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2016-2018 plan summary

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Team meetings					
Date	Participants			Topic	
01/11/2016	ILT and Christina Gonzale	ez (ISL)		SEF: Instructional Leaders	ship Team
01/25/2016	ILT			SEF: Leadership & Collec Professional Learning	tive Responsibility;
02/03/2016	Climate Committee			SEF: Safey & Order; Rest Discipline	orative Approaches to
02/02/2016	Parent members of the Ti	tle 1 PAC and BAC		SEF: Parent Partnership; Engagement, & Civic Life	Student Voice,
02/16/2016	Parents at the monthly Co	offee with the Principal Meeting		SEF: Culture for Learning	
02/18/2016	Members of the PPLC			SEF: Aligned Resources;	Curriculum
03/15/2016	Ms. Epstein-Miranda, Mr.	Anderson, Ms. Gonzalez (Network 7)		Curriculum Priority	
03/16/2016	Climate Committee			SEF: Student Voice, Enga	gement, & Civic Life

03/22/2016	Admin Team	Remaining SEF Topics and Priorities
03/28/2016	Admin Team	Strategies and Action Steps
03/28/2016	ILT	Strategies and Action Steps

School Excellence Framework

Culture of & Structure for Continuous Improvement

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Leadership & Collective Responsibility:

Leadership & Collective Responsibility is characterized by an unwavering commitment to fulfilling a shared vision of success. There is a clear focus and high expectations for staff and students, motivating the entire school community to continue striving for success for every student.

- We have set direction and create a sense of purpose: our vision and initiatives are closely linked to our community
- We have shared leadership structures: ILT, DLLT, BHT, Climate Committee
- Staff members share a sense of collective responsibility (although there was some concern whether students with IEPs benefit from good communication between teachers)
- We are using the best available resources for PD
- We need to work on effectively managing change (establishing an end-goal to work toward)
- We need to make the CIWP a "living document"
- We need to find a balance between breadth and depth with respect to our priority areas

Guide for Leadership & Collective Responsibility

- Set the direction and create a sense of purpose by building consensus on and implementing a shared vision.
 - Consider the demographics of the school community in developing a shared vision.
 - Help stakeholders understand the relationship between the school's vision and their initiatives and priorities.
 - Consistently use informal and formal opportunities to champion and articulate the vision.
 - Act in ways that consistently reflect the school's core values, beliefs, and priorities in order to establish trust.
 - Ensure the school's identity, vision, and mission drive school decisions.
- . Inspire a culture of collective responsibility for the success of ALL students in the whole school (not solely teacher's own students).
- Empower others to make or influence significant decisions.
 - Build shared leadership structures and opportunities for job-embedded leadership training and development.
 - Capitalize on the leadership skills of others.
 - Constantly listen and synthesize what is heard, and learn from all sources.
- Employ the skills to effectively manage change.
 - Master skills associated with large-scale strategic planning processes and implementation of such plans.
 - Steer through the challenges associated with making improvements, both large and small.
- Create and sustain a coherent instructional program (coordinated and consistent) with learning goals.
- Use the CPS Framework for Teaching to ground instructional guidance and coaching.
 - Model ambitious goals for teaching and learning for all students, including priority groups.
 - Draw from the best available evidence to inform instructional improvement decisions.
- Enable staff to focus and prioritize what matters most.
 - Buffer staff from external distractions to the school's priorities and goals.
 - Limit school improvement goals to a few high leverage activities.
 - Prioritize teaching challenging content, engaging students in learning, rigor and ways to raise achievement.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

Suggested Evidence	 ✓ School's vision, beliefs, and how it is shared (e.g. presentations to community, promotional materials) ✓ Five Essentials – Program Coherence 	
Measures	✓ Five Essentials	
Five Essentials	Effective Leaders Collaborative Teachers	
CPS Framework for Teaching	4d. Growing and Developing Professionally 4e. Demonstrating Professionalism	
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	A1. Assesses the Current State of School Performance and Develops a CIWP A2. Implements Data Driven Decision Making and Data Driven Instruction A5. School Vision and Mission Drive Decision-Making D4. Demonstrates Change Management	

Instructional Leadership Team:

The ILT is characterized by having a consistent structure for teacher leadership that is focused on creating and implementing the theories of action that improve teaching and learning. ILT meetings are a productive forum to identify challenges, collect and review evidence, exchange ideas, and propose and implement solutions to challenges to school improvement.

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- -ILT has led Cycles of Learning based on current CIWP areas of focus: Literacy, Math, Dual Language.
- -How can we continue supporting the work after the cycle finishes?
- -We need to ask ourselves: was the focus powerful? Is it worth continuing?
- -There are questions as to whether we use the most relevant data to focus our work.
- -We meet regularly, have strong use of protocols, shared leadership (although missing Special Education on the Team), and have strong equity of voice.

Guide for Instructional Leadership Team

- Engage in on-going inquiry (e.g. continuous improvement cycles) as a basis for improvement.
 - Gain productive insight and take substantial new action or adjust strategy that clearly addresses root causes.
 - Relentlessly ask, "Is it working?" about every program, initiative, and strategy in the school.
 - Vet Initiatives and strategies on the basis of their direct or proven impact on outcomes.
 - Monitor if previous actions were implemented (fidelity) and working as intended. Ask, "If not, why not?"
- · Share leadership for improving teaching and learning with representative school members.
 - Organize the team around a common understanding of team's purpose and instructional priorities.
 - Represent all relevant specialty content areas, programs, related services, and grade bands/department teams and is an appropriate size.
 - Represent a balance of work styles (e.g. task-oriented, provides push-back, synthesizes, etc.)
- · Use protocols and ask probing questions.
 - Ask questions focused on factors within sphere of control and avoid a focus on student factors.
 - Use appropriate protocols and level of analysis (grade, school-wide, individuals) for meeting purpose.
 - Systematically consider root cause(s) based on thorough review of evidence.
- Use timely and relevant data/evidence sources.
 - Gather and use current and relevant local student, school, teacher performance (e.g. attendance data, assessment results), and operational data formatively to review and revise school and classroom practices as needed.
 - Disaggregate data for priority student groups (e.g. English learners, diverse learners).
- Schedule and structure frequent meetings.
 - Meet regularly (2-4 times per month).
 - Use an agenda with a clear focus.
- · Collaborate effectively, value transparency, and inform and engage stakeholders.
 - All team members have equity of voice and are actively engaged in asking questions.
 - Celebrate small wins and improvements.
 - Regularly inform and engage stakeholders of key data and work of the ILT.
- . Build the capacity of teacher teams to lead cycles of learning and problem solving focused on student learning data and student work.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASU	res, and Standards
Suggested Evidence	✓ ILT Effectiveness Rubric Score ✓ ILT artifacts (e.g. agenda, calendar, protocols, minutes) ✓ Evidence that work of ILT has contributed to positive outcomes for students and staff ✓ Teacher team agendas/minutes reflective of ILT focus
Measures	✓ Five Essentials: Instructional Leadership
Five Essentials	Effective Leaders Collaborative Teachers
CPS Framework for Teaching	4a. Reflecting on Teaching & Learning 4d. Growing and Developing Professionally 4e. Demonstrating Professionalism
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	A1. Assesses the Current State of School Performance and Develops a CIWP A2. Implements Data Driven Decision Making and Data Driven Instruction B5. Supports Teacher Teams

Professional Learning:

- -We have included job-embedded professional learning with our cycles of learning.
- -Our cycles of learning include a safe practice period for new learning
- -Cycles this year included aspects of differentiation
- -How do we further differentiate professional learning to meet the needs of all staff?
- -How do we extend the time of a cycle because sometimes it feels choppy, yet still have enough time to implement three cycles a year?
- -How do we support/mentor new teachers?
- -How can we better communicate our vision to our students and have then articulate it as well?

Guide for Professional Learning

- Select and design professional learning (PL) to achieve school-wide improvement, including closing priority group achievement gaps.
 - Use data to identify performance and practice gaps to inform PL plan.
 - Use research about best practices to identify potential learning and subject matter experts to support.
 - Solicit feedback from staff to inform selection of PL opportunities.
 - Provide PL relevant to the cultural and linguistic needs of students.
 - Provide both whole staff and differentiated PL to individual teacher levels.
- Implement and sustain on-going, job-embedded professional learning (PL) (e.g. coaching, peer learning opportunities, action research)
 - Recommend and/or provide PL opportunities directly related to individuals' specific areas of need and professional growth goals.
 - Encourage staff to broaden networks to bring new knowledge and resources to learning environment.
 - Teachers initiate opportunities for professional growth and proactively seek opportunities to enhance content knowledge and pedagogical skill.
- Structure time for teachers to collaborate and learn together.
 - Create schedules and systems to conduct peer observations, and coaching. Reflect on its impact.
 - Teachers provide and accept collegial support and feedback to/from colleagues.
 - Teachers participate in and facilitate professional inquiry in teams to advance student learning.
- . Make 'safe practice' an integral part of professional learning.
 - Allow teachers ample time to try new strategies, refine skills, grapple with implementation problems, and share knowledge and experience.
 - Provide support that addresses the specific challenges of changing classroom practice. Provide coaching/mentoring support to validate continuing to work through struggles.
- Monitor implementation to ensure staff uses new knowledge to improve practice and it is having the desired effect on practice and student outcomes.
 - Conduct frequent non-REACH observations to provide coaching and actionable feedback.
- · Provide induction and support for new teachers.
 - Assign each new teacher a mentor who is skilled in pedagogy and is an open, collaborative colleague.
 - Schedule a series of 'learning experiences' for new teachers that helps them navigate important initiatives (e.g. REACH) and provides information on school specific goals and resources.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

	✓ School's PD Plan – review for goal alignment – does the plan advance the school's improvement agenda?
Suggested Evidence	✓ PD agendas, PD feedback surveys
	✓ Teacher practice improving on the Framework for Teaching
	(e.g. Basic>Proficient, Proficient>Distinguished)
	✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth
Measures	✓ Five Essentials: Collaborative Teachers
	Effective Leaders
Five Essentials	Collaborative Teachers
CPS Framework for	4a. Reflecting on Teaching & Learning
Teaching	4d. Growing and Developing Professionally
	4e. Demonstrating Professionalism
CPS Performance Standards for School	B2. Observes and Evaluates Staff and Gives Feedback to Sta B6. Professional Development Provided for Staff

Aligned Resources:

Resources (e.g. time, budget, staff, and community resources) are aligned to school priorities. Improving achievement guides resource allocation. Making the most of student time and staffing is a priority. The school organizes resources school-wide through schedules and staffing plans that target additional time and individual attention to those students who need it most and to highest priority subject areas.

