

Ray Graham Training Center High School

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Mission Statement

Ray Graham Training Center H.S. offers all students an individualized instructional program that is designed to meet their unique educational, physical and emothional needs. Students will participate in a specifically modified curriculum and have access to the general education curriculum within a safe and supportive environment. Our school provides a developmentally appropriate, culturally sensitive and community responsive education that assists our students in becoming productive members of society.

Strategic Priorities

- 1. Teachers will use the Brigance Transition Skills Inventory data aligned with IEP goals to drive instruction. Through the usage of the Brigance Transition Skills Inventory in addition to the Common Core Standards we believe that students will show improvement in all areas of functioning.
- 2. Teachers will effectively use the Transition Instruction & Preparation Skills (TIPS) program to transition all students to a post-secondary placement. The usage of the Transition Instruction & Preparation Skills (TIPS) program will give teachers the longevity to work with specific students and to tailor their approach in a more
- 3. School stakeholders will participate in a school-wide attendance program that monitors and promotes the progress of student attendance. Students must be in school in order to receive instruction and to improve their outcomes both academically and socially. Team members will focus on rewarding students who are in

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

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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) Rebecca A. Parker Principal Sandra Jackson Assistant Principal Michael Brown LSC Member KuSan Thomas Counselor/Case Manager Karen Coupet **Classroom Teacher** Amberlee Sheehan Classroom Teacher Araceli Acevedo **ELL** Teacher Angela Buckner Lead/ Resource Teacher Diane Powell LSC Member



Title/Relationship



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		NDA	NA	NA	NA	College Eligibility % of graduates eligible for a selective four-year college (GPA & ACT)	18.8	NA	NA	NA
10th Grade - PLAN Average PLAN score		NDA	NA	NA	NA	 5-Year Graduation Rate % of students who have graduated within 5 years 	10.3	NA	NA	NA
11th Grade - ACT Average ACT score	NDA	NDA	NA	NA	NA	College Enrollment % of graduates enrolled in college	NDA	NA	NA	NA

EPAS Growth	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal
EXPLORE to PLAN Average growth from Spring EXPLORE to Spring PLAN	#VALUE!	#VALUE!
PLAN to ACT Average growth from Spring PLAN to SPRING ACT	#VALUE!	#VALUE!

Climate & Culture

All Grades	SY2011	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal		SY2011	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal
Attendance Rate Average daily attendance rate	86.3	90.0	92.0	95.0	Misconducts Rate of Misconducts (L4-6) per 100	3.7	3.0	2.0	1.0
Freshman On-Track % of Freshman Students on-track	NDA	NA	NA	NA	Sophomore On-Track % of Sophomore students on track	NDA	NA	NA	NA





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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	NDA	NA	NA	NA	PSAE Reading % of students exceeding state standards	NDA	NA	NA	NA
PSAE Mathematics % of students meeting or exceeding state standards	NDA	NA	NA	NA	PSAE Mathematics % of students exceeding state standards	NDA	NA	NA	NA
PSAE Science % of students meeting or exceeding state standards	NDA	NA	NA	NA	PSAE Science % of students exceeding state standards	NDA	NA	NA	NA





