



Austin-North Lawndale Elementary Network

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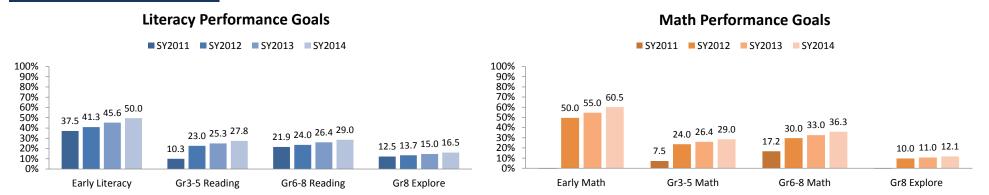
Mission Statement

Thomas Chalmers School believes that all children are capable of success in the core curricular areas of Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science and Social Science. We can facilitate the success of our students through the implementation of Common Core State Standards and the provision of interventions. Our grade cluster teams work with parents and external partners to guide our students as they learn during the school day, in extended learning programs, and at home. Our curriculum emphasizes literacy, critical thinking and problem solving. We support students' social-emotional development through cooperative learning, Kids at Hope and Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies. We also provide enrichment opportunities families in the arts, health and fitness, technology and sports.

Strategic Priorities

- 1. Strengthen implementation of Common Core curricular in Literacy and Mathematics as an Early Adopter School.
- 2. Ensure all teachers are differentiating instructional stragegies in Response to Intervention.
- 3. Improve Student Science Instruction and Achievement to prepare students to meet the rigorous requirements of College and Career Readiness.
- 4. Facilitate a school climate and culture conducive to accelerated student achievement and College and Career Readiness.

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:	Thomas Chalmers Specialty Elementary 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
Dr. Kent Nolen	Principal
Bobbie Banks	Assistant Principal
Rochelle Porter	Classroom Teacher
Ricarda Sanders	Classroom Teacher
Larry Smart	Classroom Teacher
Stephanie Wilbourn	Classroom Teacher
Veronica Bradley	LSC Member
Jay Oesterreicher	Special Education Faculty
Christine Decatus	Counselor/Case Manager





Elementary Goal Setting

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Academic Achievement

Pre-K - 2nd Grade	SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal		SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY201 Goal
Early Literacy % of students at Benchmark on DIBELS, IDEL	37.5	41.3	45.6	50.0	Early Math % of students at Benchmark on mClass	NDA	50.0	55.0	60.5
3rd - 5th Grade									
Grade Level Performance - Reading % of students at or above grade level on Scantron/NWEA	10.3	23.0	25.3	27.8	Grade Level Performance - Math % of students at or above grade level on Scantron/NWEA	7.5	24.0	26.4	29.0
Keeping Pace - Reading % of students making growth targets on Scantron/NWEA	35.8	57.0	62.7	68.9	Keeping Pace - Math % of students making growth targets on Scantron/NWEA	12.8	56.0	61.6	67.7
6th - 8th Grade									
Grade Level Performance - Reading % of students at or above grade level on Scantron/NWEA	21.9	24.0	26.4	29.0	Grade Level Performance - Math % of students at or above grade level on Scantron/NWEA	17.2	30.0	33.0	36.3
Keeping Pace - Reading % of students making growth targets on Scantron/NWEA	57.6	69.0	75.9	83.4	Keeping Pace - Math % of students making growth targets on Scantron/NWEA	31.4	58.0	63.8	70.1
8th Grade									
Explore - Reading % of students at college readiness benchmark	12.5	13.7	15.0	16.5	Explore - Math % of students at college readiness benchmark	0.0	10.0	11.0	12.1

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Climate & Culture

All Grades	SY2011	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal		SY2011	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal
Attendance Rate Average daily attendance rate	94.4	95.0	96.0	96.0	Misconducts Rate of Misconducts (any) per 100	3.4	3.4	3.0	3.0

State Assessment

All Grades % Meets & Exceeds	SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal	All Grades % Exceeds	SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal
ISAT - Reading % of students meeting or exceeding state standards	57.0	62.7	68.9	75.7	ISAT - Reading % of students exceeding state standards	4.9	10.0	11.0	12.1
ISAT - Mathematics % of students meeting or exceeding state standards	54.9	59.4	65.3	71.8	ISAT - Mathematics % of students exceeding state standards	2.1	12.1	13.3	14.6
ISAT - Science % of students meeting or exceeding state standards	27.0	29.7	32.6	35.8	ISAT - Science % of students exceeding state standards	0.0	10.0	11.0	12.1

