

Ravenswood-Ridge Elementary Network 851 W Waveland Ave Chicago, IL 60613

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Mission Statement

Inter-American Magnet School promotes academic excellence and multiculturalism through a dual language education and the school's unique Curriculum of the Americas. In a nurturing, challenging and collaborative community environment, all students affirm the value of their own cultures, acquire an understanding and appreciation of other cultures, and demonstrate social consciousness in a changing world.

Strategic Priorities

- 1. Dual Language Components: Continue to plan, implement, evaluate and document our dual language model and effective implementation of these components in curriculum design, instruction and evaluation of student achievement.
- 2. Curriculum Development and Unit Integration: Continue to plan, implement and evaluate our thematic-based units that are aligned with the common core curriculum, the Curriculum of the Americas and our literacy model.
- 3. Differentiation: Continue to plan, implement and evaluate best practices and structures for differentiation in core instruction, extra instruction and intervention.
- 4. School Climate and Culture: Continue to plan, implement and evaluate positive school culture and wellness initiatives.

School Performance Goals

Literacy Performance Goals Math Performance Goals ■ SY2011 ■ SY2012 ■ SY2013 ■ SY2014 SY2011 SY2012 SY2013 SY2014 75.0 80.0 ^{85.0} 100% 100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 90% 52.3 60.0 65.0 70.0 50.0 55.0 60.0 65.0 80% 46.6 50.0 55.0 60.0 38.7 ^{45.0} ^{50.0} ^{55.0} 70% 60% 50.0 34.5 36.0 38.0 40.0 50% 40.0 29.6 32.0 34.0 36.0 40% 31.2 30% 20% 10% 30% 20% 10% Early Math Gr3-5 Math Gr6-8 Math **Gr8 Explore** Early Literacy Gr3-5 Reading **Gr6-8 Reading Gr8** Explore



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:	Inter-American Elementary Magnet 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
Vernita M. Vallez	Principal
Elizabeth Gallo	Assistant Principal
Amber Villarreal	Special Education Faculty
Awilda Lopez-Yolich	Classroom Teacher
Adriana Dorado	Classroom Teacher
Jose Sanchez	Classroom Teacher
Elizabeth Chahine	Classroom Teacher
Alex Mendez	Classroom Teacher
Marisol Morales	LSC Member





Elementary 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: ISAT scores include all students in the aggregates, including English Language Learners.

Academic Achievement

Pre-K - 2nd Grade	SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal
Early Literacy % of students at Benchmark on DIBELS, IDEL	68.2	75.0	80.0	85.0
3rd - 5th Grade				
Grade Level Performance - Reading % of students at or above grade level on Scantron/NWEA	38.7	45.0	50.0	55.0
Keeping Pace - Reading % of students making growth targets on Scantron/NWEA	51.3	55.0	60.0	65.0
6th - 8th Grade				
Grade Level Performance - Reading % of students at or above grade level on Scantron/NWEA	50.0	55.0	60.0	65.0
Keeping Pace - Reading % of students making growth targets on Scantron/NWEA	54.1	55.0	60.0	65.0
8th Grade				
explore - Reading 6 of students at college readiness benchmark	29.6	32.0	34.0	36.0





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Climate & Culture

All Grades	SY2011	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal		SY2011	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY201 Goal
Attendance Rate Average daily attendance rate	96.2	97.0	98.0	98.0	Misconducts Rate of Misconducts (any) per 100	3.0	2.5	2.2	2.0

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	78.2	92.5	92.5	100.0	ISAT - Reading% of students exceeding statestandards	21.3	25.0	30.0	35.0
ISAT - Mathematics % of students meeting or exceeding state standards	88.7	92.5	92.5	100.0	ISAT - Mathematics% of students exceeding statestandards	27.6	30.0	35.0	40.0
ISAT - Science % of students meeting or exceeding state standards	78.9	80.0	85.0	90.0	ISAT - Science% of students exceeding statestandards	13.3	20.0	25.0	30.0