School Effectiveness Framework

	Typical School	Effective School	Evidence	Evaluation
	Goals and theory of action		>	3
shi	 The school has established goals for student achievement that are aimed at making incremental growth and narrowing of achievement gaps. The school has a plan but may have too many competing priorities. 	 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 	 Each student has an individualized education plan that their goals and allows teachers to track student achieved through progress monitoring in every class. The school has set a goal of 100% of students who grather school having a post-secondary placement that is student needs and wants. Full School Day plan was written to include 2 period k linked to transition and post-secondary outcomes. 	ement aduate from suitable to
	Principal Leadership		>	4
	Professional learning is organized through whole	 Principal creates a professional learning system that 	 Principal conducts professional development twice each 	ach week for
			a total of 90 minutes for all team members.	
	happens in teacher team meetings or 1:1 coaching	opportunities for growth in content knowledge and	 Principal schedules paraprofessional team members to a schedules paraprofessional team members to a schedule schedul	to participate
	cycles.	leadership	in an additional 135 minutes per week of professional	
	• Principal monitors instructional practice for teacher	 Principal clarifies a vision for instructional best practice, 	development, both in person and online.	
	evaluations.	works with each staff member to determine goals and	 Principal schedules and monitors teacher team member 	bers
	 School-wide or class specific vision is not 	benchmarks, monitors quality and drives continuous	participating in weekly departmental meetings that allo	ow for
	consistently focused on college and career	improvement.	collaboration between teacher team members related	to their
	readiness	 Principal establishes and nurtures a culture of college and 	subject area.	
	• Principal provides basic information for families on	career readiness through clarity of vision, internal and	 Principal conducts ongoing and frequent observation 	is of teacher
	school events and responds to requests for	external communications and establishment of systems to	team members during instructional time.	
	information. Families and community are engaged	support students in understanding and reaching these	 Principal implemented PAC and shares appropriate in 	nformation
	through occasional school-wide events such as open	goals.	with LSC members.	
	houses or curriculum nights.	 Principal creates a system for empowered families and 	 Principal ensures that technology resources are available 	
		communities through accurate information on school	instructional purposes and that PD is given to enhance	usage in the
			classroom.	
		opportunities for involvement.		





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Typical School	Effective School	Eviden
Teacher Leadership		
 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 RtI 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 	 Teacher team members show leadership in man o ILT membership – Responsible for attending me feedback that is addressed in the ILT and problem o Committee chairs – Responsible for planning ar Works in tandem with all school stakeholders to a committee's purpose. Mentor Teachers – Responsible for developing a of extra support. Mentor teachers are also respone new teachers into the school community. Bilingual Lead Teacher – Responsible for ensurin the bilingual program are addressed. Responsible resources needed to ensure the success of bilinguo o CIWP team – Responsible for working with all to that it follows the school priorities as outlined in plan throughout the school year, reevaluating pro o Union Representative – Responsible for the diss team members ensuring that information is accur representative is also responsible for ensuring that needed. Grant Writer – Responsible for writing a grant t members have the responsibility as a grant writer and to provide school stakeholders with information • Department guided Learning walks are conduct learning environment. Within all departmental and professional developed • Professional development is engaging and hand

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meetings, relaying information to their departments, synthesizing em-solving within their department.

and organizing committee meetings, members, and events.

o ensure that the views and needs of all are addressed within the

g a close working relationship with new teachers who are in need consible for finding resources and pushing for the engagement of

ring that the needs of the students and families participating in ble for bringing teacher and paraprofessional team members the igual students in the classroom.

I team members in the creation of the CIWP team and ensuring in the plan. CIWP team also focuses on the implementation of the progress when necessary.

issemination of information from the Union to the appropriate curate and given at the appropriate time. The union

hat appropriate resources are provided for team members as

t that will benefit the students of RGTCHS. All teacher team ter to apply for a minimum of one grant during the school year nation on the application, program, and outcome. cted to assist with the improvement of instruction and the

elopment meetings there is equity of voice. nds-on when appropriate.



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Instructional Leadership Team (ILT)		
 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 	 The school's ILT meets mining that is teacher led. The ILT includes team members are responsion to their department of their department of their department back to the ILT. ILT chairperson effectively content of the ILT agenda is monitored the instructional needs of school the instructional needs of school the members.
Monitoring and adjusting		
• 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.	 All teachers participate in protection of their specific instructional are instructional Area) - vocabular Progress monitoring is evided