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School Effectiveness Framework

Typical School	Effective School	Evidence Evaluation
Goals and theory of action		
The school has established goals for student chievement that are aimed at making incremental growth and narrowing of achievement gaps. The school has a plan but may have too many ompeting priorities.	 The school has established clear, measurable goals for student achievement aimed at aggressively narrowing the 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. 	By June 2012, +10% increase in number of students Meet/Exceed ISAT Reading standards from 57% to 62.7%. By June 2012, +10% increase in the number of students Meet/Excellisation Meet/Ex
Principal Leadership		
 Professional learning is organized through whole staff development but it is not tightly linked to what nappens in teacher team meetings or 1:1 coaching cycles. Principal monitors instructional practice for teacher evaluations. School-wide or class specific vision is not consistently focused on college and career readiness Principal provides basic information for families on school events and responds to requests for information. Families and community are engaged through occasional school-wide events such as open nouses or curriculum nights. 	 Principal creates a professional learning system that evaluates teacher need and interest and builds opportunities for growth in content knowledge and leadership Principal clarifies a vision for instructional best practice, works with each staff member to determine goals and benchmarks, monitors quality and drives continuous improvement. Principal establishes and nurtures a culture of college and career readiness through clarity of vision, internal and external communications and establishment of systems to support students in understanding and reaching these goals. Principal creates a system for empowered families and communities through accurate information on school performance, clarity on student learning goals, and opportunities for involvement. 	We have continued work toward strengthening our Common Core curricula in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Clinical observatio ensure all teachers are using differentiated instructional strategies Core Content(Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies). We hav implemented a comprehensive assessment system(BOY/MOY/EOY Scantron and MClass, as well as formative classroom assessments) Further, teachers continue participation in Early Adopter Professional Development Series and use weekly grade cluster collaboration to analyze data, plan instruction, and share feedback on lessons.





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Teacher Leadership		>	3
 A core group of teachers performs nearly all leadership duties in the school. A few voices tend to contribute to the majority of decision-making at the ILT and teacher team levels. Teacher learning and expertise is inconsistently shared after engagement in professional learning activities. 	Each teacher is invested in the success of the school through leadership in one or more areas, including (but not limited to): -ILT membership -Grade/Course team lead - Rtl team -Committee chair or membership -Mentor teacher -Curriculum team -Coach -Family liaison -Data team -Bilingual lead -SIPAAA/CWIP team -Union representative -Grant writer Each teacher has equity of voice in grade/course, ILT and whole staff meetings Each teacher is encouraged to share learning about effective practice from PD or visits to other schools	We have one teacher per grade level, grades Kindergar 8th. Decisions are routinely made through collaboration have multiple roles outside the classroom and include (limited to): ILT Membership Grade Cluster Teams Response to Intervention Team Local School Council Membership IEP Team Membership Textbook Adoption Committee Staff Development Team School Improvement Team	n. Teachers





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Instructional Leadership Team (ILT)		
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	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	Our Instructional Leadership Team is comprised of faculty and staff representatives from Primary, Intermediate and Upper Grade Clusters. Depending on the data set being analyzed during our Bi-Weekly meetings, special faculty and or staff are invited to attend ILT meetings as well. Information from our Instructional Leadership Team Meetings are communicated to and from weekly teacher directed grade cluster meetings. Our reflective deep dives into specific data routinely reveal suggestions for improvement. Meeting Agendas, Sign In Sheets, Minutes and Next Steps are recorded and shared with all Instructional Team Members.
Monitoring and adjusting		> 2
Data for district assessments is occasionally analyzed at the school level, typically when new reports are made available. Analysis may lead to instructional practice.	The school has a systematic approach to analyzing data relative to the school's theory of action on an ongoing basis—at the school level, department/grade level, and classroom level—in order to make adjustments to their focus and to target support for particular teachers and students.	In addition to analysis of formative classroom assessment data and alphanumeric grades, our Instructional Leadership Team analyzes BOY/MOY/EOY Mclass and Scantron Data. Significant standard deviations are identified and given further scrutiny to redress improvement initiatives and next steps. These processes are articulated in our theory of action and are ongoing.