School Effectiveness Framework

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

Typical School	Effective School	Evidence Evaluat
Goals and theory of action		3
 The school has established goals for student 	The school has established clear, measurable goals for	Evidence: Data Circles, RTI, Developing Language Instruction, Gr
achievement that are aimed at making incremental	student achievement aimed at aggressively narrowing the	level meetings for collaboration around instruction, Common pr
growth and narrowing of achievement gaps.	achievement gap and ensuring college and career readiness	5 days/week, Middle school grouping of students based on stud
 The school has a plan but may have too many 	of all students at the school, grade, and classroom levels.	ability/needs – acceleration, remediation – goals focus, Sitton
competing priorities.	The school has established a clear theory of action or	spelling program – vocabulary and spelling strategies gr. 1-4, Sch
	strategic plan that outlines the school's priorities (derived	schedule that incorporates the arts, Parent engagement – welln
	from analysis of data) and key levers along with the	recess, resources, Parent workshops – computer, Esperanza, ma
	anticipated impact when implemented with fidelity.	homework help;
		Next steps: PD for RTI, Evaluate groupings for Middle School – m
		flexible, Teacher input for groups based on teacher evaluation a
		data, Guide for parents on middle school model
Principal Leadership		> 4
 Professional learning is organized through whole 	Principal creates a professional learning system that	Evidence: Principal forum, PD plan for the year, Common Core
staff development but it is not tightly linked to what	evaluates teacher need and interest and builds	Writing Learning Targets, Literacy philosophy is clear, Profession
happens in teacher team meetings or 1:1 coaching	opportunities for growth in content knowledge and	books for teachers to use, Literacy model was collectively agree
cycles.	leadership	on, Outside resources – Esperanza, Common language about
 Principal monitors instructional practice for teacher 	Principal clarifies a vision for instructional best practice,	teaching, Support for arts training and bringing resources,
ovaluations	works with each staff mambar to datarming goals and	Information on DD's 2 year surriculum for social studios and

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 houses or curriculum nights.
- works with each staff member to determine goals and benchmarks, monitors quality and drives continuous improvement.
- 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.

Information on PD's, 2-year curriculum for social studies and science for middle school, Project-based specials for 7/8 aligned with curriculum-social studies, Yellow communication folder, • Principal establishes and nurtures a culture of college and Agendas – Calendar, Home communication from teachers and main office, Clarity on student learning goals – Syllabus, Posted on website – parent info., Value added growth was communicated to staff and parents, Administration present in the classroom, Postobservation meetings and ongoing dialogue for instructional improvement, Unscheduled observations work to capture authentic instruction and promote the importance of always being prepared, Principal knows students and their history to contribute to instructional planning. Principal letters to community





School Effectiveness Framework

Typical School	Effective School	Evidence	Evaluation
Teacher Leadership		>	4
 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 - Rtl team -Committee chair or membership -Mentor teacher -Curriculum team -Coach -Family liaison -Data team -Bilingual lead	teachers attend district training, Student teachers, PPL Readers, National Board Teachers, Data Circles, Teacher taking university courses and workshops, Sports prographyworks integrated into the classroom, Middle school restructuring is providing collective dialogue about stucontent area planning, share materials; Union represe Awards — Ones to Watch, Sara Jaffarian Award; Grants Oppenheimer, Intuit, CFE; Family Nights; Curriculum of Americas, Regrouping of students, Middle school mod designing each subject area based on student needs	collaboration, s, New C, Boundless ers who are am, ol dents, ntative, — f the el for re-
	-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	Next step: Teachers presenting at conferences or network Enhancing COA, Develop a format for COA, Identify the COA, Develop COA for 6-8, Develop a portfolio for showork/learning in COA, Identify portfolio software/ syst for self-evaluation and storage – Pride, Revision and Godentify key vocabulary/developing language for COA, conferences with portfolios, Common assessments for the conferences of the conference of th	e gaps in the wcasing the em / rubrics rowth, Student led