- -Student schedule well designed, block schedule especially effective in middle school
- -Small group instruction and classroom intervention in place in most classrooms
- Budget for aides in classroom-K
- -Many classrooms have high numbers K-2, 6-8
- -Teachers teaching within their certification

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Guide for Aligned Resources

- Design a school day that is responsive to student needs.
 - Use CPS Instructional Time Guidelines to maximize instructional time.
 - Use CPS Instructional Block Guidelines to maximize academic-engaged time.
- · Align the budget to the CIWP priorities and the mission of the school.
 - Avoid overemphasis on the purchase of products/programs that are not research based or do not respond to SEF needs.
 - · Leverage strategic source vendors to maximize dollars.
 - Seek and obtain grants to support articulated needs.
 - Use grant funds strategically to support areas of highest need.
 - Maximize the use of supplemental funding to close any priority group achievement gaps.
- Streamline purchase procedures to minimize lapses between ordering and receiving materials.
- Evaluate, to the extent possible, the consequences for student learning of resource allocation decisions to develop an evidence base of outcomes of particular uses of resources.
- Have a 'hiring team' and collaborative hiring process with clear selection criteria to identify and select best available candidates.
 - Actively work to build a pool of potential staff members, particularly difficult to fill positions (e.g. staff to serve English learners).
 - Use an interview process including a protocol for questioning and select highly qualified candidates.
 - Require a classroom lesson demonstration to assess candidate expertise, philosophy and commitment.
 - Check teachers' previous performance at CPS schools.
- Strategically assign teachers to grade and content areas to create a balanced team with a variety of strengths.
 - Ensure all students have fair access to high-quality teachers in the school.
- Effectively utilize Related Service Providers at the classroom level.
- · Use data including teacher evaluations and exit interviews to inform a retention strategy.
 - Create a positive climate and working conditions for teaching that attracts and retains educator talent.
 - Create opportunities for growth including opportunities for staff to assume additional leadership roles or pursue personal growth goals.
 - Track retention rates over time and use this information to isolate staffing strengths and identify opportunities to improve.
 - Solicit information from staff using exit interviews/surveys to understand reasons for leaving school or district.
- Make outreach efforts to engage community members as partners and resources.
- Partner with one or more organizations that share the values of the school and have a complementary mission to the school's vision.
 - Monitor the impact of partner organizations' activity.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

	✓ Schedules
	✓ Teacher retention rates
	 Staff exit interviews/surveys (data on reasons for leaving school or district)
C	✓ Candidate interview protocol documents
Suggested Evidence	 List of community-based organizations that partner with the school and description of services
	\checkmark Evidence of effectiveness of the services that community-
	based organizations provide ✓ Budget analysis and CIWP
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Measures	✓ Five Essentials
Five Essentials	Effective Leaders
rive essentials	Collaborative Teachers
CPS Framework for	4a. Reflecting on Teaching & Learning
Teaching	4e. Demonstrating Professionalism
CPS Performance	A3. Allocates Resources to Support Student Learning,
Standards for School	Prioritizing Time
Leaders	B4. Hires and Retains Highly Effective Teachers

Expectations for depth & breadth of Student Learning

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Curriculum:

The curriculum – what students should know and be able to do - makes standards come alive for students. All students have access to an academically rigorous curriculum that inspires students to think and contribute high quality work to authentic audiences beyond the classroom. The curriculum fully integrates academic and social emotional learning opportunities for all students, including diverse learners, English learners, and advanced learners. The school regularly examines the curriculum to check alignment to standards and opportunities for all students to meet those standards.

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Balanced Literacy Program in Grades K-5
FOSS and Sepup available to teachers in most grade levels
New math curriculum in all grades
Social emotional learning: Beginning training in Responsive Classroom
Writing Lucy Caukins k-8
Lacking Scope and Sequence K-8 that is clear and consistent
Many teachers are skilled using Backward planning to design units.

Guide for Curriculum

- Adhere to the CPS Content Frameworks (Math (https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/curriculum/content-area-subpages/library-science/cps-virtual-library/math-content-framework--virtual-library), Science (https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/curriculum/content-area-subpages/science/cps-science-content-framework), Social Science (https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/curriculum/content-area-subpages/social-science-1/social-science-content-framework-3-0), and Literacy (https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/curriculum/content-area-subpages/literacy/cps-literacy-content-framework-2-0)) to ensure alignment of scope and text and task complexity.
 - Provide a range and depth to knowledge and understanding of learning experiences that are language and content rich.
- Align units of instruction (horizontally/vertically) to scope and sequence maps and pace units and lessons appropriately.
 - Focus so units can be adequately addressed in the time available.
 - Examine formative data to determine mastery and pace. Discuss how much time it takes to adequately address the essential elements, and the viability of documents that articulate essential content and timing of delivery (e.g. pacing guides, curriculum maps).
- Utilize the 'big ideas' that should be taught to determine whether students are being taught the body of knowledge, the understandings and the skills expected.
 - Identify the essential understandings what students should learn in greater depth. In other words, know 'covering everything but learning nothing' does not work.
- Expose and extend opportunities for all students to grade appropriate levels of text complexity in all types of texts, including informational
 in all content areas.
 - Articulate language goals that are separate from and support content goals. Literacy reading, writing and speaking are essential 'learning tools'
 across the curriculum (disciplinary literacy).
- Engage all learners in content areas by fully integrating opportunities for all learners, including:
 - Diverse learners to demonstrate core knowledge and skills.
 - English Learners to develop academic language to demonstrate mastery.
 - Use English and native language development in addition to content standards to differentiate for English learners.
 - Understand research and implement programs to develop native language literacy for English learners.
 - Advanced learners to extend core knowledge and skills.
- Distinguish qualitatively and quantitatively between 'regular courses' and 'advanced courses' (e.g. AP (http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/home), gifted (https://docs.google.com/a/cps.edu/viewer? a=v&pid=sites&srcid=Y3BzLmVkdXxrY3xneDoyYjllNGl4MmY3YTlxYTgz), etc.)
- Integrate academic and social emotional learning.
- · Reach outside of the classroom for real world (or simulated) application. For example,
 - Incorporate web capabilities for interactivity and information sharing.
 - Integrate field-based learning through partnerships with city institutions (e.g. museums (https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/home/teachers/museum-resources)), colleges, universities, and community based organizations.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

Suggested Evidence	 ✓ Curriculum maps, vertical/horizontal ✓ Sequencing and pacing guides ✓ Thematic units which cover multiple disciplines ✓ Comprehensive unit plans including assessments
Measures	✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth
Five Essentials	Ambitious Instruction Effective Leaders Collaborative Teachers
CPS Framework for Teaching	3a. Communicating with Students 3c. Engaging Students in Learning 1a. Demonstrating knowledge of content and pedagogy 1d. Designing Coherent Instruction
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	B1. Implements Curricular Scope and Sequence and Reviews Instructional Practices C1. Creates a Culture that Supports Social Emotional Learning and Effective Effort

Instructional Materials: Score

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Materials to present learning content and what the learner uses to demonstrate are characterized by variability and flexibility. Materials are identified and adapted to increase access to learning for all students. Materials include multimedia and embedded, just-in-time supports; varied tools and supports; alternative pathways, and varied levels of support and challenge. (adapted from UDL

Guidelines 2.0)

- K-8 math, writing curriculum
- Some Science materials (FOSS and Sepup). There is need here, but the need will become clearer once the scope and sequence has been determined and new units are created.
- Leveled readers in Spanish and English available but need to be consistently updated
- Once there is a clear Social Studies scope and squence, there will be a clearer new for what materials are available and where the needs are.

Guide for Instructional Materials

Instructional materials (including technology) are.....

- Aligned to curricular plans and expectations of the standards.
- Varied and flexible.
 - Are selected and adapted based on learning objectives and learner needs.
 - Include a variety of quality media, manipulatives and supplies to achieve valued learning outcomes.
- Intentionally planned by identifying or adapting appropriate tools (including technology) for specific instructional needs.
 - Student outcomes and developmental appropriateness determine when and who will use the materials.
 - Materials are updated/upgraded in response to new information and understandings.
- · Equitably available and accessible to all teachers and students.
 - Teachers and students have available a variety of high quality, standards-aligned instructional materials and resources.
 - Materials are in English and native language for English learners.
 - Reference and resource materials are readily available and circulated throughout the school.
- Include multimedia and embedded, just-in-time supports (e.g. hyperlinked glossaries, background information, and on-screen coaching) –
 for conveying conceptual knowledge.
 - Students interact with instructional materials to engage all modalities in the learning process.
 - Technology is integral to students learning experiences.
 - Units and lessons include grade-appropriate levels of texts and other materials so every student can access the content/skills.
- Include tools and supports needed to access, analyze, organize, synthesize, and demonstrate understanding in varied ways for learning and expression of knowledge.
 - The needs of the students at different performance levels are met by using a variety of instructional materials that allow students to draw on all of their learning capacities.
 - The teacher models effective use of various materials.
 - Students understand that materials are a means to acquire language, knowledge, and competencies.
 - Technology enhances students' higher order, creative thinking and problem solving.
 - Materials connect subject area content to real life applications.
- Include alternative pathways including choice of content, varied levels of support and challenge, and options for recruiting and sustaining interest and motivation – for engaging and learning.
 - Students make choices about instructional materials as part of learning.
 - Materials address the needs of the total child: cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, physical, and aesthetic.
 - Consumables are often non-print supplies that promote active, hands-on learning.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

	✓ Cross-section of materials from a variety of content areas and grade levels
Suggested Evidence	✓ Evidence of scaffolding and differentiation for all students to access the content/skills
	✓ Description of materials in curriculum and/or lesson plans
	✓ Presence of varied texts, supplementary media (e.g. videos)
Measures	✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth
F: F 1	Ambitious instruction
Five Essentials	Supportive Environment
	1a. Demonstrating Knowledge of Content and Pedagogy
CPS Framework for	1b. Demonstrating Knowledge of Students
Teaching	1c. Selecting Learning Objectives
P	1d. Designing Coherent Instruction
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	A3. Allocates Resources to Support Student Learning, Prioritizing Time

Rigorous Student Tasks:

The school regularly examines student work - what students are being asked to do on in their classrooms - across grades or courses in all content areas. Examining the texts and tasks students experience provides the necessary insight to gauge rigor and illuminate how the standards are actualized prompting the question whether or not approaches support the true spirit of college and career readiness. (adapted from The Education Trust – Equity in Motion Series)

Teachers have high expectations for students. Especially in the area of language - learning content in both Spanish and English as Dual Language focused school.

During teacher team meetings analysis of student work has shown tasks are at a higher level of the math task analysis guide. New curriculum has helped in this area.

During teacher team meetings teachers uses protocols to collectively and regularly reflect on the level of cognitive demand within the areas of reading, writing, and math.

There has been an increase in the focus of academic language, the use of text dependent questions, and QTEL tasks. However, it is not present in all classrooms.

The ILT would like to assist teachers in creating opportunities for students to create authentic work for real audiences.

Teacher leaders will help in identifying skills-based objectives aligned to standards.