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	Curriculum		>	2
l 2: Core Instruct	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	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 gradeappropriate level of complexity and informational texts to at least the CCSS-recommended levels by grade band.	Middle School Reading 5th through 8th, have year-long sequence which is spirialed to repetatively redress the Constate Standards across a number of genres. As an Early Aschool, our teachers have the opportunity to work with the like teachers from other Early Adopter Schools to collaborative Quarterly Curriculum Maps and weekly lesson process.	scope and fommon Core Adopter Lead other grade- oratively plans/unit ewly adopted re State
_	Instructional materials		>	2
	 Instructional materials support a general curriculum with little differentiation for student learning need. 	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).	Each teacher, one per grade level Kindergarten through A Middle School Reading 5th through 8th, have year-long sequence which is spirialed to repetatively redress the Constate Standards across a number of genres. As an Early A School, our teachers have the opportunity to work with a like teachers from other Early Adopter Schools to collabor develop Quarterly Curriculum Maps and weekly lesson paps. Primary and supplemental instructional resources are necessary.	scope and common Core Adopter Lead other grade-oratively plans/unit
		our school in this area, we encourage schools to begin invento s is not a comprehensive inventory of your school's instruction		

materials needed to help implement the Common Core State Standards in the upcoming school year.





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Assessment		>	2
 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. 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. 	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	Mclass and Scantron Reading and Math, Formative Class Assessments, Illinois Standard Achievement Test, and E 8th grade students. Formative Classroom Assessments include authentic students constructed response, and performance tasks aligned to Common Core State Standards.	after each MOY/EOY ssroom XPLORE for udent work, o the ts are lodifications





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Instruction		> 2
Communication of the learning objective is	Each teacher clearly communicates with students the	Amongst varying instructional methodology teachers employ to
inconsistent or lesson objectives do not consistently align to standards.	standards-based learning objective, directions and procedures, as well as the relevance of the learning.	assure student comprehension, each teacher scaffolds instruction through modeling(I DO), guided instruction(WE DO), and
Questioning is more heavily aimed at assessing basic	j. , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	independent practice(YOU DO).
student understanding and comprehension.	techniques that promote student thinking and	Each teacher uses cooperative learning and student-to -student
 Sequencing of lessons in most classes is primarily driven by the pacing suggested in instructional 	understanding. • Each teacher purposefully sequences and aligns standards-	grouping configurations to engage students in meaningful and challenging tasks.
materials.	based objectives to build towards deep understanding and	Each teacher provides opportunities for students to apply academic
Instruction is most often delivered whole-group	mastery of the standards.	language skills in all content areas.
with few opportunities for scaffolding learning or the level of rigor is not consistently high.	Each teacher scaffolds instruction to ensure all students, including students with disabilities and English language	Each teacher differentiates instruction for students with various learning styles and needs.
Formative assessment during instruction is used	learners access complex texts and engage in complex tasks.	Each teacher articulates and places in writing on his/her whiteboard,
occasionally or inconsistently between teachers.	Each teacher regularly uses formative assessment during instruction to monitor student progress and check for	daily objectives aligned to Common Core State Standards and regularly assesses student comprehension of of daily objectives.
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Intervention			
• 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.	Idiagnostic assessments to identify particular skills gaps.	Our school has a systematic and layered approach to intervention that ensures studetns receive targeted assistance that is based on the results of student data. Interventions include in-class, small group instruction, pus in support provided by specialist, and additional supports outside the classroom. Individualized web-based intervention is also incorporated into the weekly delivery of instruction for intervention as well as acceleration.	d

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 profession 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.

As an Early Adopter School, our primary Professional Development focus has been on effective implementation of the Common Core State Standards. Our teachers attend ongoing Early Adoptoer Professional Development in concert with Chicago Public Schools Office of Instruction. This relationship includes quarterly grade level release of teachers to train collaboratively with other Early Adopter School at their respective grade level. Principals also attend ongoing collaborative professional development sessions with principals of Early Adopter Schools.