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Instructional Leadership Team (ILT)		3
 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 	Evidence found in: PPLC, Committees, Grade level collaboration, PD planned the previous year for current year, Parent leaders meeting Next step: Explore how ILT structure can be applied to our current structures, Explore collaborative decision-making process, Improve PPLC communication with staff, Continue to evaluate Family Liaisor position, Grant writer
Monitoring and adjusting		3
Data for district assessments is occasionally analyzed at the school level, typically when new reports are made available. Analysis may lead to instructional practice.	The school has a systematic approach to analyzing data relative to the school's theory of action on an ongoing basis—at the school level, department/grade level, and classroom level—in order to make adjustments to their focus and to target support for particular teachers and students.	Evidence: Teacher evaluation process, Data analysis: Scantron, ISAT Dibels/Idel, Mclass; Cycle pre/post assessments at classroom levels RTI process, Esperanza training, Developing language rubrics, Incoming student evaluation for enrollment, RTI binders, Regrouping charts Next steps: Continue to identify tools for progress monitoring and intervention; Systematic administration of tools (DRA/EDL) for baseline and growth, Common rubrics for writing, Evaluating language, decoding, comprehension for all students in RTI, Develop



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Typical School Effective School Evidence Evaluation Curriculum • Curricular pacing/scope and sequence is most often • Each grade level or course team has a year-long scope Evidence: Dual language program based on best practices, Unit determined by the pacing set forth in instructional and sequence that maps out what Common Core or other plans, Syllabus, Lesson plan format, Common Core Writing Learning materials or by an individual teacher. state standards teachers should teach and in what order in Targets, Devel. Language, Workshop training for 4th grade • Each teacher develops his/her own units of core subject areas. teachers, Improvements in special education goals and service instruction or follows what is suggested by the • Each grade level or course team develops/uses common delivery – inclusionary model, Met ISBE requirements, Strategypacing provided in instructional materials. units of instruction aligned to the standards. based literacy model – strategies articulated across grade level, All • Text used for instruction exposes some students to • Text used for instruction exposes all students to a gradeteachers trained in the Human Life/ Human Sexuality curriculum, grade-appropriate complexity and is heavily focused appropriate level of complexity and informational texts to Family Nights, Teachers participating in trainings – prairie spaces on fiction. at least the CCSS-recommended levels by grade band. Next steps: Common Core Reading and Math Learning targets, • Short- and long-term plans do not consistently Short and long term plans include the supports necessary Leveling classroom libraries, Building consistency in classroom **DIMENSION** differentiate by learner need. to ensure that students with disabilities and ELLs are able libraries, Support and training for workshop model, Map out writing to gain core content knowledge and skills. workshop instruction, Evaluate science instruction across grade levels, Explicit instruction about scientific method, lab reports, nature journals; Content area writing, Apply Human Life/ Human Sexuality curriculum to instructional plan, Continue to develop **Instructional materials** 2 Core instructional materials vary between teachers Each grade level or course team has a set of instructional Evidence: More text for students to read in content area, of the same grade/course or are focused mainly on a materials that are aligned with standards. Connected Math and Everyday Math, FOSS/CMSI, Library that single textbook with little exposure to standards-• Instructional materials are supportive of students with represents the integrity of language, Teachers creating/finding aligned supplemental materials. disabilities as well as varying language proficiency levels of resources to teach the units that represent the perspective/level of Instructional materials support a general ELLs (including native language and bilingual supports). language for students, HWOT, Sitton Spelling, Esperanza, curriculum with little differentiation for student TouchPhonics learning need. Next steps: More levels of text for students to read across content area in each language, Middle school resources for Language Arts in Spanish, Identify resources for teaching skills in math (gr. 6-8),

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





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Assessment		>	3
 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. 	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.	Evidence: Pre/Post assessment, Developmental grading Companion report cards in some grade levels, Next steps: Consistency in development and implement companion report cards K-5, Specials grading categories for grading, Review / Modify categories for report cards best practices for mastery grading across all grade level district to support the Impact program for our dual language program, IEPs need to be carried out throughout special	tation of s / rubrics s, Develop ls, Get guage