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	Curriculum		
tru	 Curricular pacing/scope and sequence is most often determined by the pacing set forth in instructional materials or by an individual teacher. Each teacher develops his/her own units of instruction or follows what is suggested by the pacing provided in instructional materials. Text used for instruction exposes some students to grade-appropriate complexity and is heavily focused on fiction. Short- and long-term plans do not consistently differentiate by learner need. 	 Each grade level or course team has a year-long scope and sequence that maps out what Common Core or other state standards teachers should teach and in what order in core subject areas. Each grade level or course team develops/uses common units of instruction aligned to the standards. Text used for instruction exposes all students to a grade- appropriate level of complexity and informational texts to at least the CCSS-recommended levels by grade band. Short and long term plans include the supports necessary to ensure that students with disabilities and ELLs are able to gain core content knowledge and skills. 	 Teachers develop their own student IEP goals and instruct school. The needs of students partic addressed by the appropriate includes meeting with the bilin teacher, or bilingual paraprofe Instruction is IEP driven and modifications as needed. Teachers share instructional
۵	Instructional materials		•
	 Core instructional materials vary between teachers of the same grade/course or are focused mainly on a single textbook with little exposure to standards- aligned supplemental materials. Instructional materials support a general curriculum with little differentiation for student learning need. 	 Each grade level or course team has a set of instructional materials that are aligned with standards. Instructional materials are supportive of students with disabilities as well as varying language proficiency levels of ELLs (including native language and bilingual supports). 	 Instructional materials are available to is made. Instructional materials are modified by students (including bilingual student new Materials have been purchased for tea Inventory Assessment. Unique/Boardmaker and various types Technology is available that allows for white boards, IPADS, document camera Students requiring assistive technolog access due to the efforts of the speech parallel
		our school in this area, we encourage schools to begin inven is is not a comprehensive inventory of your school's instruction re 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. Most assessments are designed to be identical for all students, without accommodation for learner need. 	 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., 	 Team members in conjunction with administration h new assessment plan for the school. This assessment the usage of the Brigance Transition Skills Inventory ar for teacher team members to access the data collecte Brigance Transition Skills Inventory is used to drive T selection. All eligible students are administered the Illinois Alte Assessment (IAA). Teachers have documentation regarding modificatio accommodations for assessments available to them drive instructional times 	plan includes nd the ability d at any time. TA vocabulary ernative





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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.	 Teacher team members work to ensure that different instruction takes place in each classroom during every Paraprofessional team members are versed in instructing strategies that allow them to assist students. Formative assessments are utilized by teacher team order to give data for progress monitoring. Flexible grouping according to skill level is evident in classrooms. Clear learning objectives are communicated to stude All lessons are aligned to Illinois Learning Standards. Teachers utilize multiple languages during instruction student needs. Scaffolding is evident in all classrooms and can be se work of paraprofessionals as well. 	class period. actional members in all ents. n to meet





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Intervention		
success of interventions is not regularly monitored.	 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. 	 Team members are able to recominany academic, social, or emotional Teachers use progress monitoring students. Paraprofessional support is given as needed. Extensive social work, speech, billi for social/emotional interventions. Brigance Transition Skills Inventor intervention for students. Interventions are shared, implement meetings so that adjustments can be Several social/emotional skill interving modification programs that are stude. A SharePoint website has been remembers school-wide to access informore strategic and sustained interving

	Whole staff professional development		
earnin.	 Whole staff professional development occurs regularly but is not tightly aligned to the school's priorities. Quality, effectiveness or relevance of professional development is not monitored. 	 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 to teachers. 	 School-wide professional development takes collaboration, Brigance data management train Paraprofessional team members participate in specific areas in which they work. The in house Diane Twachtman-Cullen and the online course by Master Teacher found at www.masterteache All team members are encouraged to particip position at the school. Time is given for those w Learning Walks are conducted that assist teac instructional practices. New teacher mentoring/coaching is taking plathey need to be successful. Departmental meetings allow for needed collations for learning from their colleagues.