Other Professional Development topics include effective classroom management/Foundations Training, Assessment Systems, and Using





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Grade-level and/or course teams		
ctivities—planning, professional development, and ata analysis—that may change from week to week. Teachers do not have a regular opportunity to iscuss progress monitoring data to track ffectiveness of student intervention. Ownership for student learning results lies primarily with individual teachers. Planning typically takes place with general ducation teachers only. Special education, bilingual r other specialists typically plan and meet separately r only join the group occasionally. There are meeting agendas, but no clear protocols	 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. 	Our time distribution chart affords our grade cluster teachers the opportunity to collaboratively meet weekly to plan lessons, and analyze data. Each meeting operates under established norms emphasizing equity of voice, and collective responsibility. Teacher are open and honest on what to strengthen, they provide honest a specific feedback, and they push each other. Teachers plan instruction using Mclass, Scantron, and formative assessment data. Teachers regularly pause to reflect and refine practice in order to better engage students and improve learning outcomes. Teachers backwards plan towards mastery of grade-level standard plan clear and measurable objectives for lessons, carry out instruction as planned, and plan opportunities for students to demonstrate what they have learned within each lesson.
Instructional coaching		
essociations or is only focused on a smaller group of reachers. 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. 	Teachers receive differentiated in-class support from Austin North Lawndale Network based on need. The instructional coaching cycle includes a pre-conference, observation, and post-conference. New teachers receive district-sponsored induction. With regard to the implementation of the Common Core State Standards, teachers receive instructional coaching from Chicago Public Schools Office of Instruction.





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Effective School	Evidence Evaluatio
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 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 	Our school counselor and few faculty members engage students at their parents in conversation about application to selective enrollment schools. Paradigm shift underway to encourage a culture of college and career ready. The Early Adoption of the Common Core State Standards affords curriculum articulation with High Schools.
deeply and supports them in achieving their goals • Patterns of interactions, both between adults and students and among students, are respectful, with appropriate, fair	Our small school environment provides every child at least one ad advocate who knows the child and family and provides support in goal attainment. Behaviorally challenged students are afforded mentors in concert with our external partners from A Safe Haven Foundation. All students with disabilities participate in all school activities and recieve instruction in the least restrictive environment. We have a monocultural demographic yet infuse multicultural experiences within daily instruction and field trips.
 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. 	We have collaboratively developed uniform school rules which are posted in common areas, inside each classroom, and taught throughout the school year. Student discipline is handled in accordance with Chicago Public Schools Student Code of Conduct and is progressive in nature.
	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 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. 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

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Expectations		> 2
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.	 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. 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. Schools proactively provide information regarding school choices to families looking to relocate or to students in transition grades. 	Communication on academic performance, intervention, acceleration, and school functions are made through multiple mediums to our stakeholders and include weekly bulletins, electr billboard, telephonic communications, parent meetings, and assemblies. Teachers routinely communicate with students and parents on go setting, goal attainment, academic achievement, and intervention Attendance has risen from 240 to over 300 students from 2010-2 school year to 2011-2012 school year. Our counselor works with 7th and 8th grade students and their parents in consultation about selective enrollment school options
Ongoing communication		
 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.	Discourse between teacher and parent, parent and teacher, stude and teacher, teacher and student, student to student, as well as Administration/Counselor/Case Manager in and amongst aforementioned parties is routine and consistent.
Bonding		
• 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 school establishes and non-threatening, welcoming environment. The principal leads the work to empower and motivate families and community to become engaged. School staff provides frequent opportunities for families and community members to participate in authentic and engaging activities in the school community like student performances, exhibitions, literacy or math events, etc. 	Our school presents a welcoming environment to all community stakeholders. We have a Parent Center open to the community each operations hour the school is open. Parent Advisory Counsel members routinely sponsor workshops open to parents and community members to showcase our school Assemblies are routine and open to all school community stakeholders.

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Specialized support		>	2
 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. 	We are partnered with A Safe Haven Foundation, Mount Siani Hospital to provide specialized support to families.	ı
College & Career Exploration and election		>	2
 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.	Our school hosts visits from agents representing various caree make presentations to our student population. A cohort of our students travel weekly to Deloit Accountants downtown Chicago for tutorials. Students are afforded field trip experiences.	ers to
Academic Planning		·····>	2
	 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. (HS only) The school regularly evaluates rigorous coursetaking and performance patterns (e.g., AP) and removes barriers to access. 	Our school provides opportunities for students to visit choice schools armed with two years exposure to Common Core Stat Standards. Students are afforded opportunity to participate in weekend academic programs offered by the University of Illinois Chicag Our administration and counselor escort students to high school admission interviews.	te go.
Enrichment & Extracurricular Engagement		>	2
• 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	In partnership with Chicago Communities in Schools and Chica Scores, all children are afforded opportunities to participate in before and afterschool academic, extracurricular, and enrichn	n