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Typical School	Effective School	Evidence Evaluation
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. 	including students with disabilities and English language learners access complex texts and engage in complex tasks.	Evidence: Data Circles, RTI, Developing Language Instruction, Grade level meetings for collaboration around instruction, Common prep - 5 days/week, Middle school grouping of students based on student ability/needs – acceleration, remediation – goals focus, Sitton spelling program – vocabulary and spelling strategies gr. 1-4, School schedule that incorporates the arts, Parent engagement – wellness, recess, resources, Parent workshops – computer, Esperanza, math, homework help Next steps: Articulating the writing workshop model across grade levels K-2, 3-5, 6-8 to identify the direct instruction of skills and support and then gradual release of skills, Learning focus identified for each lesson – language focus, content focus, Teachers presenting at conferences or network, Enhancing COA, Develop a format for COA, Identify the gaps in the COA, Develop COA for 6-8, Accessing outside resources for COA support, Develop a portfolio
with few opportunities for scaffolding learning or the level of rigor is not consistently high. • Formative assessment during instruction is used	 Each teacher scaffolds instruction to ensure all students, including students with disabilities and English language learners access complex texts and engage in complex tasks. Each teacher regularly uses formative assessment during instruction to monitor student progress and check for 	levels K-2, 3-5, 6-8 to identify the direct instruction of skills an support and then gradual release of skills, Learning focus identifor each lesson – language focus, content focus, Teachers presenting at conferences or network, Enhancing COA, Develo format for COA, Identify the gaps in the COA, Develop COA for





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Typical School Effective School Evidence Evaluation

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.
- The school has a systematic approach to administering screening assessments to identify students in need of academic intervention.
- success of interventions is not regularly monitored.

 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.

Evidence found in: Teacher evaluation process, Data analysis: Scantron, ISAT, Dibels/Idel, Mclass; Cycle pre/post assessments at classroom levels, RTI process, Esperanza training, Developing language rubrics, Incoming student evaluation for enrollment, RTI binders, Regrouping charts

Next steps: Continue to develop Tier III service options, Hire a reading specialist, Identify computer programs for skill building support, Develop a list of foundational skills that are used for RTI planning, Continue to identify tools for progress monitoring and intervention; Systematic administration of tools (DRA/EDL) for baseline and growth, Common rubrics for writing, Evaluating language, decoding, comprehension for all students in RTI, Develop a tracking document for students' literacy and language growth (gr. K-3), Develop assessment routines and tools that work for our school's dual language model, Collaboration time with intervention and resource teachers, Reflect on school-wide philosophy for inclusion and intervention scheduling and services

Whole staff professional development

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- Whole staff professional development occurs regularly but is not tightly aligned to the school's priorities.
 - Quality, effectiveness or relevance of 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 is ongoing, job-embedded and relevant to teachers.

Evidence: Teacher led PD, Peer Coaching, Grade level collaboration, Committees, Professional book study for new teachers, New teachers attend district training, Student teachers, PPLC, Boundless Readers, National Board Teachers, Data Circles, Teachers who are taking university courses and workshops, Sports program, Playworks integrated into the classroom,

Next step: Teachers presenting at conferences or network, Enhancing COA, Develop a format for COA, Identify the gaps in the COA, Develop COA for 6-8, Develop a portfolio for showcasing the work/learning in COA, Identify portfolio software/ system / rubrics for self-evaluation and storage – Pride, Revision and Growth, Identify key vocabulary/developing language for COA, Student led conferences with portfolios, Common assessments for literacy, math, content; Continue to revisit Essential Questions/ Big Ideas as defining instruction and assessment

Professional Learning



School Effectiveness Framework

Typical School	Effective School	Evidence	Evaluation
Grade-level and/or course teams		>	3
 Teachers meet regularly but it is focused on a mix of activities—planning, professional development, and data analysis—that may change from week to week. Teachers do not have a regular opportunity to discuss progress monitoring data to track effectiveness of student intervention. Ownership for student learning results lies 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. 	 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. 	Next Steps: More cooperation and regular communications and specialists, Continue to improve co-teaching model	
Instructional coaching		>	3
 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. 	Evidence found in: (See category: Whole staff PD) Next steps: Continue peer coaching and/or peer obser (developing language, science)	