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- ng to create interventions for individual
- en by trained paraprofessionals to all students
- ilingual, and counseling services are provided
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- mented, and monitored during departmental be made for specific students.
- terventions are also utilized including but not ng groups, individual counseling, and behavior tudent specific.
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- nformation about students that will assist with rventions.

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cipate in any professional development t	hat is related to their	
who find opportunities during school hours.		
eacher team members with understandi	ng and improving	
place to ensure that new teachers receiv	ve the support that	
ollaboration time that gives teacher tear	m members added	



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 Grade-level and/or course teams		
 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 primarily with individual teachers. Planning typically takes place with general education teachers only. Special education, bilingual or other specialists typically plan and meet separately or only join the group occasionally. There are meeting agendas, but no clear protocols or norms for discussion. 	 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. 	 Cluster Collaboration takes p Departmental meetings take p groups are responsible for set the meeting minutes to admin RGTCHS teams are inclusive including general education, s and other specialists.
Instructional coaching		l
 Coaching typically takes place through informal associations or is only focused on a smaller group of teachers. Formal support for new teachers comes from 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. 	 New non-tenured teacher tere to assist them with instruction Instructional learning walks information is shared within t Paraprofessional team mem increase their knowledge in in additional online courses mad beyond their required courses



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team members are assign on. s are conducted by all tea the teams. mbers are provided the op instruction by choosing to de available to them abou	chers and oportunity to participate in



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	Typical School	Effective School	Evidence	Evaluation
	High expectations & College-going culture		>	2
ult	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 	 High expectations for students are expected by every member while at the same time team members are also to assist students with finding areas that meet their sk aligned with their likes and wants. Many students are given the opportunity to take add related classes at Dunbar Vocational Career Academy. Students are also exposed to opportunities at St. Igns Alden Rehabilitation Center, Jesse Brown Veteran's How where they are with their non-disabled peers. 	so expected ill level litional caree atius, UIC,
4:0	Relationships		>	4
DIMENSION	 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. 	 Students are highly supported by all team members is able to go to several different team members for supp guidance when needed. Students within the school are not only a part of the school community, but also a part of the St. Ignatius, D Lincoln Park Rehabilitation Center, Gallery 37, McGuar Cross, Beasley Elementary, Jewel-Osco, Jesse Brown V/ Central Bus Company communities. Some students have the opportunity to participate in Mentoring group to address their emotional needs and appropriate social behaviors. 	ort and Ray Graham Dunbar, Alden De Park, Holy A, and Illinois
	Behavior& Safety		>	3
	 school wide norms. School environment occasionally leads to situations un-conducive to learning. 	 The school has a common, consistent school-wide approach to student discipline and tiered approach to behavioral intervention that recognizes and builds on positive behavior. Staff establishes and maintains a safe, welcoming school environment. 	 The school has a consistent approach to student disc discipline is not an issue at the school. All staff members in the school adhere to a specific b protocol that involves referral, intervention in the posi center and follow-up with the student, staff and paren Teachers have regular opportunities to discuss behav in their department/cluster meetings. 	ehavior tive behavior ts.





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	Typical School	Effective School	Evidence Evaluation
	Expectations		> 3
ily and Community Engagem	 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 they reach out to the school for information. 	course and examples of what meeting the standards looks like.	 Teachers provide copies of their class syllabus to parents to communicate student expectations in their course. Teachers have access to the school website in which they are able to post course expectations. Team Members meet with parents/families at any time when a concern arises. Expectations are shared continuously by all team members with students regarding not only academics, but social expectations as well. Students are able to share the expectations for various settings both in and out of the school environment. Students are expected to be at school daily.
	Ongoing communication		> 3
	 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.	 Some homeroom teachers utilize daily communication either via phone or notebooks to allow for regular communication with parents. Teacher and parents regularly communicate regarding homework assignments. Parents have access to staff email address' and contact information via the school's website. All homeroom teachers are mandated to contact student's home if the student is absent for any reason.
SIO	Bonding	· 	> 4
DID	 The school has a business-like atmosphere. 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. 	 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 	 School hosts several events throughout the year in which parents are invited to attend or participate (ie. Black History Month performance, school choir performances, Circle of Friends Washington D.C. trip, upcoming Williamsburg, VA Circle of Friends trip, Transition Fairs, and Family Movie nights). Students participated in their first school musicals while pairing with other schools such as St. Ignatius, and St. Benedict. Students were also given the opportunity to participate in a cast party for these events. Students not only participate as guests at events such as Family Movie Night, they also participate as student workers to gain experience in work/job skills.





