	On-going		
monitor the use of instructional strategies and use of materials presented in p.d. sessions	Other	All	dept chairs/ administration/ teacher leaders	Quarter 1	On-going		
assemble instructional leadership team	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	administration	Summer 2012	Quarter 1		
address students and parents during orientation regarding the importance and use of EPAS exams	Parental Involvement	All	administation and counselors and teacher volunteers	Summer 2012	Summer 2012		
during advisory/seminare days, reinforce school priorities and goals regarding EPAS growth	Instruction	All	all staff	Quarter 1	On-going		
all staff members consistently reinforce school wide expectations regarding EPAS growth through weekly seminars.	Instruction	All	all staff	Quarter 1	On-going		
identify knowledegeable speakers who can present information to parents ( august orientation)	Parental Involvement	All	professional development committees	Summer 2012	Summer 2012		
implement incentives for student who achieve growth develop an intervention plan for students who do not achieve growth	Instruction ILT/ Teacher Teams	All All	all staff all staff	Quarter 1 Summer 2012	Summer 2012 Quarter 1		



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Strategic Priority 1						
conduct a needs assessment of instructional materials and how they are alligned with common core standards	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	all staff	Summer 2012	Quarter 1	
provide ACT preparation classes for juniors	Instruction	All	Princeton Review, SES	Quarter 1	Quarter 3	





## Strategic Priority 2

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Strategic Priority Description	Rationale
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	academic, behavioral and social outcomes for students than schools without such a climate for learning.

Action Plan Monitoring

Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps
develop incentive programs that will encourage increased student attendance.	Other	All	Attendance committee	Summer 2012	Summer 2012		
establish an attendance committee that involves student voice.	Other	All	Administration/ILT	Summer 2012	Quarter 1		
the attendance committee will evaluate the effectiveness of the current attendance policy.	Other	All	Attendance committee	Summer 2012	On-going		
Re-evaluate the placement and positioning of security staff to secure that students can not depart	Other	All	Administration/Dean s	Summer 2012	On-going		
develop parent patrol committee in partnership with the LSC to patrol the premises and help prevent truancy	LSC/ PAC/ PTA	All	Adminstration, LSC, PAC	Summer 2012	Quarter 1		
teachers will document the use of various strategies to promote increased attendance-i.e. phone calls, conferences, etc.	Other	All	All Teachers	Quarter 1	On-going		
ILT will create and distribute specific policies to help guide teachers towards reaching attendance goals.	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	ILT, Teacher teams	Summer 2012	Quarter 1		
improve exterior and interior environment by making the school more welcoming and conducive to learning	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Administration, Teacher committee, LSC, PAC.	Summer 2012	On-going		
have a p.d. for teachers on student engagement and positive behavior intervention	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Administration, Counselors, ILT	Summer 2012	Quarter 1		
allow more access to building after school and increase the number of after school and before school activities in compliance with the full school day.	After School/ Extended Day	All	Administration, Teacher Leaders	Quarter 1	On-going		





# Strategic Priority 2 develop a team to analyze trends regarding student misconduct within the 4 to 6 range. ILT/ Teacher Teams All Teams All Teams, Security rep., Adminstration Quarter 1 Quarter 1





## Strategic Priority 3

Instructions: Develop milestones for each strategic priority that you will implement. Milestones are significant steps that a school must accomplish in the implementation of the strategic priority. Milestones are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-bound). Indicate the category and group of students to which the milestone applies, the responsible party and the timeline. You will update the status and next steps throughout the year as part of your continuous improvement cycle.

Strategic Priority Description	Rationale
needs, differentiating instruction and aligning curriculum and instruction to Common Core Standards.	According to our Performance Management data and weekly On Pace, Attendance, Behavior reports, the ontrack rates are currently below our goals for 9th and 10th graders (9th: 66%, 10th: 72.10%). By aligning the Common Core Standards, we will decrease the rate of students failing one or more core classes by 5 percent from first quarter to fourth quarter.

Action Plan Monitoring

Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps
core teachers will have a common planning period to			Administration,				
construct shared lesson plans and units alligned to the	Instruction	All	program office,	Summer 2012	Quarter 1		
common core standards.			department chairs				
teachers will have a p.d. addressing best practices that	Professional		Adminstratiion, ILT,				
promote student academic achievement such as	Development	All	Bilingual, Special Ed.	Summer 2012	Quarter 1		
differentiation, scaffolding, etc.	Development		Billigual, Special Eu.				
implementing an incentive program that rewards students	Other	All	Counselors, all staff	Quarter 1	On-going		
for academic success.	Other	7.11	ŕ	Quarter 1	On going		
monitor and support teacher gradebook activity.	Instruction	All	Administration, Department Chairs	Quarter 1	On-going		
monitor and support students who are off track.	Instruction	All	All staff	Quarter 1	On-going		
invite alumni and community professionals to speak with students about truancy and on track issues.	Other	All	Program Coordinators, Department Chairs	Quarter 1	Quarter 1		
teachers will have a p.d. about the common core	Professional		ILT, Department				
standards.	Development	All	Chairs	Summer 2012	Quarter 1		
students in various majors and specialized programs will be advised by teachers in those majors and programs.		All	All teachers, program office, program coordinators	Summer 2012	On-going		





Strategic Priority 3							
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## Strategic Priority 4

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Strategic Priority Description	Rationale
	According to the 2011 Performance Management Report, only 22.9% of graduates are eligible for a Selective Four-Year college and 61.3% of graduates are enrolled in college. In alignment with Curie's mission statement, it is essential to prepare students to access post-secondary careers and opportunities.

Action Plan Monitoring

Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps
invite alumni and community professionals to speak with students regarding college and career exploration.	Other	All	Program coordinators, college and career staff	Quarter 1	On-going		
Teachers will promote a school-wide college going culture through nvolvement in on-going conversations, and visual displays	Other	All	All Staff	Quarter 1	On-going		
Expand on resources for undocumented students and hold professional development to share undocumented resources with the entire staff (PD on the Dream ACT IL, what is an undocumented student, etc)	Other	All	College and Career staff and counselors	Quarter 1	On-going		
Expand on pre-FAFSA workshops for parents and students and provide tax assitance	Parental Involvement	All	College and Career staff and counselors, program coordinators	Quarter 1	On-going		
Establishing a college and career readiness team to assist counselors and act as facilitators between counselors and teachers	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	ILT, Teacher teams, college and career center	Quarter 1	Quarter 1		
Expand college fair to include career exploration for all grade levels and assess to college visits for all grade levels and achievement levels	After School/ Extended Day	All	Program coordinators, college and career staff, counselors	Quarter 1	On-going		
identify college ready students and provide resources for college ready students and non college ready students	Other	All	Program coordinators, college and career staff, counselors	Quarter 1	On-going		





Strategic Priority 4							





## Strategic Priority 5

Instructions: Develop milestones for each strategic priority that you will implement. Milestones are significant steps that a school must accomplish in the implementation of the strategic priority. Milestones are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-bound). Indicate the category and group of students to which the milestone applies, the responsible party and the timeline. You will update the status and next steps throughout the year as part of your continuous improvement cycle.

Strategic Priority Description	Rationale

Action Plan Monitoring

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