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Typical School	Effective School	Evidence Eval	luation
High expectations & College-going culture		>	3
Some staff members reinforce expectations for all students to aspire to college and career ready standards, or expectations are only reinforced for some students.	 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 	Evidence: Students go to high achieving high schools that have college going High school fair for 7/8 grade, Student voice and leadership in Playworks, Per One Book, One School and student driven acts of comfort/compassion that e of the theme of the book, Los Socios, High expectations for students in all graw We are Community unit in grades pk-1 Next steps: Improve amount of time to prepare 6-8 graders for searching for not just high schools, Continue to develop best practices for advisor/advisee homeroom, Explore career opportunities fair, More service learning componint of the curriculum to fully realize the social action component of multiculture ducation, Build in career goals/imagination work to all grade levels (Los Sociourriculum, Advisor/Advisee time), Train parents in how to support this career goals/imagination work, PD for teachers on service learning (Marisol)	ace Place evolved o ade levels r colleges time – ients buili ral
Relationships		>	3
 Some students form bonds with adult advocates. Patterns of interaction between adults and students and among students are inconsistent Students with disabilities are typically confined to a special education classroom with few opportunities to interact with peers. Student home language and culture is often overlooked. 	 All students have an adult advocate who cares about them deeply and supports them in achieving their goals Patterns of interactions, both between adults and students and among students, are respectful, with appropriate, fair responses to disrespectful behavior Students with disabilities are engaged in the school community, including both physical and social integration. Students' classroom experiences demonstrate value of home language and culture. 	Evidence: Middle school homeroom class with 2-year looping in 7/8, Bus Coar Playworks, Los Socios Next steps: Exploring student leadership structures, Student forum, Develop for collective decision making, inclusion and student voice for middle school (student facilitated, rotated roles), Provide opportunities for primary teacher as mentors to middle school students, Continue to evaluate how to make but a sustainable model for improving behavior and building an ownership for our community, Quarterly meetings where students (gr. 6-8) can share ideas, have a structure to evaluate and implement new ideas, Explore how Peace Pleace Circles can be implemented at middle school level, Continue to explore for decompressed day for smooth transitions, Continue to develop ability for with disabilities to advocate for what they're really good at and what they're on, Check-in and check-out mentor roles for some students, Explore and devicurriculum/expectations for homeroom	structur student rs to serv is coache ur buses s, talk an elace and re option r studen
Behavior& Safety		>	3
 Discipline violations and positive behavior supports are handled differently between teachers without school wide norms. School environment occasionally leads to situations 	approach to student discipline and tiered approach to behavioral intervention that recognizes and builds on	Evidence found in: Community rights/responsibilities develop a common voc for how we talk about positive school culture, Front office is welcoming and knowledgeable about our students and families, Volunteer packets have help structure the volunteer process,	·
un-conducive to learning.	 Staff establishes and maintains a safe, welcoming school environment. 	Next steps: Develop and articulate a school-wide plan that provides more guifor developing a positive culture that identifies alternatives to behavior conservithout taking recess away, Explore restorative justice models (Peace Circles middle school, Continue to develop ESP's skills in re-directing behavior, giving	equence s) for

consequences and reporting behavior when warranted, Document classroom



School Effectiveness Framework

Typical School	Effective School	Evidence	Evaluation
Expectations		>	4
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.		Evidence found in: Forums are important but poorly at Syllabi is a great improvement Next steps: Continue principal forum, Involve teachers parents to forums, Schedule forum before Cubs seasor telecasting, Limit meeting times, Work with parents to the syllabi and keep it current	in inviting n, Explore
Ongoing communication		>	3
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. 	Evidence: Yellow communication folders, Agenda, Sylla Companion report card, Report card pick-up conference calls and e-mails home from teachers and administration Next steps: Continue to explore using website for post updates	es, Phone on,
Bonding		>	4
families and community members to participate in	 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. 	Evidence found in: (See Category: Relationships) Open House, Back to School	