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	Typical School	Effective School	Evider	
	Specialized support			
	 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 social worker and counselor condi- related to students. Case Manager, counselor and social work agencies, such as Community Service Optic Transition Fairs and Partnerships with ou Transportation is provided for many outs for students and families are taken to outsi 	
	College & Career Exploration and election			
nodquc	• 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.	 Team members address stutransition planning. Transition fairs are held at the year and many outside transities. 	
22	Academic Planning			
and Career Rea	 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	 Team members devise year academic and post-secondary Planning for the upcoming unique course needs of the s coming from various schools different. The counselor and and basic course offerings wi 	
ge	Enrichment & Extracurricular Engagement			
	• Extracurricular activities exist but may be limited in scope or students may not be purposefully involved 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.	 Students are offered a wide array of program and extracurricular activities necessity. Our offerings range from T Cultural Club and Wood working. 	



Evaluation ence 4 nduct home visits as needed to address specific issues orker maintain ongoing connections with local social service tions, Inc. outside agencies are provided for parents and families. utside transition fairs including those from MOPD and trips utside social service agencies. 3 -> student's career readiness through yearly t the school several times throughout transition fairs are made available to the 3 -----> early IEP goals to address student's ary needs. g school year is detailed around the students at RGTCHS. Students are Is and their course needs are not very nd case manager are checking transcripts will be based on their findings. 3 ---> of activities through our Advisory Connection ies that take place during the school day due to n Tiger TV, Photography, Dance, Drum Line, Drama,



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Typical School	Effective School	Eviden
College & Career Assessments		
 Students do not participate in college and career ready assessments 	• The school promotes preparation, participation, and performance in college and career assessments.	 Teachers utilize informal ass inventories, student/parent qu The school utilizes Brigance to address career readiness sk
College & Career Admissions and Affordability	· 	
• Students in 11th and 12th grade are provided information on college options , costs and financial aid.	• 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.	 Parents and students are given placements. They are encourage on waiting list, if necessary. Teacher team members includ case manager work closely with admissions offices if this is their given information about possible colleges/universities themselves
Transitions	· 	
• Transitions between key grades provide families with the required minimum paperwork/information.	 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. 	 Students and families are linked with day at RGTCHS. The school facilitates opportunities for through community based instruction. All team members are well versed in students in the area of transition and to to the proper resources when needed. The full school day plan for the upcon increasing the number of students who secondary outcome.



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School Effectiveness Framework

	Typical School	Effective School	Eviden
	Use of Discretionary Resources		
esource Alignment	 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. 	 The school's discretionary spineeds of the students as listed Community partnerships are financial support for the need Team members are able to rinstructional materials or suppapproved.
	Building a Team		
DIMENSION 7:	 Hiring is conducted after a vacancy or expected vacancy is identified. All or nearly all applicants have little to no prior connection to the school. Interviews typically consist of an interview with the principal or a team from the school, but there are no opportunities to demonstrate knowledge or skill in the classroom. Grade/course teams are not intentionally designed. 	 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 based or population. Candidates hired are require knowledge and prior experien needs. Teacher team members hire pedagogy associated with the expectations for our students.
	Use of Time		
	 School schedule is designed based on number of minutes per subject or course. Teacher collaboration time is limited or occurs only before/after school. Intervention for struggling students happens at the discretion/initiative of individual teachers, during core courses. 	 School designs a "right fit" schedule based on student needs and school-wide growth goals. The school schedule allows for regular, meaningful collaboration in teacher teams. Struggling students receive structured intervention in dedicated blocks. 	 School schedule is based on collaboration time for teacher same department. Some teacher team member work with students with a spe The school's full school day provide the school priorities and the school priorities are school priorities.