Guide for Rigorous Student Tasks

- Begin with the belief that all students can learn. (see Culture for Learning)
 - Convey high learning expectations for all students and develop structures that enable practice and perseverance for each individual student.
 - Create an environment where students assume responsibility for high-quality work by persevering, initiating improvements, addressing critiques, making revisions, adding detail and/or helping peers.
 - Communicate the necessity of attendance and engagement everyday in order to succeed.
- . Plan and assign tasks that are cognitively challenging for individual students and require students to provide evidence of their reasoning.
 - Align tasks with standards-based learning objectives that reflect the depth of knowledge expectations.
 - Tasks are Integrative to draw on multiple standards.
 - Teach for Robust Understanding in Mathematics (TRU Math (https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/curriculum/content-area-subpages/math/tru-math-dimensions/TRU%20Math%20-%20Conversation%20Guide%20(Short%20Version).pdf?attredirects=0&d=1)). Engage students with important mathematical ideas, not simply receiving knowledge, requiring students to engage in productive struggle.
- Tasks reflect the key shifts in literacy.
 - Complexity: Tasks reward close reading of complex text; Focus on comprehension of academic language, not obscure vocabulary.
 - Evidence: Cite evidence from text and write to sources, not decontextualized prompts.
 - Knowledge (non-fiction): Tasks embed reading and writing across disciplines with a variety of literary and informational complex texts and tasks and demonstrate comprehension through speaking, listening.
- Tasks reflect the key shifts in mathematics.
 - Focus: Tasks reflect a curricular and instructional focus on the major work in (e.g. operational fluency and number sense in K-2).
 - Coherence: Multi-grade progressions stress key beginnings (e.g. ratios in 6th grade) and key end points (e.g. fluency with multiplication in 3rd);
 Rigor: Problems require construction of mathematical reasoning and critiques of other possible solutions.
- Provide opportunities for students to create authentic work for real audiences (beyond the teacher) to motivate them to meet standards and engage in critique and revision.
- . Examine student work to identify and showcase the qualities of strategic thinking that are both rich in content and relevant for students.
 - Analyze models with students to build a vision of quality.
 - Use protocols to collectively reflect regularly on the level of cognitive demand asked of students across the school, particularly priority group students, to think strategically as speakers, listeners, readers, and writers.

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Analyze student work samples as part of professional learning to best support students' attainment of quality work and standards.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

	✓ Cross-section of student work from a variety of content area	
Suggested Evidence	 ✓ Observation of student learning (e.g. learning walks/walkthroughs) 	
	✓ Focus group(s) and discussions with students	
Measures	✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth	
Five Essentials	Ambitious instruction	
	1d. Designing Coherent Instruction	
CPS Framework for Teaching	2b. Establishing a Culture for Learning	
	3b. Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques	
	3c. Engaging Students in Learning	
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	B1. Implements Curricular Scope and Sequence and Reviews Instructional Practices	

Transitions, College & Career Access & Persistence:

The school creates pathways to success built on a vision in which all students leave secondary school with a clear plan for their initial postsecondary destination, whether in apprenticeship training, work, or college. All students have equal access to college preparatory curriculum to be successful. The school is characterized by structures for developing early postsecondary awareness and the knowledge and skills that lay the foundation for the academic rigor and social development necessary for college and career success. Students are equipped with the confidence in their ability to implement and adapt their plan throughout their lives as they and the world around them change. This vision sees students as the architects of their own lives.(adapted from Creating Pathways to Success, Ontario)

On the 4th year of a College and Career curriculum for 6th-8th graders. Delivered at weekly to all Middle School students.

Middle school students will participate in a college tour focusing on access for Latino students to college education.

2nd floor decorations have a college focus, college "gear" given as prizes and incentives to students at all levels.

Parent workshop: How to guide your child to the university. Parents attended a college fair.

Latino Google employees visited the school and presented their various careers in the Tech field and spoke to the value of bilingualism.

Middle school students participate in skills inventories, aptitude testing and interest inventories in order to understand career clusters and educational pathways towards future careers.

Guide for Transitions, College & Career Access & Persistence

- TRANSITIONS Have structures and processes in place to ensure successful transitions (e.g. into school, grade to grade, school to school, school to post-secondary).
 - Mitigate the adverse effects experienced by some students in transition such as arriving part-way through the school year that can cause students to fall behind or become disengaged from school.
 - Monitor the progress of English learners after transition from services.
 - Provide programs and interventions that help students as they move from middle school through Freshmen year, including but not limited to: High School Investigation Days, Freshmen Connection program (where budget allows), and a robust Freshmen Orientation program. Implement targeted holistic student supports the entire Freshmen year.
 - Provide sustained summer learning experiences to minimize learning loss and support key transition periods (e.g. summers before Kindergarten, HS, and college).
 - Use student data and best practices research to develop focused programs.
 - Expand access beyond students who are struggling academically.
 - Provide school counseling and postsecondary advising transition support and follow-up during "Summer Melt" and the first year of college.
 - AWARENESS Expose students early to academic/professional worlds beyond K-12.
 - Provide students opportunities to discover personal talents and skills, identify career interests, and pursue coursework/activities necessary to reach personal, academic and career goals.
 - Expose students to a range of career paths and the educational requirements of each to improve long-term planning and goal-setting.
 - Start the conversation about college in primary grades.
 - Make parents aware of academic opportunities and supports for their child.
 - READINESS Ensure equitable access to college preparatory curriculum.
 - Provide access to 8th Grade Algebra to all eligible 8th grade students.
 - Provide access to early college and career coursework and credential opportunities while in HS (e.g. AP credit, Dual credit, industry credentials (CTE), Seal of Biliteracy)
 - Teach students to analyze their transcripts and test scores, as well as connect course selection, attendance, and grades to their continued success and access to postsecondary options, and adjust their actions and behavior to make progress toward graduation and their top postsecondary choice. Provide support and motivation to encourage B's or better and improving attendance.
 - Create opportunities for students to explore college and career knowledge, mindsets, and skills necessary for academic planning and goal setting.
 - Find opportunities to work with all students on academic and personal behaviors, including persistence, engagement, work habits/organization, communication/ collaboration, and self-regulation.
 - In Naviance, develop an Individual Learning Plan that tracks coursework, college and career assessments, goal setting, 6th-12th grade milestones completion that culminates in a concrete postsecondary plan.
 - SUCCESS Provide direct assistance to all students and families through every stage of the college selection, application, and entry process (Transition to College (HS)) including, but not limited to academic planning/advising to assist with:
 - Selecting colleges with the best institutional graduation rates for their level of qualifications. (Students of all qualification levels are more likely to graduate from college if they attend a postsecondary institution with high graduation rates
 - Researching/comparing options including short and long-term financial outcomes, comparing college graduation rates, and other statistics to narrow down options.
 - Researching living wage options such as an apprenticeship or certification programs for students who wish to work after high school and/or want to delay college.
 - Applying to multiple colleges—generally three or more.
 - Navigating financial aid and capitalizing on grant and scholarship opportunities.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

Suggested Evidence	 ✓ Naviance Monthly Da ✓ Scholarships earned 	and college fair information ta nelines related to successful transitions structures
Measures	✓ College Enrollment, Persistence, Drop Out, and Attendance Rates ✓ Early College and Career Credentials	
Five Essentials	Ambitious Instruction Supportive Environment	
CPS Framework for Teaching	2b. Establishing a Culture	for Learning
CPS Performance Standards for	C1. Creates a Culture that Supports Social Emotional Learning and Effective Effort	
School Leaders	C2. Builds a culture of hig	h aspirations and achievement for every student.

Instruction:

The teachers have finely honed instructional skills. They can shift from one approach to another as the situation demands by carefully monitoring the effect of their teaching on student learning. They seamlessly incorporate ideas and concepts from other parts of the curriculum into their explanations and activities. Their questions probe student thinking and serve to extend understanding. They promote the emergence of self-directed learners.

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Strenaths:

Effectively communicating with students and building on student language development (use of sentence frames, QTEL tasks to scaffold); majority of teachers make students aware of both content and language objectives.

Teachers use Blooms taxonomy and Math Task Analysis guide to ensure level of questioning includes a variety of low- and high-level, open-end questions, use QTEL tasks such as clarifying bookmarks, and graphic organizers to compare and contrast character traits.

Areas of growth:

How do we anticipate student misunderstanding?

How do we monitor progress and check for understanding for individual students?

How do we intervene in a timely and effective way?

How we promote metacognition as area for growth going beyond our initial work with the DEJ?

Guide for Instruction

- Plan a range of effective pedagogical approaches suitable to student learning of the content/skills taught and anticipate student misconceptions.
- · Effectively communicate with students.
 - Guide students to articulate the relevance of the objective(s) to learning.
 - Anticipate possible student misunderstanding.
 - Enable students to develop a conceptual understanding of content while making connections to their interests, knowledge, and experience.
 - Enable students to contribute to extending the content by explaining concepts to their classmates.
 - Build on students' language development and understanding of content.
 - Use vocabulary appropriately for students' ages and development. Students contribute to the correct use of academic vocabulary.
- Use questioning and discussion as techniques to deepen student understanding and challenge.
 - Use a variety of low- and high-level, open-ended, and developmentally appropriate questions to challenge students cognitively, advance high level thinking and discourse, and promote metacognition.
 - Use techniques that enable students to engage each other in authentic discussions about content. And, enable students to formulate their own
 questions and respectfully challenge one another using viable arguments based on evidence.
 - Encourage student responsibility for ensuring all voices are heard in the discourse and that all students are listening and responding to questions and answers from their teacher and peers.
 - Require students to cite textual evidence to support/develop a claim.
- Engage students in learning.
 - Scaffold instruction to ensure all students, including diverse learners and English Learners, access complex texts and engage in complex tasks.
 - Provide targeted supports to individual students or groups of students based on their identified needs.
 - Provide instruction designed to develop language domains for English learners.
- Monitor the effect of teaching on student learning and integrate formative assessment into instruction.
 - Monitor progress and check for understanding for individual students.
 - Change instructional practice based on analysis of current data.
 - Use universally designed assessments that allow for multiple pathways for students to demonstrate understanding of the objective(s.
 - Also see Balanced Assessment.
- Persist in adjusting instruction so individual student misunderstandings or advanced needs are successfully accommodated.
 - Intervene in a timely and effective way to help students who are struggling.
 - When formative assessments show a need for intervention or enrichment, make effective impromptu adjustments that individualize instruction.
 - Use progress monitoring data to trace effectiveness of interventions and student response to intervention.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

Suggested Evidence	Evidence of best practices (flexible grouping, cognitively demanding tasks, open-ended questions) Informational observations, peer observations, learning walks Lesson studies
Measures	✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth ✓ REACH observation trends (de-identified)
Five Essentials	Ambitious Instruction Effective Leaders Supportive Environment
CPS Framework for Teaching	3a. Communicating with Students 3b. Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques 3c. Engaging Students in Learning 3d. Using Assessment in Instruction 3e. Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	B1. Implements Curricular Scope and Sequence and Reviews Instructional Practices B2. Observes and Evaluates Staff and Gives Feedback to Staff

Multi-Tiered System of Support:

The school is characterized by full implementation a system of academic and social emotional (SEL) supports for all students. Every day, in all classrooms, all teachers provide: Universal instruction in the core curriculum - academic & SEL (Tier 1) to all students; additional targeted academic and SEL supports (Tier 2) where needed; and deep and intense supports (Tier 3) based on individual and small group needs. The school also monitors On Track data (grades/GPA and attendance (ES), and course credits (HS)) to provide interventions/supports for students at risk for failure and/or truancy.

Intervention block built into most classrooms.