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College & Career Assessments		>	2
Students do not participate in college and career ready assessments	The school promotes preparation, participation, and performance in college and career assessments.	Students deemed College and Career Ready are celebra performance is displayed in common areas in the buildi	
College & Career Admissions and Affordability		>	2
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.		ective
Transitions		>	2
 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. 	Collaborative planning amongst grade cluster teams ens transitions of all students from grade to grade. Counseling with 8th grade students and their parents to smooth transition to high school is ongoing.	





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Jse of Discretionary Resources		
• 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 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. 	Our descritionary resources are aligned to our priority goals of Reading, Math, and Science improvement as well as improvement the school climate and culture. Our partnership with Chicago Communities in Schools, Chicago Scores, and A Safe Haven Foundation produces resources which allows us to offer before and after-school enrichment, extracurricular, and academic offerings. All expenditures can ultimately be linked to student achievement growth.
Building a Team		
 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. 	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	Our school hires, when necessary, through a collaborative process. We host student teachers, staff volunteers, and external partners which gives us a pool of potential leads for vacancies when and if they occur. Our collaborative hiring process involves multiple stakeholders and does afford the candidate to demonstrate instructional expertise.
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. 	Struggling students receive structured intervention in	Our schedule and time distribution chart affords grade cluster tean collaborative meeting time on a weekly basis. It is differentiated between our primary, intermediate and middle grades classrooms to afford interventions which are imbeded within the ordinary instructional day. We use technology to supplement our intervention and acceleration initiatives.

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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

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Strate	egic Priorities	
#	Priority Description: Write in the description of your priority.	Rationale: Write in your rationale (see instructions for guiding questions).
1	Strengthen implementation of Common Core curricular in Literacy and Mathematics as an Early Adopter School.	With regard to our Professional Learning System, if we attend Early Adopter Professional Development Series; Use weekly grade cluster collaboration to analyze data, plan instruction, and share febback on lessons; Attend Early Adopter grade level release days; improve the discourse between the Instructional Leadership Team and Grade Cluster Teams, and Continue 1:1 coaching and mentoring centered around Danielson's Framework for Instruction, then we will reach or exceed our student achievement goals.
2	Ensure all teachers are differentiating instructional stragegies in Response to Intervention.	If we strengthen our implementation of Common Core curricula aligned to the CCSS in Language Arts and Mathematics; Ensure all teachers engage in PD on differentiating instructional strategies imbeded within the delivery of weekly instruction; Implement a comprehensive assessment system to enclude calssroom performance tasks, BOY/MOY/EOY MClass, NWEA, and use data from this assessment system to inform planning and instruction, then we will reach or exceed our goals.
3	Improve Student Science Instruction and Achievement to prepare students to meet the rigorous requirements of College and Career Readiness.	If we strengthen our science in struction in accordance with CMSi at each grade level Kindergarten thru 8th; Ensure all teachers are differentiating instruction in concert with the use Science FOSS Kits; Continue work with Depaul University on FOSS Professional Development; Hold ALL faculty quantifiably accountable for 4th and 7th grade Science ISAT performance and Identify a Science Lead/ILT member, then we will reach or exceed our goal of 10% annual improvement of students meeting and exceeding standards as measured by the Illinois Standards Achievement Test in Science and The EXPLORE test in Science for 8th Grade.

	Facilitate a school climate and culture conducive to accelerated student achievement	If we continue to implement Foundations centered Positive Behavioral Interventions and
	and College and Career Readiness.	Supports; implement parent volunteerism on a more regular basis; provide performance
4		incentives to reward sustained student achievement, and continue to offer students
4		before and afterschool enrichment, then we will reach or exceed our goal to move from
		Average or Week to Strong or Very Strong as measured by the My Voice, My School
		Survey.
5	Optional	

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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.