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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

Ray Graham Training Center H.S. offers all students an individualized instructional program that is designed to meet their unique educational, physical and emothional needs. Students will participate in a specifically modified curriculum and have access to the general education curriculum within a safe and supportive environment. Our school provides a developmentally appropriate, culturally sensitive and community responsive education that assists our students in becoming productive members of society.

Strategic Priorities

#	Priority Description: Write in the description of your priority.	Rationale: Write in your rationale (see instrue
1	Teachers will use the Brigance Transition Skills Inventory data aligned with IEP goals to drive instruction. Through the usage of the Brigance Transition Skills Inventory in addition to the Common Core Standards we believe that students will show improvement in all areas of functioning.	There is a lack of data available to measure the s Traditional assessments do not necessarily apply of our students take the IAA (Illinois Alternative / test only provides one data point and is not effe academically or for vocational classes, especially Common Core Standards.
2	Teachers will effectively use the Transition Instruction & Preparation Skills (TIPS) program to transition all students to a post-secondary placement. The usage of the Transition Instruction & Preparation Skills (TIPS) program will give teachers the longevity to work with specific students and to tailor their approach in a more detailed manner since the teachers will be working with this specific group of students over a longer time frame.	Our school has a 96% graduation rate, however of percent are able to find a suitable work or contine of graduation.
3	School stakeholders will participate in a school-wide attendance program that monitors and promotes the progress of student attendance. Students must be in school in order to receive instruction and to improve their outcomes both academically and socially. Team members will focus on rewarding students who are in attendance at school similar to what they would receive in the work force which further impresses upon the students the work/job skills that are important to their success.	Our student attendance rate this year is currently than the district goal of 95%. There is an even gr school after the age of 18, and we have observe have multiple data of absenteeism in a row, whic student's ability to stay on track with regards to o placement.
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Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status
Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) will meet monthly with the all team members to share detailed information regarding instruction, provide PD, and to ascertain the concerns and needs of all team members.	ILT/ Teacher Teams	Students With Disabilities	Principal/ Instructional Leadership Team	On-going		
Departments will select or create a consistent progress monitoring tool.	Instruction	Students With Disabilities	Department Chairs	Summer 2012		
Professional Development for team members around new technology, materials, and resources (Boardmaker/Unique).	Equipment/ Technology	Students With Disabilities	Principal/ Technology Coordinator	On-going		
Team Members will create an individual professional development plan including both short and long term goals.	Professional Development	Students With Disabilities	Principal/ All Team Members	Quarter 1		
Professional Development for all team members related to Brigance Transition Skills Inventory assessment, including both implementation and usage of data collected.	Instruction	Students With Disabilities	Principal	On-going		
Usage of the Brigance Transition Skills Inventory as the quarterly assessment to drive instruction. (3rd week-1st quarter, 1st week-2nd & 3rd quarter, and 6th week - 4th quarter)	Instruction	Students With Disabilities	Principal/ All Team Members	On-going		
School-wide and classroom based data walls will be displayed to allow students the opportunity to strive for and acknowledge positive growth.	Instruction	Students With Disabilities	Principal/Teacher Team Members	On-going		

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instruction academically or for vocational classes, especially as we transition into the usage of the Common

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An announcement "shout out" will be given on the intercom after each quarterly testing period for the 3 students from each department who make the most gain on the Brigance Transition Skills Inventory.	Instruction	Students With Disabilities	Principal/ Department Chairs	On-going	
Team Members will create quarterly, semester, and yearly goals for courses.	Instruction	Students With Disabilities	Principal/ Teacher Team Members	On-going	