Materials available in English and Spanish for Reading Intervention

Some Special Education support available for Tier 3 interventions

Formalized system for referrals after at least period of 6-8 weeks

No MTSS team that meets regularly

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Guide for Multi-Tiered System of Support

- TIER 1 Persist in adjusting instruction so individual student misunderstandings or advanced needs are successfully accommodated. (3e)
 - Intervene in a timely and effective way to help students who are struggling.
 - When formative assessments show a need for intervention or enrichment, teachers make effective impromptu adjustments that individualize instruction for students.
 - Use progress monitoring data to trace effectiveness of interventions and student response to intervention.
- TIER 1 Customize the learning environment, pace, and approach of teaching and curriculum in order to meet each learners' individual needs ('Personalized Learning').
 - Empower student to advance their learning.
 - Use up-to-date individual student profiles that include strengths, needs, motivations, and outlines an individualized path to reach his/her goals.
 - Classrooms are student-centered with student agency.
 - Each student has the opportunity to advance upon demonstrating mastery.
- ON TRACK Provide universal supports to prevent failing and absenteeism and targeted interventions for grades below "C" or chronic absenteeism. (On Track)
 - Identify students off track due to low attendance and poor course performance and provide intensive supports to address root causes of why students have low grades and poor attendance.
- TIER 2 & 3 Collaborate and work as teams of teachers and Related Service Providers (RSP) to plan and monitor targeted student support with varied instructional strategies and SEL support of varying degrees of intensity for all students.
 - Monitor students requiring and receiving targeted and intensive instruction/interventions.
 - Use the Problem Solving Process to plan Tier 2 and 3 instruction/interventions.
 - Determine appropriate interventions for students or groups of students not making adequate progress.
 - Use progress monitoring data to track effectiveness of interventions and student response to intervention.
- TIER 2 & 3 Implement Personal Learning Plans (PLP (https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/curriculum/instructional-supports/school-year-supports---personal-learning-plans)) goals and intervention strategies for students requiring school year supports as described in Elementary School Promotion Policy (Board Report 09-1028-PO2).
 - Ensure implementation of these plans, review subsequent 5 week data, determine the effectiveness of the strategies and adjust plans as needed.
- Communicate to parents/guardians the additional supports and/or interventions provided for their child to better align school and home environments.

Suggested Evidence	Y Evidence of multi-tiered system of supports (e.g. progress monitoring data, menu of available interventions in use, teacher team protocols in use) Y Evidence of Personal Learning Plan (PLP) implementation Integrated data system that informs instructional choices Y Flexible learning environments Y Use of student learning plans Use of competency-based assessments V Use of personalized learning rubric	
	✓ Evidence of On Track monitoring and supports	
Measures	 ✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth ✓ Attendance Rates ✓ Course success rates (e.g. grade distributions, pass/failure rates) 	
	Ambitious Instruction	
Five Essentials	Collaborative Teachers Supportive Environment	
	1a. Demonstrating knowledge of content and pedagogy	
	1b. Demonstrating Knowledge of Students	
CPS Framework for	1 d. Designing Coherent Instruction	
Crs rramework for Teaching	2d. Managing Student Behavior	
reaching	3d. Using Assessment in Instruction	
	3e. Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness	
	4b. Maintaining Accurate Records	
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	83. MTSS Implemented Effectively in School	

Balanced Assessment & Grading:

A balanced assessment system effectively measures the depth and breadth of student learning and monitors student progress towards college and career readiness. It also produces actionable data to inform planning for instruction, academic supports, and resource allocation. To meet these goals, a balanced assessment system must include multiple measures and be responsive to the needs of all students, including diverse learners and English learners.

Teachers uses district-centralized assessments (e.g. NWEA MOY) and formative assessments (F & P BAS in both English and Spanish three times a year) to gauge both English and Spanish academic reading levels.

Some teachers have been using CPS benchmark assessment within units aligned to the CPS ELA framework or assessments that are part of Engage New York units, perhaps this could extend to other classrooms.

ILT feels that designing common assessments by grade level or band is the next step in developing the units.

ILT feels that investing resources in helping teachers evaluate and improve the quality of formative assessments in alignment PARCC-style assessments will better prepare our students to have success on these assessments.

Guide for Balanced Assessment & Grading

 Use multiple measures (i.e. a range of assessment types and at multiple points in time) to supplement district-centralized assessments with other formative assessments to provide a more comprehensive picture of student learning.

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- Use screening, diagnostic, and progress monitoring assessment to correctly identify specific gaps and monitor improvement, especially for students receiving Tier 2 and 3 services, in addition to Tier 1 core instruction. (also see MTSS and Instruction)
- Make assessments accessible to students, including diverse learners and English Learners through employing features of universal design (http://www.udlcenter.org/aboutudl/udlcurriculum) and use of accommodations and, where needed, modifications.
 - Provide accommodations in presentation (i.e. how assessment text and tasks are presented to students), response (i.e. how students provide their answers), and/or setting/timing (i.e. scheduling/location of assessment).
- Utilize assessments that reflect the key shifts in literacy and mathematics in teacher created or selected assessments. (see Rigorous Student Tasks)
- Utilize assessments that measure the development of academic language for English learners.
- Have access to and analyze school-wide, teacher team, and classroom assessment data to determine instructional effectiveness and subsequent learning needs
- Improve and promote assessment literacy.
 - Work together on building common assessments within a department, course, or grade level team.
 - Invest resources in helping teachers evaluate and improve the quality of formative assessments. For example, use the Assessment Design Toolkit (http://www.csai-online.org/spotlight/assessment-design-toolkit).
 - Use common protocols and calibrate on scoring and grading in teacher teams.
 - Analyze quality and alignment of assessments and tasks to ensure they meet the expectations of the standards and embed various levels of complexity.
- Have a grading system that clearly, accurately, consistently, and fairly communicates learning progress and achievement to students, families, postsecondary institutions, and prospective employers.
 - Ensure that students, families, teachers, counselors, advisors, and support specialists have the detailed information they need to make important
 decisions about a student's education.
 - Measure, report, and document student progress and proficiency:
 - Against a set of clearly defined cross-curricular and content-area standards and learning objectives collaboratively developed with staff.
 - Separately from work habits, character traits, and behaviors, so that educators, counselors, advisors, and support specialists can accurately

determine the difference between learning needs and behavioral or work-habit needs. academic mindsets and behaviors (CCSR).

- Ensure consistency and fairness in the assessment of learning, and assignment of scores and proficiency levels against the same learning standards, across students, teachers, assessments, learning experiences, content areas, and time.
- Ensure grades are not used as a form of punishment, control, or compliance.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

	✓ Examples of a variety of teacher created and teacher selected assessments
	assessments Units and lesson plans with formative and summative assessments embedded in a long term plan
Suggested Evidence	 ✓ Evidence of assessment data analysis for the purpose of planning ✓ Assessment calendar
	✓ Examples of gradebooks
	✓ School's grading policy
	 ✓ Grade distribution reports (course success rates)
Measures	✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth
Five Essentials	Ambitious Instruction
	1c. Selecting Learning Objectives
CPS Framework	1e. Designing Student Assessment
for Teaching	3d, Using Assessment in Instruction
for reading	4a. Reflecting on Teaching & Learning
	4b. Maintaining Accurate Records
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	B1. Implements Curricular Scope and Sequence and Reviews Instructional Practices

Expectations for Quality & Character of School Life

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Culture for Learning:

A culture for learning is characterized by a school atmosphere that reflects the educational importance of the work undertaken by both students and staff. It describes the norms that govern the interactions among individuals about the mindsets (e.g. ability/confidence to grow with effort), academic behaviors (e.g. attending classes, completing assignments), the learning strategies and skills, the value of perseverance despite challenges and obstacles, and the general tone of the school. The classroom is characterized by high cognitive energy, by a sense that what is happening there is important, and that it is essential to "get it right." There are high expectations for all students. The classroom is a place where teachers and students value learning and hard work, and students take visible delight in accomplishing their work. Staff believe they can make a difference, that their hard work is the fundamental cause of student achievement, and are invested in student outcomes.

-In most classrooms students and teachers can be observed working hard for a clearly defined purpose. Learning and language objectives are visible in nearly all classrooms. High expectations are set by teachers through the use of rigorous texts and tasks in 2 languages. Teachers use deliberate scaffolding techniques to support students (QTEL).

- -Classroom meetings and Responsive Classroom techniques used in more classrooms.
- -There are classrooms where management issues impede learning to some degree.

Guide for Culture for Learning

- Create a culture that reflects a shared belief in the importance of learning and hard work.
 - Use strategies to reinforce and cultivate student curiosity.
 - Make learning goals relevant to students, and inspire students to stay committed to their learning goals.
 - Consistently communicate the expectation that all students can achieve at high levels.
 - Utilize strategies to encourage daily and timely attendance.
- Convey high learning expectations for all students and develop structures that enable practice and perseverance for each individual student.
 - Clearly display school-wide expectations for academic and personal success throughout the building.
 - Set high expectations according to grade-appropriate learning objectives.
 - Differentiate expectations so all students stretch to not only meet but exceed personal learning goals.
 - Recognize high levels of student achievement. All students receive recognition.
 - Encourage student resilience and hard work.
 - Ensure students feel safe to share misunderstandings and struggles.
- Encourage students to take ownership and pride in their work where students assume responsibility for high-quality work by persevering, initiating improvements, addressing critiques, making revisions, adding detail and/or helping peers.
 - Students self-assess (e.g. checking own work before giving to teacher) to develop a reflective habit of mind essential for improvement. This ensures students take responsibility for their own learning, focuses attention on criteria for success, and increases effort and persistence.
- Provide students frequent, informative feedback.

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- Tell/show students what they have done well (through positive reinforcement) and what they need to do to improve, including clarifying criteria and goals
- Give feedback on the task, the processes used to complete the task, and on the student's ability to self-regulate their own learning.
- · Develop academic mindsets and behaviors.
 - Teach a growth mindset that over time with effort and practice, students can learn and succeed.
 - Encourage students' sense of belonging to the school and classroom community (see Relational Trust).
 - Employ strategies including ongoing monitoring and support of students' academic behaviors.
 - Praise effort and process. For example, "Good job, that must have taken a lot of effort" instead of, "Good job. You must be really smart."

Evidence, Measures, and Standards



Relational Trust:

The school is characterized by high levels of relational trust between all school participants - the "glue" or the essential element that coordinates and supports the processes essential to effective school improvement. Interactions, both between the teacher and students and among students, are highly respectful, reflecting genuine warmth and caring. Students contribute to high levels of civility. Interactions are sensitive to students as individuals, appropriate to the ages and development of individual students, and to the context of the class. The net result of interactions is that of academic and personal connections among students and adults.

-School has an active check-in, check-out system for students.

- -Teachers have engaged in conversations about increasing positive interactions with students, especially those who generally have higher levels of negative interactions.
- -Some classrooms use class meetings to help students resolve problems, build relationships.
- -The Dual Language model serves to address the linguistic and cultural diversity within the Latino community in Pilsen.
- Administration is aware of the need to improve relational trust with faculty.
- -Teachers are encouraged to share knowledge and take on leadership roles in the school.

Guide for Relational Trust

- . Develop trusting relationships with students so each student has at least one trusted adult in the school.
 - Adults are responsible for occasional check-ins or serve as mentors.
- · Adult-student interactions are positive, caring, and respectful.
 - Ensure a greater proportion of interactions are positive (as opposed to corrective) between staff and student consistently school-wide.
- Student interactions are mutually supportive and respectful, with strong norms for positive behavior.
 - Create opportunities for students to build positive relationships with peers.
 - Create opportunities for older students to mentor vounger students.
- Understand diversity and its impact on student learning; recognize and integrate the learning opportunities that come from a diverse community.
 - Create opportunities for students to learn about the community they serve (e.g. culture and neighborhoods).
 - Have mutual respect for individual differences (e.g. gender, race, culture, etc.) at all levels of the school—student-student; adult-student; adult-adult and overall norms for tolerance.