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Specialized support		>	4
School provides required services to students within the school building/typical school hours.	School staff conducts intensive outreach to families in need of specialized support through home visits and collaboration with social services agencies.	Evidence: DePaul students working in classroom, Afters program, Family nights, Referrals to community agencies programs through counselor – DCFS data base, DCFS for Students living in transition program	es and
College & Career Exploration and election		>	3
Information about college or career choices is provided.	The school provides early and ongoing exposure to experiences and information necessary to make informed decisions when selecting a college or career that connects to academic preparation and future aspirations.	Next Steps: Target IAMS alumni to speak with students	
Academic Planning		>	3
 Support for college and career planning is provided for some students. Information and opportunities to explore paths of interest are limited. The school encourages high performing students to plan on taking advanced courses. 	preparation, participation, and performance in their college and career aspirations and goals through a rigorous academic program and access to information and opportunities.	Evidence found in: After school program, sports, Playwespecials, COA arts and performances Next steps: Continue to explore cultural programs that school given the limitations for students who are busse already very involved in the larger community activities Digital Youth Network curriculum for middle school tecproject, Summer program	work for ou d and , Explore
Enrichment & Extracurricular Engagement		>	3
• Extracurricular activities exist but may be limited in scope or students may not be purposefully involved	The school ensures equitable exposure to a wide range of extracurricular and enrichment opportunities that build	Evidence found in: After school program, sports, Playworks, Five special performances	lls, COA arts ar





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	Typical School	Effective School	Evidence	Evaluation
ON	College & Career Assessments		>	3
DIMENSI	Students do not participate in college and career ready assessments	The school promotes preparation, participation, and performance in college and career assessments.	See Academic Planning	
	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.	See Academic Planning	
	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. 	Evidence found in: Pre-K conducts kindergarten transiwith parents, Next steps: Orientation for 5th grade parents getting middle school, Develop routine for students to meet geteachers for the following school year at the end of the	eady for rade level



School Effectiveness Framework

Typical School	Effective School	Evidence Evaluation
Use of Discretionary Resources		> 4
 School discretionary funding is inconsistently aligned to identified needs and priorities. Outside funding or community partnerships are primarily limited to opportunities that present themselves to the school. Funding of non-priority initiatives is common throughout the year. 	 School allocates discretionary spending to align with identified needs and strategic priorities. School actively identifies and pursues opportunities to for outside funding or community partnerships to help meet student and staff needs. School maintains focus on use of resources for the student achievement growth necessary for every student to graduate college and career ready. 	Evidence found in: Fund 2.5 positions for specials, continue to prioritize small classroom size through use of 225 funds and park lot funds, Rochelle Lee Boundless Readers Next Steps: Technology needs for classrooms/instruction, Math resources for supplementing math skills program and Resources COA, Spanish LA (6-8),
Building a Team		> 3
• Interviews typically consist of an interview with the principal or a team from the school, but there are no	 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. 	
 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 	 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. 	See Teacher Leadership and Intervention





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

Inter-American Magnet School promotes academic excellence and multiculturalism through a dual language education and the school's unique Curriculum of the Americas. In a nurturing, challenging and collaborative community environment, all students affirm the value of their own cultures, acquire an understanding and appreciation of other cultures, and demonstrate social consciousness in a changing world.

5	Strate	gic Priorities							
	#	Priority Description: Write in the description of your priority.	Rationale: Write in your rationale (see instructions for guiding questions).						
	1	Dual Language Components: Continue to plan, implement, evaluate and document our dual language model and effective implementation of these components in curriculum design, instruction and evaluation of student achievement.	Quality dual language education requires ongoing program improvement and professional development, curriculum development and evaluation of program results.						
	2	evaluate our thematic-based units that are aligned with the common core curriculum, the Curriculum of the Americas and our literacy model.	Quality dual language education is dependent on the integration of content areas to develop conceptual and language skills that are developed and transferred across the content areas and languages. Our curriculum development work now needs to be aligned to common core and re-evaluated based on full school day.						
	3	structures for differentiation in core instruction, extra instruction and intervention.	In our ongoing work to develop our RTI (Response to Intervention) model, we are working to dvelop a RTI model that supports the academic success of all students in our dual language program.						
	4		We need to continue to develop our school culture and wellness initiatives in order to continually work toward an inclusive, healthy and positive culture.						
	5	Optional							





Strategic Priority 1

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

Strategic Priority Description	Rationale				
	Quality dual language education requires ongoing program improvement and professional development, curriculum development and evaluation of program results.				
achievement.					