Strategic Priority Description	Rationale
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	Early Adopter grade level release days; improve the discourse between the Instructional Leadership Team and
	Grade Cluster Teams, and Continue 1:1 coaching and mentoring centered around Danielson's Framework for

Action Plan Monitoring

Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps
Analyze 2011-2012 ISAT Reading Data	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	ILT	Summer 2012			
Administer BOY Mclass Reading	Instruction	Other student group	Primary Teachers	Quarter 1			
Progress Monitor/TRC	Instruction	Other student group	Primary Teachers	On-going			
Administer BOY NWEA/Scantron	ILT/ Teacher Teams	Other student group	3rd thru 8th Grade Teachers	Quarter 1			
Submit Curriculum Maps Aligned to CCSS Reading	Instruction	All	K thru 8th Teachers	Summer 2012			
Submit Weekly Lesson Plans	Instruction	All	K thru 8th Teachers	On-going			
Display Authentic Student Work	Instruction	All	K thru 8th Teachers	On-going			
Administer MOY Mclass Reading	Instruction	Other student group	Primary Teachers	Quarter 3			
Administer MOY NWEA/Scantron Reading	Instruction	Other student group	3rd thru 8th Grade Teachers	Quarter 3			
Annalyze BOY/MOY NWEA/Scantron/Mclass Data	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Cluster Teams	Quarter 3			
Conduct Bi-Weekly ILT PM Meetings	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Principal	On-going			





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Administer Practice EXPLORE	Instruction	Other student group	Middle School Teachers	Quarter 3		
Requisiton Supplemental Reading Materials	Instructional Materials	All	Principal, AP, Clerk	Summer 2012		
Lease Additional Technological Reading Resources	Equipment/ Technology	All	Principal, AP, Clerk	Summer 2012		
Administer EOY Mclass Reading	Instruction	Other student group	Primary Teachers	Quarter 4		
Administer EOY NWEA/Scantron Reading	Instruction	Other student group	3rd thru 8th Grade Teachers	Quarter 4		
Administer EXPLORE	Instruction	Other student group	Middle School Teachers	Quarter 4		
Conduct Clinical Classroom Visitations(REACH Students) and Provide Instructional Feedback	Instruction	All	K thou 8th Grade Teachers	On-going		
Facilitate Full-Time Kindergarten Position	Instruction	Other student group	Principal, Porter	Summer 2012		
Facilitate CCSS Reading Professional Development	Professional Development	All	Principal, ANL	On-going		
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Strategic Priority 2

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Strategic Priority Description	Rationale
Ensure all teachers are differentiating instructional stragegies in Response to Intervention.	If we strengthen our implementation of Common Core curricula aligned to the CCSS in Language Arts and
	Mathematics; Ensure all teachers engage in PD on differentiating instructional strategies imbeded within the
	delivery of weekly instruction; Implement a comprehensive assessment system to enclude calssroom
	performance tasks, BOY/MOY/EOY MClass, NWEA, and use data from this assessment system to inform planning

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Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps
Analyze 2011-2012 ISAT Mathematics Data	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	ILT	Summer 2012			
Administer BOY Mclass Math	Other	Other student group	Primary Teachers	Quarter 1			
Progress Monitor/TRC	Instruction	Other student group	Primary Teachers	On-going			
Administer BOY NWEA/Scantron Mathematics	ILT/ Teacher Teams	Other student group	3rd thru 8th Grade Teachers	Quarter 1			
Submit Curriculum Maps Aligned to CCSS Math	Instruction	All	K thru 8th Teachers	Quarter 1			
Submit Weekly Lesson Plans	Instruction	All	K thru 8th Teachers	On-going			
Display Authentic Student Work	Instruction	All	K thru 8th Teachers	On-going			
Administer MOY Mclass Mathematics	Instruction	Other student group	Primary Teachers	Quarter 3			
Administer MOY NWEA/Scantron Mathematics	ILT/ Teacher Teams	Other student group	3rd thru 8th Grade Teachers	Quarter 3			
Analyze BOY/MOY NWEA/Scantron/Mclass Data	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Cluster Teams	Quarter 3			
Conduct Bi-Weekly ILT PM Meetings	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Principal	On-going			