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- Provide training to engage diverse families and communities.
- Support and respect one another, personally and professionally (Teacher-Teacher Trust, Teacher-Principal Trust)
 - Respect other teachers who take the lead in school improvement efforts.
 - Respect colleagues who are experts at their craft.
 - Exchanges are marked by genuinely listening to what each person has to say and by taking these views into account in subsequent actions. Even when people disagree, individuals can still feel valued if others respect their opinions.
 - Personal regard springs from a collective willingness to extend beyond the formal requirements of a job definition or a union contract (e.g. openness
 or reaching out to others).
- Utilize relationships as a means of deterring truant behavior brought on by unspoken hurdles a child may be facing.

Suggested	√ Five Essentials/My Voice, My School Survey
Evidence	✓ School Climate Standards Self-Assessment
Measures	✓ Five Essentials
Five Essentials	Collaborative Teachers
rive Essentials	Supportive Environment
CPS Framework for	1b. Demonstrating Knowledge of Students
Teaching	2a. Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport
CPS Performance	D2. Creates, develops and sustains relationships that result in
Standards for	active student engagement in the learning process
School Leaders	E1. Creates a Culturally Responsiveness Climate

Student Voice, Engagement, & Civic Life:

Students are interested and engaged in learning, invested in their school, and contributing to their community. The school provides early and ongoing exposure to a wide range of extracurricular activities and rigorous courses and programming.

We have equitable access in our after school programs with diverse student participation. We offer athletics, poetry and dance however the variety of our programs was reduced due to our After School Programs funding reduction. We also have a partnership with MERIT school of music which is funded through Friends of Whittier. There are specific student leadership and character building components to all after school activities.

Students are engaged in units on issues such as Civil Rights, Labor Rights, Migration and Government. However there is a need to increase student voice within the school. This can be increased by creating a Student Council. With their input and leadership they can involve students in service learning projects.

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Guide for Student Voice, Engagement, & Civic Life

Students...

- Have equitable access to a wide range of extracurricular and enrichment opportunities that build leadership, nurture talents and interests, and increase attendance and engagement with the school.
 - Student needs, interest, and input are solicited for student programming.
 - Impact and quality of extracurricular and enrichment activities are measured regularly.
- Have equitable access to rigorous courses/programming (e.g. AP, IB, magnet, dual credit, CTE).
 - Student needs, interest, and input are solicited for student programming.
- Have a choice.
 - Respectful student questioning and inquiry is embraced. Students choose issues of concern, research topics relevant to their lives, and develop their
 own plans to address them.
 - Learning activities are personalized to match students' needs and interests, and students are involved in decisions that affect their learning.
- Have a voice and take informed action.
 - Students are included in key conversations about their learning experience and work with the principal and staff to identify issues and implement solutions. (e.g. student voice committee).
 - Students initiate and lead some school improvement initiatives.
 - Students participate in democratic decision-making at the school level.
 - Students identify and research issues of relevance and work together to propose/advocate for solutions.
- Connect to decision-makers.
 - Students learn about the structures and roles of government and civil society. They learn how to engage with elected officials and decision makers, and learn they have power and practice using it.
 - Students learn about issues and candidates, prepare voter education materials and get involved.
 - All eligible students are asked to register to vote.
- Make positive contributions to the school and community.
 - Civic engagement is the project of entire school. Teachers and school staff collaborate across disciplines and grade levels to align and embed civic
 skills and content in curriculum.
 - Curriculum based projects, including service learning experiences, are present in various disciplines, and link students to community resources and partners.
 - Incorporate writing for audience beyond the teacher (presentation based learning).
- · Learn to evaluate and consider multiple viewpoints by discussing current and controversial topics.
- Consider how people in a democratic society effect change.
- · Consider their roles and responsibilities as a member of the community.
- In high school, students are enrolled in Civics courses.

Suggested Evidence	Extracurricular offering info (e.g. descriptions of sports and clubs, list of partner organizations, participation data) Student interest surveys (and/or other avenue for student input) Policies regarding student engagement in decision making Student government or committee charter and responsibilities MVMS Student Survey completion rates and results
Measures	✓ Five Essentials – Supportive Environment
Five Essentials	Supportive Environment
CPS Framework for Teaching	1b. Demonstrating Knowledge of Students 2a. Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport 3c. Engaging Students in Learning
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	D3. Utilizes Feedback from Multiple Stakeholders for School Improvement
Content Standards	Social Science 3.0 Social Emotional Learning Standards

Safety & Order:

The school is characterized by high levels of safety and order. Students feel physically and emotionally safe from harm, and adults work to actively maintain a safe, orderly school environment.

Teachers have received PD on proactive approaches to discipline that include defining defiance and disrespect, the importance of non contingent attention to students, emphasizing a ratio of 3:1 of positive exchange to correction. Restorative conversations are held with students when they need a break from the classroom. This is done with the intention of maintaining the flow of instruction while preparing the student to return to the classroom.

There is a BHT in place that meets regularly.

Teachers created and implemented Community Building Plans with their students at the beginning of the year. They have expectations posted. The vast majority of our teachers are proficient in Domain 2. Our Social Worker is currently implementing the Second Step Program with our second and third graders.

We are working on becoming more intentional with use of data to predict and improve situations with behavior.

Guide for Safety & Order

- Ensure students and adults feel physically, socially, intellectually, and emotionally safe throughout the school.
- Provide clear procedures for reporting and responding to safety concerns.
- Manage efficient and orderly transitions between activities.
 - Manage classroom routines and procedures to maximize instructional time.
 - Orchestrate the environment so students contribute to the management of classroom routines (e.g. transitions) without disruption of learning).
 - Arrival, dismissal, and other school-wide transitions are safe, efficient, and orderly.
- Provide a framework for positive behavior throughout the school based on shared values and expectations.
 - Have shared expectations for positive behavior. (See Restorative Approaches to Discipline)
- Teach, model, and reinforce (by all staff members) clear behavior expectations for all areas of the school.
 - All adults use active supervision (move, scan, and interact) in all settings.
- Emphasize proactive, instructive, and restorative approaches to student behavior and minimize punitive consequences through policies and procedures. (See Restorative Approaches to Discipline)
 - Adults correct misbehavior in ways that reinforce established expectations and cause minimal disruption to learning.
- Clarify criteria for office referrals versus classroom managed behavior.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

	 ✓ MVMS score – "Safety" ✓ % of teachers proficient or distinguished in 2c (Management of the control of the contro
Suggested	Transitions) on the Framework for Teaching?
Evidence	✓ Examples of teacher practice improving in Domain 2 of the
	Framework for Teaching.
	✓ School Climate Standards Rubric/Assessment
	√ Five Essentials — Supportive Environment score
Measures	✓ My Voice, My School Survey "Safety" score
Five Essentials	Supportive Environment
CPS Framework for	2a. Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport
Teaching	2c. Managing Classroom Procedures
reaching	2d. Managing Student Behavior
CPS Performance	
Standards for	A4. Creates a Safe, Clean and Orderly Learning Environment
School Leaders	

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Restorative Approaches to Discipline:

The school is characterized by having and implementing policies and procedures that emphasize proactive, instructive, and restorative approaches minimizing punitive consequences. Discipline practices primarily focus on shaping behavior as opposed to punishing behavior. The school only uses out-of-school suspension as a last resort and utilizes a systems-change approach to bring about a more restorative culture. The school is also characterized by strong and consistent school and classroom climates. The school reinforces positive behaviors and responds to misbehaviors in calm, respectful, and thoughtful ways, teaching students important social and emotional skills that enable them to get along with others, make responsible decisions, and focus on learning. When misbehavior occurs, the school seeks to understand the underlying reasons (root cause) in order to design a response that effectively changes student behavior using a menu of instructive, corrective and restorative responses.

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Guide for Restorative Approaches to Discipline

- PROACTIVE Reinforce positive student behavior with clear expectations, routines, and procedures.
 - A team meets regularly to organize systems that support a restorative environment.
 - Post and refer to clear, positively stated expectations and model expected behaviors.
 - Create routines and procedures central to the learning environment.
 - Engage families as partners.
 - Contact families frequently to inform them of positive student behavior and progress.
 - Vary acknowledgements and provide both short and long term opportunities for reinforcement for all students.
- INSTRUCTIVE Integrate universal SEL skills instruction and core content.
 - Intentionally teach competencies outlined in SEL Standards. Use discipline as opportunity to teach these skills.
 - Use a Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) for social, emotional, and behavioral growth.
 - Use data to determine which behaviors should be retaught or more heavily reinforced.
 - Explicitly teach expected behavior and positively reinforce consistently school-wide.
 - Avoid power struggles with students by offering choices. Redirect students privately and respectfully.
- RESTORATIVE Employ a continuum of responses to behavior to effectively change student behavior.
 - Ensure classroom instruction continues when problem behavior occurs.
 - Prefer responses that do not remove students from regular instructional setting or after school activities.
 - Respond to behavior to address the cause, reteach expectations, build social emotional skills, and repair relationships with staff or peers.
 - Designate an administrator, such as a dean or restorative practices coordinator, responsible for leading centrally-managed response to behaviors
 using consistent, restorative procedures.
 - Support teachers to engage in restorative conversations or respond to behavior incidents.
 - Provide opportunities for students to take responsibility for repairing harm caused by their actions.
 - Assign detention and ISS only for students who have a pattern of misbehavior and have not responded to non-exclusionary interventions, or when separation is a logical response to the behavior.
 - Include specific interventions to address social and emotional skill development, communicate with teachers to repair relationships, maintain classroom work, and connect to behavioral intervention services as necessary.
 - Establish a clear procedure for obtaining assignments from teachers to mitigate the impact of lost instruction for students assigned to ISS.
 - Designate space and consistent staff to support implementation of ISS.
 - (Optional) Develop a Behavioral Health Team to coordinate appropriate behavioral interventions.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

Suggested	✓ Misconduct data (Dashboard)			
Evidence	√ My Voice, My School survey responses			
Measures	√ Five Essentials – Supportive Environment			
Five Essentials	Supportive Environment			
CPS Framework for	2a. Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport			
Teaching	2d. Managing Student Behavior			
reaching	4c.Communicating with Families			
CPS Performance	C3. Staff/Student Behavior Aligned to Mission and Vision of			
Standards for	School			
School Leaders	301001			

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Parent Partnership:

The school develops strong parent partnerships characterized by involving parents in the instructional program, messaging expectations, fostering a better connection between the school and home, and inspiring participation and high levels of collaboration with families. The school provides opportunities for families to volunteer, build its parent community, and support the school's operations through activities including but not limited to participation on parent councils (e.g. PACs, BACs and PLNs). There are high levels of communication between schools and families is mutual and two-way. Families have a way to voice concerns and schools address and respond to input.