Action Plan Monitoring

Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps
Develop science and social studies assessments (K-for each quarterly unit that apply the language acquisition levels from the developing language rubrics.	Instruction	All	Principal, Teacher Leaders	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		
Identify key vocabulary for developing language for each quarter.	Instruction	All	Principal, Teacher Leaders	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		
Develop a companion report card for PK - 5th grade to report developmental growth on early literacy skills in both Spanish and English.	Instruction	All	Principal, Teacher Leaders	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		
Plan and implement a dual language institute for new teachers.	Professional Development	All	Principal, Teacher Leaders	Summer 2012	Summer 2013		
Document best practices for dual language components at Inter-American through teachers identifying their own practices for each component and then documenting these practices through video and narrative form.	Professional Development	All	Principal, Teacher Leaders	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		
Identify and develop relationships with university research partners to evaluate our dual language model.	Instruction	All	Principal, Teacher Leaders	Summer 2012	Summer 2013		
Develop and implement a peer coaching/mentoring program to pair teachers up to build capapcity to implement the dual language components.	Instruction	All	Principal, Teacher Leaders	Quarter 1	Quarter 4		
Develop and implement an orientation for parents that is geared toward understanding the dual language model and how parents can support their child.	Parental Involvement	All	Principal, Teacher Leaders	Quarter 1	Quarter 1		



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Strategic Priority 2

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 Curriculum Development and Unit Integration: Continue to plan, implement and evaluate our thematic-based units that are aligned with the common core curriculum, the Curriculum of the Americas and our literacy model. Advelopment work now needs to be aligned to common core and re-evaluated based on full school day.

Action Plan Monitoring

Action Figure		Monitoring					
Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps
Articulate the writing workshop curriculum across grade levels to define the instruction and development and mastery of writing skills and traits.	Instruction	All	Principal/ Teacher Leaders	Summer 2012	Summer 2013		
Define consistent expectations for classroom libraries and use these expectations to evaluate each others' classroom libraries so that all classroom libraries meet our school-defined expectations	Instructional Materials	All	Principal/ Teacher Leaders	Summer 2012	Summer 2013		
Develop a common format to document our Curriculum of the Americas/Science units and create a master document of integrated units, essential questions, big ideas, learning targets, resources and assessments.	Instruction	All	Principal/ Teacher Leaders	Summer 2012	Summer 2013		
Develop a master document for opportunities to integrate specials with Curriculum of the Americas.	Instruction	All	Principal/ Teacher Leaders	Year 2	Year 2		
Evaluate the content of Curriculum of the Americas using the state standards, common core, vertical alignment.	Instruction	All	Principal/ Teacher Leaders	Year 2	Year 2		
Align math curriculum to common core standards and purchase materials to implement these decisions for middle school.	Instruction	All	Principal/ Teacher Leaders	Summer 2012	Quarter 4		
Identify and implement common writing rubrics across all content areas	Instruction	All	Principal/ Teacher Leaders	Summer 2012	On-going		
Create a list of science topics to support independent reading at home to spiral science concepts/vocabulary.	Parental Involvement	All	Principal/ Teacher Leaders	Summer 2013	Summer 2013		
Identify and purchase science text to support reading across the content area and to build classroom libraries.	Instructional Materials	All	Principal/ Teacher Leaders	Quarter 1	Year 2		



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Strategic Priority 2						
Develop a school-wide curriculum for literacy of, access to, technology for pk - 8th grade.	Instruction	All	Principal/ Teacher Leaders	Quarter 1	Year 2	
Purchase technology resources and monitor each grade level's articulated plans for integrating technology into their classroom instruction.	Instructional Materials	All	Principal/ Teacher Leaders	On-going	On-going	
Develop a companion report card for students in grades pk- 5 to inform parent and student about a child's literacy progress in both Spanish and English.	Instruction	All	Principal/ Teacher Leaders	Quarter 1	Quarter 4	
Monitor Curriculum of the Americas units of study to reflect an analysis of the past and present.	Instruction	All	Principal/ Teacher Leaders	Quarter 1	Quarter 4	
Continue to develop and evaluate project-based specials for middle school students to enhance the integration of specials with content and to provide higher levels of sophistication with technology resources and products.	Instruction	All	Principal/ Teacher Leaders	Quarter 1	Quarter 4	





Strategic Priority 3

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

Strategic Priority Description	Rationale				
	In our ongoing work to develop our RTI (Response to Intervention) model, we are working to dvelop a RTI model that supports the academic success of all students in our dual language program.				