Strategic Priority 2						
Administer Practice EXPLORE	Instruction	Other student group	Middle School Teachers	Quarter 3		
Requisition Supplemental Math Instructional Materials	Instructional Materials	All	Principal, AP, Clerk	Summer 2012		
Administer EOY Mclass Math	Instruction	Other student group	Primary Teachers	Quarter 4		
Administer EOY NWEA/Scantron Mathematics	Instruction	Other student group	Middle School Teachers	Quarter 4		
Administer EXPLORE	Instruction	Other student group	Middle School Teachers	Quarter 4		
Conduct Clinical Classroom Observations(REACH Students)and Provide Feeback	Instruction	All	Principal, AP	On-going		
Facilitate CCSS Mathematics Professional Development	Professional Development	All	Principal, ANL	On-going		
Develop and Implement Achieve 3000 Lab Schedule for Reading Acceleration and Intervention	Instruction	All	Technology Coordinator, Achievem 3000 Champion	Quarter 1		
Develop and Implement Apangea Lab Schedule for Mathematics Acceleration and Intervention	Instruction	All	Technology Coordinator, Apengea Champion	Quarter 1		
Monitor Achieve 3000 Usage	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	ILT	On-going		
Monitor Apangea Usage	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	ILT	On-going		
Create Student Data Binders	Instruction	All	K thru 8th Teachers	Quarter 1		
Monitor Student Data Binders	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	ILT	On-going		

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Strategic Priority 3

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Strategic Priority Description	Rationale
Improve Student Science Instruction and Achievement to prepare students to meet the rigorous requirements of	If we strengthen our science in struction in accordance with CMSi at each grade level Kindergarten thru 8th;
College and Career Readiness.	Ensure all teachers are differentiating instruction in concert with the use Science FOSS Kits; Continue work with
	Depaul University on FOSS Professional Development; Hold ALL faculty quantifiably accountable for 4th and 7th
	grade Science ISAT performance and Identify a Science Lead/ILT member, then we will reach or exceed our goal

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Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps
Recruit and Retain Middle School Science Teacher	Staffing	All	Principal	Summer 2012			
Requisition Science Primary and Supplemental Texts	Instructional Materials	All	Principal, Science Lead Teacher	Summer 2012			
Requisiton Science Supplies and Equipment	Instructional Materials	All	Principal, Science Lead Teacher	Summer 2012			
Facilitate Science/FOSS Professional Development	Professional Development	All	Principal, Science Lead Teacher	On-going			
Administer Science Pre-Assessment	Instruction	All	K-8th Facutly	Quarter 1			
Conduct Clinical Classroom Visitations(REACH Students) and Provide Feedback	Instruction	All	Principal, AP	On-going			
Facilitate Peer School/Classroom Visitation	Professional Development	All	Principal, Science Lead Teacher, K-4 Faculty	Quarter 2			
Conduct School-wide Science Fair	Instruction	All	K-8 Facutly	Quarter 3			

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Strategic Priority 4

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Strategic Priority Description	Rationale
Facilitate a school climate and culture conducive to accelerated student achievement and College and Career	If we continue to implement Foundations centered Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports; implement
Readiness.	parent volunteerism on a more regular basis; provide performance incentives to reward sustained student
	achievement, and continue to offer students before and afterschool enrichment, then we will reach or exceed
	our goal to move from Average or Week to Strong or Very Strong as measured by the My Voice, My School

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Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps
Recruit Parent Volunteers	Staffing	All	Principal, AP	Summer 2012			
Facilitate PBIS Training for Parent Volunteers	Parental Involvement	All	АР	Summer 2012			
Provide Achievement Incentives	Supplies	All	Principal, AP, Counselor	On-going			
Provide After-school Student Enrichment Activities	After School/ Extended Day	All	AP, Counselor, External Partners	Quarter 1			
Provide Full-time Art/Music Instruction	Staffing	All	Principal, Music Teacher	Summer 2012			
Facilitate Foundations Training	Professional Development	All	All Faculty, Staff	On-going			
Host Guest Speakers on Climate and Culture Related Topics for Students, Parents, and Faculty	Instruction	All	Principal, AP, Counselor	Quarter 2			
Analyze 2011-2012 My Voice, My School Survey Data	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	ILT	Quarter 1			
Administer 2012-2013 My Voice, My School Survey	Other	All	Counselor, K-8th Faculty	Quarter 3			
Develop and Implement Uniform School Rules	Instruction	All	School-wide Faculty and Staff	Quarter 1			
Monitor Disciplinary Referrals and Attendance, and Provide Necessary Supports and Interventions	Other	All	Principal, AP	On-going			
Analyze Available Data to Assess Fideltiy of Foundations Implementation	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Principal, AP	On-going			

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Strategic Priority 4				





Strategic Priority 5

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Strategic Priority Description	Rationale

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