- -Whittier has established a non-threatening, welcoming environment that is warm, inviting, and helpful for parents.
- -The school's parent committees such as the Title I PAC and BAC are fully functioning. In addition, during these meetings the school provides workshops to parents based on a needs assessment completed at the start of the year.
- -The principal leads monthly "coffee with the principal" meetings to share important information and provide an opportunity for parents to express areas of concerns and provide opportunities to support the school.
- -The school has yearly open houses and Dual Language Family Literacy night events.
- -The school uses a student/parent handbook, monthly calendars, announcements, and text messaging in English and Spanish to communicate school expectations and events to parents.
- -There is a parent writing group working in collaboration with UIC that meets weekly to share ideas and stories with each other and then write and publish these stories.
- -This year the school has organized a parent patrol with volunteers in order to maintain a safe environment surrounding the school during entry and dismissal.
- -While the school offers workshops for parents on a monthly basis, attendance averages at about 10 to 20 participants and we would like to increase that number.
- -So far the Parent Portal participation rate is 17%; we need to improve that rate to engage more parents in their children's learning.
- -While we have parent volunteers assisting with the parent patrol and a volunteer in the lunchroom, we have yet to include parent volunteers in the classroom.

Guide for Parent Partnership

- Establish a non-threatening, welcoming environment that is warm, inviting, and helpful.
- Provide frequent, high quality, well publicized opportunities for families and community to participate in authentic and engaging activities in the school community (e.g. student performances/ exhibitions, literacy or math events).

Score

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- · Provide multiple opportunities for parents to ask questions, raise concerns, and give feedback.
 - Respond to families' concerns and requests for information professionally and in a timely manner, providing resources and solutions to address the
 concerns
- Solicit the support and engagement of families as partners in the instructional program (e.g. volunteering, working at home with their child, involvement in class and school projects in and out of school, and parent workshops).
 - Host events for parents to share with other parents how home and school complement each other.
 - Share best practices around learning and development with parents to support students at home.
 - Inform parents of grade level standards and expectations and grading policies with a clear description of what meeting the standard looks like.
 - Inform parents of attendance expectations and the impact of attendance on a student's trajectory.
 - Assist parents to volunteer in the school and/or participate on teams/committees.
 - Promote the use of Parent Portal and Parent University to connect and engage parents with school.
- Frequently communicate with families about class and individual activities and individual student's progress.
 - Regularly inform parents of their child's progress across all relevant measures: attendance, discipline, academics, social-emotional learning, and health and wellness.
 - Send regular, positive, personalized communication from a staff member.
 - Use a variety of consistent communication methods (e.g. calls, text, newsletter, website, face to face) sensitive to cultural norms and needs.
- · Conduct intensive outreach to families in need of specialized support through home visits and collaboration with social services agencies.
 - School responses to student excessive absences and/or tardiness includes outreach to families.
- Provide proactive communication (e.g. parent handbook and resources).
- Partner equitably with parents speaking languages other than English.
 - Information is provided to parents in their native language.
 - Parent meetings scheduled with interpreters present to facilitate participation.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

Five Essentials CPS Framework for Teaching	Involved Families 2c. Managing Classroom Procedures 4c. Communicating with Families
Measures	✓ Five Essentials Score – Involved Families ✓ My Voice, My School Survey scores – outreach to parents; parent-teacher trust
Suggested Evidence	Examples of communication methods and content Participation rates for Parent University, events, parent council(s), report card pick-up, survey completion, Parent Portal, etc. Outreach efforts Documentation of responsiveness to Parent Support Center concerns raised Event agendas, flyers Fundraising activities and amounts (if applicable) How does the school honor and reflect the diversity of familie including language and culture?

School Excellence Framework Priorities

Score	Framework dimension and category	Area	of f	ocus	6 ⊘=	Not o	f focus
2	Expectations for depth & breadth of Quality Teaching: Balanced Assessment & Grading	1	2	3	4	5	0
2	Expectations for depth & breadth of Quality Teaching: Multi-Tiered System of Support	1	2	3	4	5	0
2	Expectations for depth & breadth of Student Learning: Curriculum	1	2	3	4	5	0
2	Expectations for Quality & Character of School Life: Student Voice, Engagement, & Civic Life	1	2	3	4	5	0
3	Culture of & Structure for Continuous Improvement: Aligned Resources	1	2	3	4	5	0
3	Culture of & Structure for Continuous Improvement: Instructional Leadership Team	1	2	3	4	5	0
3	Culture of & Structure for Continuous Improvement: Leadership & Collective Responsibility	1	2	3	4	5	0
3	Culture of & Structure for Continuous Improvement: Professional Learning	1	2	3	4	5	0
3	Expectations for depth & breadth of Quality Teaching: Instruction	1	2	3	4	5	0
3	Expectations for depth & breadth of Student Learning: Instructional Materials	1	2	3	4	5	0
3	Expectations for depth & breadth of Student Learning: Rigorous Student Tasks	1	2	3	4	5	0
3	Expectations for Quality & Character of School Life: Culture for Learning	1	2	3	4	5	0
3	Expectations for Quality & Character of School Life: Parent Partnership	1	2	3	4	5	0
3	Expectations for Quality & Character of School Life: Relational Trust	1	2	3	4	5	0
3	Expectations for Quality & Character of School Life: Restorative Approaches to Discipline	1	2	3	4	5	0

Expectations for Quality & Character of School Life: Safety & Order 3 0 2 3 4 5 Expectations for depth & breadth of Student Learning: Transitions, College & Career Access & 2 5 0 1 3 4 Persistence Goals Required metrics (Elementary) 18 of 18 complete 2014-2015 2015-2016 2016-2017 2017-2018 Actual Actual Goal Goal National School Growth Percentile - Reading N/A 40.00 0.00 0.00 43.00 National School Growth Percentile - Math N/A 7.00 15.00 0.00 0.00 % of Students Meeting/Exceeding National Ave Growth Norms N/A 0.00 43.40 (Blank) 0.00 African-American Growth Percentile - Reading (Blank) N/A (Blank) 0.00 0.00 **Hispanic Growth Percentile - Reading** N/A 43.00 40.00 0.00 0.00 **English Learner Growth Percentile - Reading** N/A 20.00 0.00 0.00 (Blank) **Diverse Learner Growth Percentile - Reading** N/A (Blank) (Blank) 0.00 0.00 African-American Growth Percentile - Math N/A 0.00 (Blank) (Blank) 0.00 Hispanic Growth Percentile - Math N/A 7.00 15.00 0.00 0.00 **English Learner Growth Percentile - Math** N/A (Blank) 14.00 0.00 0.00 **Diverse Learner Growth Percentile - Math** N/A (Blank) (Blank) 0.00 0.00 National School Attainment Percentile - Reading (Grades 3-8) N/A 13.00 10.00 0.00 0.00 National School Attainment Percentile - Math (Grades 3-8)

N/A					15.00	11.00	0.00	0.00	
National School Attainment Percer	ntile - Reading	ı (Grade 2)						
N/A					34.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	
National School Attainment Percer	ntile - Math (G	rade 2)							
N/A					49.00	49.00	0.00	0.00	
% of Students Making Sufficient Ar	nual Progres	s on ACCI	ESS						
The school's continued focus on pro QTEL tasks, on cross-linguistic conr will help us achieve these goals.	_		·		45.90	42.20	45.00	48.00	
Average Daily Attendance Rate									
Additional processes and supports v 95.5% throughout the year.	ve have put in p	place have	increased our attendar	nce beyond	94.50	95.00	95.50	96.00	
My Voice, My School 5 Essentials 9	Survey								
In focusing on MTSS and restorative environment from weak to strong. Or rating in ambitious instruction from n bilingual and biliterate students perfe	ur focus on cur eutral to strong	riculum and as we wo	d instruction will also he rk towards our goal of g	lp us achieve a raduating	(Blank)	(Blank)	(Blank)	(Blank)	
Custom metrics					2014-2015 Actual	2015-2016 Actual	0 2016-2017 Goal	of 0 comp 2017-201 Goal	
Strategies									
Strategy 1 f we do		then we	e see		which lead	ds to			
If we design and/or adapt integrated (SLA/ ELA with Science and Social Studies) UBD units that clearly define the standards, instructional strategies to develop metalinguistic awareness and content at all grade levels,					which leads to the development of bilingual and biliterate students with high levels of academic achievement in both Spanish and English.				
Fags: Literacy/Reading, Science, Core Instru Professional Learning, Social studies,	_			-	Area(s) of fo	ocus:			
Action step 9	Responsible	0	Timeframe 9	Evidence for	r status 😯		Status		
Solidify the unit plan template that includes differentiated support for English and Spanish language learners and modifications and accommodations for diverse learners.	ILT/ DLLT		Aug 1, 2016 to Oct 1, 2016	Template	Completed				

Diverse Learners, English Learners, Curriculum Design, Dual Language, Curriculum, Differentatied instruction, World language

Oct 2, 2016 to Provide professional development DLLT PD agendas, exit slips, other On-Track May 31, 2017 to support teachers in unit design artifacts Curriculum Design, Professional Learning, Cycles of professional learning, Curriculum, World language Nov 1, 2016 to POs On-Track Identify and purchase materials to DLC May 31, 2017 support units Core Instruction, Curriculum Design, Curriculum Aug 1, 2016 to Develop a schoolwide scope and ILT/ DLLT A scope and sequence document Postponed Jan 31, 2017 sequence for SLA/ELA and for each grade level. Science or Social Studies Core Instruction, Curriculum, World language Oct 1, 2016 to Grade level units for all four On-Track Write/revise units for grades K-8 Teachers with Feb 28, 2018 support from DLC quarters and Admin Team Core Instruction, Curriculum Design, Curriculum, World language Aug 28, 2016 to Continue implementation and Teachers with Minutes from Teacher Team On-Track Jun 29, 2018 adaptation of EnVision Math and support from Admin meetings focused on math: Connected Math 3 to ensure all Team analysis of student work at students, including Diverse teacher meetings Learners and Language Learners (English or Spanish), are successful with rigorous math tasks Math, Core Instruction, Diverse Learners, English Learners Strategy 2 If we do... ...then we see... ...which leads to ... If we improve systems and structures in place

then we will ensure that all students' needs, including Diverse Learners and Language Learners (English or Spanish) are being

which leads to greater student growth in academic achievement and the identification of students in need of additional supports.

to provide students with differentiated support, dedicate time and resources to differentiation, intervention, acceleration, and progress monitoring,

MTSS, Core Instruction, Diverse Learners, English Learners, Assessment, Data Use, Instruction, Interventions, Professional development, Differentatied instruction, World language

addressed,

Area(s) of focus:

Dedicate 1 Teacher Team meeting

Tags:

Action step 2

Responsible @

Timeframe @

Evidence for status @

Status

per month to MTSS

Admin and MTSS

Sep 5, 2016 to Jun 17, 2017

Team meeting minutes and tracking tool

On-Track

MTSS, Core Instruction, Assessment, Instruction, Interventions, Professional development, Differentatied instruction, World language

Aug 29, 2016 to Admin and MTSS Use PD days to set clear PD agenda, hand-outs, exit slips Behind Jun 16, 2017 expectations/ times, supports for intervention/acceleraton MTSS, Core Instruction, Assessment, Instruction, Interventions, Professional development, Differentatied instruction Aug 29, 2016 to Create a MTSS team consisting of Admin Creation of team and calendar of Completed Sep 9, 2016 ILT, Climate Committee and DLLT meetings. members MTSS, Core Instruction, Assessment, Instruction, Interventions, Professional development, Differentatied instruction Feb 3, 2017 to Assess online and print MTSS team Needs inventory Not started Mar 3, 2017 intervention materials in use for intervention/acceleration and place additional orders if necessary MTSS, Materials, Differentatied instruction, World language Aug 29, 2016 to Include a member of the MTSS Team, BHT, MTSS meeting minutes Completed Jun 30, 2017 Behavioral Health Team (BHT) on Admin Team the MTSS team in order to report on the Tier 2 and 3 interventions that all students, including DLs, are receiving. MTSS, Diverse Learners, SEL, Interventions Strategy 3 If we do... ..which leads to... ...then we see... then we will see a reduction in office referrals If we continue Responsive Classroom, which leads to fewer classroom disruptions and systematically address SEL, and provide for discipline and increase the time students greater opportunities for student engagement further training in Restorative approaches to are engaged in learning and greater growth in student achievement. discipline, Tags: Area(s) of focus: SEL, Restorative approaches, Professional development Action step @ Responsible @ Timeframe **②** Evidence for status @ Status Aug 21, 2016 to Teachers will be provided Admin and Climate PD agendas, exit slips On-Track Jul 29, 2017 professional development in Committee restorative conversations. SEL, Restorative approaches, Professional development Aug 22, 2016 to Provide UMOJA or other Admin PD agendas, exit slips Completed Sep 2, 2016 appropriate professional development on restorative practices.