Action Plan Monitoring

Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps
Develop a list of foundational skills for each grade level for reading and math to guide RTI process.	Instruction	All	Principal / Teacher Leaders	Summer 2012	Summer 2013		
Develop a tracking document for students' literacy and language growth in grades k-3.	Instruction	All	Principal / Teacher Leaders	Summer 2012	Summer 2013		
Continue to evaluate and make a list of our proven tools for progress monitoring and intervention that work for our dual language model of intervention.	Instruction	All	Principal / Teacher Leaders	Summer 2012	Summer 2013		
Create a master schedule for assessing reading and writing for all students in Tier I and Tier II.	Instruction	All	Principal / Teacher Leaders	Summer 2012	Summer 2012		
Implement the planning document and monitor intervention instruction and preparation for Data Circles (RTI structure to review interventions and progress monitoring plans).	Instruction	All	Principal / Teacher Leaders	Quarter 1	On-going		
Identify strategies and programs for meeting the students' needs who are excelling in the classroom.	Instruction	All	Principal / Teacher Leaders	Year 2	Year 2		
Continue to monitor the implementation of strategy based literacy instruction and reading/writing workshop model through lesson plan reviews, teacher observations, peer coaching and PD.	Instruction	All	Principal / Teacher Leaders	On-going	On-going		
Explore methods and approve a plan for a portfolio process for documenting students' learning in target/developing language.	Instruction	All	Principal / Teacher Leaders	Year 2	Year 2		
Special education teachers meet with each student with an IEP to teach student how to understand his/her disability and advocate for his/her learning needs in grades 6-8.	Instruction	Students With Disabilities	Special educators/ Caseworker	Quarter 1	Quarter 3		





Strategic Priority 3

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Annual reviews of select IEPs to analyze student goals to assure that they are specific and measureable.	Instruction	Students With Disabilities	Special educators/ Caseworker	Quarter 1	Quarter 4	





Strategic Priority 4

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
School Climate and Culture: Continue to plan, implement and evaluate positive school culture and wellness initiatives.	We need to continue to develop our school culture and wellness initiatives in order to continually work toward an inclusive, healthy and positive culture.

Action Plan Monitoring

Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps
Continue work group with parents and teachers for planning improvements in our outdoor space for learning and play.	Parental Involvement	All	Principal/Teacher Leaders	Summer 2012	Year 2		
Continue to fund adequate recess supervision and support.	Staffing	All	Principal/Teacher Leaders	On-going	On-going		
Explore restorative justice models.	Professional Development	All	Principal/Teacher Leaders	Year 2	Year 2		
Explore and develop our middle school advisory model.	Professional Development	All	Principal/Teacher Leaders	Summer 2012	Summer 2013		
Explore and implement a student leadership structure for middle school students (quarterly dialogue).	Professional Development	All	Principal/Teacher Leaders	Summer 2012	On-going		
Plan and implement a career day / activity that is supported by classroom instructional units.	Instruction	All	Principal/Teacher Leaders	Summer 2012	Year 2		
Identify and implement professional development for integrating service learning into the curriculum.	Instruction	All	Principal/Teacher Leaders	Summer 2013	Year 2		
Reflect on and design alternative time/space for behavior reflection and consequences outside of recess time to support our positive and inclusive school culture.	Instruction	All	Principal/Teacher Leaders	Quarter 1	On-going		
Reflect on, inquire and articulate a leadership structure and calendar for teachers for support, mentoring, PD, collaborative decision making and monitoring activities on school improvement plan.	Professional Development	All	Principal/Teacher Leaders	Quarter 1	On-going		
Reflect on and design an improved plan for "Socios" so that students in older grades continue to have peer mentoring/tutoring opportunities with younger students.	Instruction	All	Principal/Teacher Leaders	Quarter 1	On-going		





Strategic Priority 4						
Plan year-long themes for building school-wide community (ie: One Book/One School)	Instruction	All	Principal/Teacher Leaders	Quarter 1	Quarter 4	





Strategic Priority 5

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

Strategic Priority Description	Rationale

Action Plan Monitoring

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