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Responsible Target Completed Milestones Category Start Status Group Party An outline of a systematic approach for interventions Students With within the school will be created, implemented, and Other Principal Summer 2012 Disabilities shared with all team members. Professional Development will be provided for all team Professional Students With Principal/ ILT Team On-going members with relations to meeting purpose and protocol. Development Disabilities Members Principal/Student Students With A student government will be formed and sponsored at the Other Government On-going Disabilities school with bi-monthly meetings. Sponsor Teachers will be provided a list of career interest inventory Students With Principal/Case Instruction Quarter 1 options for use in the classroom. Disabilities Manager Professional Development related to Community Based Professional Students With Quarter 1 Principal Instruction will be provided to all team members. Development Disabilities Professional Development for the TIPS (Transition Professional Students With Principal/ILT/Case Instruction & Preparation Skills) period including but not Quarter 1 Development Disabilities Manager limited to Project Discovery. Community Based Instruction will be provided during TIPS Students With Principal/ Teacher Instruction On-going Team Members at least once a week. Disabilities Principal/ A transition fair will be held at the school guarterly offering Students With Counselor/Social a raffle and prizes for parents and community agency Other On-going Disabilities Worker/ Case representatives. Manager

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A systematic approach for the referral of job sites and potential students will be developed in addition to specific marketing and student contracts made for the student intern job program.	Other	Students With Disabilities	Principal/ Job Coordinator	Quarter 1		
Career awareness speakers addressing student options for employment will be invited to work with our students each semester.	Instruction	Students With Disabilities	Principal/ Job Coordinator	On-going		
Four options will be identified for funding that can be utilized to create/build a functional life skills area.	Other	Students With Disabilities	Principal/ Grant Committee	Quarter 1		







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Responsible Target Completed Milestones Category Start Status Group Party Principal/ Professional Development geared towards attendance Professional Students With Attendance Quarter 1 Disabilities procedures will be provided for teacher team members. Development Coordinator Principal/ An attendance booklet will be created and shared with all Professional Students With Attendance Summer 2012 team members. Development Disabilities Coordinator A monthly attendance board to acknowledge all students Principal/ with 92% attendance or above, improved by 50%, and Students With Attendance highest TIPS group will be created and maintained by the Other On-going Disabilities Coordinator/ attendance coordinator in conjunction with the teacher **Teacher Sponsor** sponsor. Incentives will be provided for students/groups in the above attendance categories. The incentives will include Principal/ but not be limited to items such as meal with the principal, Students With Attendance special field trips, raffle with prizes, Tiger T-Other On-going Disabilities Coordinator/ Shirt/sweatshirt, special lunch from culinary program, or **Teacher Sponsor** attendance dance. Students will be presented with incentives at monthly attendance assemblies. Principal/ Information will be shared with parents about attendance Parental Students With Attendance On-going expectations and consequences on a quarterly basis. Involvement Disabilities Coordinator Principal/ Monthly school newsletter will have "Attendance Corner" Parental Students With Attendance acknowledging students, their families, and TIPS groups for On-going Disabilities Involvement Coordinator/ 92% and above or improved attendance. Journalism Teacher

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Strategic Priority 3						
Incentives for families of students with perfect attendance quarterly (Jewel Gift Cards).	Parental Involvement	Students With Disabilities	Principal/ Attendance Coordinator	On-going		
Hire two parent workers whose main function is to assist with connecting families with the school and its offerings.	Parental Involvement	Students With Disabilities	Principal/ Assistant Principal	Quarter 1		
Create a systematic approach for addressing chronic truancy that goes beyond CPS guidelines.	Other	Students With Disabilities	Principal/ Attendance Team	Quarter 1		
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Strategic Priority 4

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Strategic Priority 5

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