SEL, Restorative approaches, Professional development

Adopt Second Step or other supported material aligned to SEL standards.

Admin Nov 1, 2016 to Jun 24, 2017

PD Agendas, exit slips, lesson plans

Completed

Strategy 4

If we do...

If we use existing structures including PD time, grade level meetings and Cycles of Learning to provide continuing support for Cross Language and QTEL strategies to veteran teachers while providing initial PD and support for new teachers,

...then we see...

then we will see deliberate instruction and scaffolding structures to support all students, including Diverse Learners and Language Learners (English and Spanish), with rigorous tasks in order to comprehend complex texts

...which leads to ...

which leads to the development of bilingual and biliterate students with high levels of academic achievement in both Spanish and English.

Tags:

Core Instruction, Diverse Learners, English Learners, Dual Language, Bilingual, Instruction, Cycles of professional learning, Instructional practices, Professional development, World language

Admin, DLC, DLLT

Area(s) of focus:

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Action step @

During monthly teacher team meetings dedicated to Dual Language, we will support teachers with professional development and planning time to ensure Dual Language practices are written into units and implemented in the classroom.

Responsible **②**

Timeframe **?**

Evidence for status @

Status

Aug 22, 2016 to Jun 23, 2018

unit plans, classroom artifacts, student work products, team meeting minutes On-Track

Core Instruction, English Learners, Dual Language, Bilingual, Instruction, Instructional practices, Professional development, World language

During monthly teacher team meetings dedicated to literacy, we will support teachers with professional development and planning time to ensure QTEL scaffolding practices are written into units and implemented in the classroom.

Admin, ILT Aug 22, 2016 to Jun 23, 2018

unit plans, classroom artifacts, student work products, team meeting minutes On-Track

Core Instruction, English Learners, Dual Language, Bilingual, Instruction, Instructional practices, Professional development, World language

The ILT will develop a cycle of learning to support teachers with the implementation of scaffolding strategies such as QTEL tasks.

ILT

Aug 22, 2016 to Nov 5, 2016

Cycle of Learning, end of cycle artifacts and survey

Postponed

Core Instruction, English Learners, Dual Language, Bilingual, Instruction, Cycles of professional learning, Instructional practices, Professional development, World language

The DLLT and the ILT will develop a cycle of learning to support teachers with the implementation of cross language transfer strategies. DLLT, ILT

Aug 20, 2017 to Nov 4, 2017

Cycle of Learning, end of cycle artifacts and survey

Not started

Core Instruction, English Learners, Dual Language, Bilingual, Instruction, Cycles of professional learning, Instructional practices, Professional development, World language

Ensure that all Math units address metalinguistic awareness and promote cross language transfer

Teachers, DLLT, DLC

Aug 29, 2016 to Jun 30, 2017

evidence of student work in classroom and discussed during teacher team meetings Postponed

Math, Core Instruction, English Learners, Dual Language, World language

Implement "Guided Math" structure in the 90 minute math block

Teachers, Admin Team Aug 28, 2017 to Jun 29, 2018

guided math structures in place in classrooms and lesson plans reflect guided math implementation On-Track

Math, Core Instruction, Professional development, Differentatied instruction

Action Plan

District priority and action step	Responsible	Start	End	Status
♣ Solidify the unit plan template that includes differentiated support for English and Spanish language learners and modifications and accommodations for diverse learners. Tags: Literacy/Reading, Science, Core Instruction, English Learners, Assessment, Curriculum Design, Professional Learning, Social studies, Dual Language, Instruction, Materials, World language, Diverse Learners, English Learners, Curriculum Design, Dual Language, Curriculum, Differentatied instruction, World language	ILT/ DLLT	Aug 1, 2016	Oct 1, 2016	Completed
♣ Provide professional development to support teachers in unit design Tags: Literacy/Reading, Science, Core Instruction, English Learners, Assessment, Curriculum Design, Professional Learning, Social studies, Dual Language, Instruction, Materials, World language, Curriculum Design, Professional Learning, Cycles of professional learning, Curriculum, World language	DLLT	Oct 2, 2016	May 31, 2017	On-Track
♣ Identify and purchase materials to support units Tags: Literacy/Reading, Science, Core Instruction, English Learners, Assessment, Curriculum Design, Professional Learning, Social studies, Dual Language, Instruction, Materials, World language, Core Instruction, Curriculum Design, Curriculum	DLC	Nov 1, 2016	May 31, 2017	On-Track
♣ Develop a schoolwide scope and sequence for SLA/ELA and Science or Social Studies Tags: Literacy/Reading, Science, Core Instruction, English Learners, Assessment, Curriculum Design, Professional Learning, Social studies, Dual Language, Instruction, Materials, World language, Core Instruction, Curriculum, World language	ILT/ DLLT	Aug 1, 2016	Jan 31, 2017	Postponed
♣ Write/revise units for grades K-8 Tags: Literacy/Reading, Science, Core Instruction, English Learners, Assessment, Curriculum Design, Professional Learning, Social studies, Dual Language, Instruction, Materials, World language, Core Instruction, Curriculum Design, Curriculum, World language	Teachers with support from DLC and Admin Team	Oct 1, 2016	Feb 28, 2018	On-Track
♣ Continue implementation and adaptation of EnVision Math and Connected Math 3 to ensure all students, including Diverse Learners and Language Learners (English or Spanish), are successful with rigorous math tasks Tags: Literacy/Reading, Science, Core Instruction, English Learners, Assessment, Curriculum Design, Professional Learning, Social studies, Dual Language, Instruction, Materials, World language, Math, Core Instruction, Diverse Learners, English Learners	Teachers with support from Admin Team	Aug 28, 2016	Jun 29, 2018	On-Track
♣ Dedicate 1 Teacher Team meeting per month to MTSS Tags: MTSS, Core Instruction, Diverse Learners, English Learners, Assessment, Data Use, Instruction, Interventions, Professional development, Differentatied instruction, World language, MTSS, Core Instruction, Assessment, Instruction, Interventions, Professional development, Differentatied instruction, World language	Admin and MTSS team	Sep 5, 2016	Jun 17, 2017	On-Track

District priority and action step	Responsible	Start	End	Status
♣ Use PD days to set clear expectations/ times, supports for intervention/acceleraton Tags: MTSS, Core Instruction, Diverse Learners, English Learners, Assessment, Data Use, Instruction, Interventions, Professional development, Differentatied instruction, World language, MTSS, Core Instruction, Assessment, Instruction, Interventions, Professional development, Differentatied instruction	Admin and MTSS team	Aug 29, 2016	Jun 16, 2017	Behind
♣ Create a MTSS team consisting of ILT, Climate Committee and DLLT members Tags: MTSS, Core Instruction, Diverse Learners, English Learners, Assessment, Data Use, Instruction, Interventions, Professional development, Differentatied instruction, World language, MTSS, Core Instruction, Assessment, Instruction, Interventions, Professional development, Differentatied instruction	Admin	Aug 29, 2016	Sep 9, 2016	Completed
♣ Assess online and print intervention materials in use for intervention/acceleration and place additional orders if necessary Tags: MTSS, Core Instruction, Diverse Learners, English Learners, Assessment, Data Use, Instruction, Interventions, Professional development, Differentatied instruction, World language, MTSS, Materials, Differentatied instruction, World language	MTSS team	Feb 3, 2017	Mar 3, 2017	Not started
♣ Include a member of the Behavioral Health Team (BHT) on the MTSS team in order to report on the Tier 2 and 3 interventions that all students, including DLs, are receiving. Tags: MTSS, Core Instruction, Diverse Learners, English Learners, Assessment, Data Use, Instruction, Interventions, Professional development, Differentatied instruction, World language, MTSS, Diverse Learners, SEL, Interventions	MTSS Team, BHT, Admin Team	Aug 29, 2016	Jun 30, 2017	Completed
→ Teachers will be provided professional development in restorative conversations. Tags: SEL, Restorative approaches, Professional development, SEL, Restorative approaches, Professional development development Teachers will be provided professional development, SEL, Restorative approaches, Professional development Teachers will be provided professional development in restorative conversations. Tags: SEL, Restorative approaches, Professional development, SEL, Restorative approaches, Professional development Teachers will be provided professional development in restorative conversations. Tags: SEL, Restorative approaches, Professional development, SEL, Restorative approaches, Professional development Teachers will be provided professional development, SEL, Restorative approaches, Professional development Teachers will be provided professional development Teachers will be professional development Teache	Admin and Climate Committee	Aug 21, 2016	Jul 29, 2017	On-Track
♣ Provide UMOJA or other appropriate professional development on restorative practices. Tags: SEL, Restorative approaches, Professional development, SEL, Restorative approaches, Professional development	Admin	Aug 22, 2016	Sep 2, 2016	Completed
♣ Adopt Second Step or other supported material aligned to SEL standards. Tags: SEL, Restorative approaches, Professional development	Admin	Nov 1, 2016	Jun 24, 2017	Completed
→ During monthly teacher team meetings dedicated to Dual Language, we will support teachers with professional development and planning time to ensure Dual Language practices are written into units and implemented in the classroom. Tags: Core Instruction, Diverse Learners, English Learners, Dual Language, Bilingual, Instruction, Cycles of professional learning, Instructional practices, Professional development, World language, Core Instruction, English Learners, Dual Language, Bilingual, Instruction, Instructional practices, Professional development, World language	Admin, DLC, DLLT	Aug 22, 2016	Jun 23, 2018	On-Track
→ During monthly teacher team meetings dedicated to literacy, we will support teachers with professional development and planning time to ensure QTEL scaffolding practices are written into units and implemented in the classroom. Tags: Core Instruction, Diverse Learners, English Learners, Dual Language, Bilingual, Instruction, Cycles of professional learning, Instructional practices, Professional development, World language, Core Instruction, English Learners, Dual Language, Bilingual, Instruction, Instructional practices, Professional development, World language	Admin, ILT	Aug 22, 2016	Jun 23, 2018	On-Track
♣ The ILT will develop a cycle of learning to support teachers with the implementation of scaffolding strategies such as QTEL tasks. Tags: Core Instruction, Diverse Learners, English Learners, Dual Language, Bilingual, Instruction, Cycles of professional learning, Instructional practices, Professional development, World language, Core Instruction, English Learners, Dual Language, Bilingual, Instruction, Cycles of professional learning, Instructional practices, Professional development, World language	ILT	Aug 22, 2016	Nov 5, 2016	Postponed
♣ The DLLT and the ILT will develop a cycle of learning to support teachers with the implementation of cross language transfer strategies. Tags: Core Instruction, Diverse Learners, English Learners, Dual Language, Bilingual, Instruction, Cycles of professional learning, Instructional practices, Professional development, World language, Core Instruction, English Learners, Dual Language, Bilingual, Instruction, Cycles of professional learning, Instructional practices, Professional development, World language.	DLLT, ILT	Aug 20, 2017	Nov 4, 2017	Not started

Professional development, World language

District priority and action step	Responsible	Start	End	Status
+ Ensure that all Math units address metalinguistic awareness and promote cross language transfer	Teachers,	Aug	Jun	Postponed
Tags: Core Instruction, Diverse Learners, English Learners, Dual Language, Bilingual, Instruction, Cycles of	DLLT, DLC	29,	30,	
professional learning, Instructional practices, Professional development, World language, Math, Core Instruction, English Learners, Dual Language, World language		2016	2017	
→ Implement "Guided Math" structure in the 90 minute math block	Teachers,	Aug	Jun	On-Track
Tags: Core Instruction, Diverse Learners, English Learners, Dual Language, Bilingual, Instruction, Cycles of	Admin Team	28,	29,	
professional learning, Instructional practices, Professional development, World language, Math, Core Instruction,		2017	2018	
Professional development. Differentatied instruction				

Fund Compliance

Supplemental General State Aid(SGSA)

My school receives SGSA funds

By checking the above box, the school is verifying that the attendance center complies with the statement regarding the use of SGSA funds:

- 1. The attendance center allocation is correctly based on the number of students eligible to receive free and reduced lunch and breakfast.
- 2. The attendance center has an approced plan, developed in consultation with teachers, administrators, and other appropriate personnel, and parents of thes tudents attending the attendance center.
- 3. The attendance center's plan is approved by the LSC and CPS.
- 4. SGSA funded activities fall within the allowable program categories: early childhood education, reduced class size, enrichment programs, remedial assistance, attendance improvement, and other educationally beneficial expenditures which supplement the regular programs as determined by the illinois state board of education
- 5. SGSA Funds supplement and do not suppland non-categorical and other categorical funds allocated to the attendance center.
- 6. SGSA funds are supporting only those activities specified in the school's approved plan/amendment.
- 7. SGSA funds are not used for capital expenditures. 8. SGSA funds are not used for any political or lobbying activities by the attendance center.

NCLB Program

NCLB Schoolwide Program

(Not available to schools receiving NCLB funds for the first time) [Title 1/SW].

The school annually reviews the schoolwide plan/program. The schoolwide program plan is available to CPS, parents, and the public, and the information in the plan is in an understandable and uniform format, and to the extent practicable in a language the parents can understand.

NCLB Targeted Assistance Program Title I funded staff participate in the school's general professional development and school planning activities. Title I funded staff assume limited duties that are assigned to similar personnel including duties beyond the classroom, or that do not benefit Title I students, as long as the amount of time spent on such duties is the same proportion of the total work time with respect to similar staff.
 Non-title school that does not receive any Title funds

Parent Involvement in Targeted Assistance and Schoolwide Programs

No Child Left Behind (NCLB), the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 continues a legislative commitment to parental involvement. Central features of prior reauthorizations, such as school-parent compacts, parent involvement policies, and the parent involvement funding formula remain unaltered. However, the NCLB reauthorization represents a notable shift in the role of parental involvement in the schools. It includes new provisions increasing parental notification requirements, parental selection of educational options, and parental involvement in governance. It envisions parents as informed and empowered decision makers in their children's education.

Parent Plan

Parent Involvement Policy Complete

Schools must involve parents in the joint development and periodic review and revision of the NCLB, Title I school parental involvement plan and policy, and in the process of school review and improvement. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

Whittier will invite parents to an annual meeting in September, 2016. At this initial meeting parents will be provided information regarding NCLB policies and mandates. At this time, parents will be given the opportunity to nominate officers and elections will be held. The official committee will then convene to discuss upcoming agendas and set up dates for future meetings. This committee will be represented in the CIWP process.

The school will hold an annual meeting at a time convenient to parents during the first month of school to inform them of the school's participation in NCLB, Title I programs and to explain the Title I requirements and their right to be involved in the Title I programs. The school will also offer a number of additional parental involvement meetings, including school PAC meetings, at different times and will invite all parents of children participating in the NCLB, Title I program to these meetings, and encourage them to attend. Please describe how this will be accomplished. Please list the projected date of your Title I Annual Meeting and your Title I PAC Organizational Meeting

Whittier will distribute notices inviting parents to attend an annual meeting. Parents are notified of meetings through a monthly calendar, a reminder notice of the meeting, and through text messaging. Flyers will be posted throughout the school to remind parents of upcoming meetings. The NCLB committee will plan workshops and seminars for parents. The annual Principal's Title 1 meeting will take place on September 20, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. The annual organizational meeting will take place October 4, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Schools will provide parents information in a timely manner about its Title I program, including a description and explanation of the curriculum, the academic assessment tools used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

Whittier will hold a school-wide Open House during September, 2016. Teachers will make classroom presentations to parents regarding the instructional goals and expectations for our students. They will also distribute this information in a printed format. Teachers will also provide information regarding dates, results, and expectations for students' achievement on standardized assessments. Throughout the school year, teachers will be in communication with parents regarding the student's academic progress.

At the request of parents, schools will provide opportunities for regular meetings, including the School Parent Advisory Council meetings, for parents to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. Please describe how the school will immediately respond to any such suggestions.

Whittier will invite parents to all meetings scheduled throughout the school year. Parents will be given opportunities to share their issues related to the education of their child(ren). Surveys will be distributed to ascertain the issues which are of the most concern to parents. Presentations and events will be scheduled based on parents' concerns. In addition, the principal will schedule informal "coffee with the principal" meetings on a monthly basis.

Schools will provide parents a report of their child's performance on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

Whittier will provide information to parents regarding the students' performance on ISAT during the first quarter of the school year. In addition to the twice a year Report Card pick-up, teachers will schedule meeting with parents when ever either party determines a need. All NCLB required communication with parents will be produced in both English and Spanish.

Schools will provide parents timely notice when their child has been assigned to, or taught by, a teacher who is not "highly qualified," as defined in the Title I Final Regulations, for at least four (4) consecutive weeks. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

Letters identifying a student's teacher who is not "highly qualified" will be sent to parents of those students. This letter will be written in both English and Spanish.

Schools will assist parents of participating NCLB Title I children in understanding: the state's academic content standards; the state's student academic achievement standards; the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments; the requirements of Title I, Part A; how to monitor their child's progress; and how to work with educators. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

Whittier faculty and administration will host a meeting designed to inform parents regarding the Common Core Standards in both reading and math, and the grade level expectations for students. Teachers will provide parents with ideas about ways to support their student's learning and being successful in an academic environment. In addition, parents will be informed of the assessment schedule and calendar and how to monitor their students' grade using the CPS parent portal.

Schools will provide information, resources, materials and training, including literacy training and technology, as appropriate, to assist parents in working with their children to improve their academic achievement, and to encourage increased parental involvement. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

Whittier will provide parents with information regarding literacy and technology training opportunities. These opportunities might also be provided by Whittier faculty and community partners. In addition, the school will create a parent resource room where parents can have access to materials to help them support their students' learning.

Schools will educate all staff in the value and utility of contributions by parents and in how to reach out to, communicate and work with, parents as equal partners in the education of their children and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties with parents. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

Faculty and staff will be provided professional development regarding how to work with students' parents and families in order to maximize this valuable relationship. Teachers will be informed of the parent committees which are in place and how to work successfully with these committees. A positive communication with parents will be valued and fostered.

Schools will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First involvement, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, public preschool, and other programs, to

further encourage and support parents in more fully participating in their children's education. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

All parents will be informed of upcoming activities through a monthly calendar and reminder flyers, which are both sent home with students and posted within the school. In addition the school sends text message reminders to parents about activities.

Schools will ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents in understandable and uniform formats, including language. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

All notifications regarding future events are produced in both English and Spanish. Information is relayed to parents via monthly calendars, flyers, and text messages.

Policy Implementation Activities

▼ The LSC will approve the school improvement plan and monitor the CIWP.

In the CIWP, the school identifies current parental involvement practices and outlines activities related to expanding parent partnership programs.

▼ The school will coordinate the parent involvement programs identified in the CIWP.

▼ The school will evaluate the parent involvement policy for effectiveness and make improvements as necessary.

Explain why any of the boxes above are unchecked: (type "n/a" if all are checked)

N/A

Parent Compact Complete

The school will provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating student to meet the State's student academic achievement standards. Describe how the school will provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive environment. (Restate the school mission.)

Whittier will provide a high quality instructional program, aligned with Common Core State Standards, using curricula designed for 21st century career and college ready outcomes. We will challenge each student to achieve academic excellence with biliterate-English and Spanish- competence in all content area. Instruction will be delivered in differentiated and/or small group format with additional intervention instruction as needed. Whittier's participation with After School All Stars and other community agencies enhances and enriches learning opportunities for our students and their families.

The school will hold parent-teacher conferences. Describe the kinds of parent-teacher conferences that will be held and the dates on which they are scheduled.

Whittier will host parent-teacher conferences twice annually (November and April) at report card pick up. In addition, Whittier faculty will hold meetings and/or conferences with parents at September Open House, Dual Language Literacy Night during the second quarter, Math Night during the third quarter, regularly scheduled(3-5 weeks) for students in intervention program. In addition, both teachers and parents will schedule individual conferences when either is concerned and/or needs clarification.

The school will provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Describe when and how the school will provide reports to parents.

Whittier will host parent-teacher conferences twice annually (November and April) at report card pick up. Regular conferences (3-5 weeks) will be scheduled for students receiving intervention instruction. In addition, both teachers and parents will schedule individual conferences when either is concerned and/or needs clarification. Finally, progress reports will go home during the mid-point of each quarter and allow an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers regarding their children's progress.

The school will provide parents access to staff. Describe when, where and how staff will be available for consultations with parents.

Parents are encouraged to make appointments with teachers. Teachers will work with parents' scheduled to find a mutually agreeable time.

The school will provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their children's classes. Describe how and when parents may volunteer, participate, and observe classroom activities.

Parents are encouraged and invited to participate in the student's classes and activities. Parents are welcome to volunteer to assist on field trips, special projects in class, school-wide events, and working in Whittier's garden, etc.

The parents will support their children's learning. Describe how the parents will assist learning (i.e. monitoring attendance, homework completion).

Parents will be invited to an Open House and/or grade level meeting to learn about the expectations at that particular grade. At that time, parents will discuss ways to maintain open communication between parents and teachers, support their child's learning outside the classroom and sign a contract outlining the responsibilities of each party.

The parents will participate in decisions relating to the education of their children. Describe when, where and how parents will consult with the school.

Parents and teachers will work in partnership to insure that our students are making academic progress and achieving at their highest possible level. In addition the the scheduled formal consulting between parents and school, communication and consultation is expected on an on-going basis through phone call, notes in the student's agenda, and face to face meetings. If parents and teachers cannot resolve issues satisfactorily, an administrator is always available.

The students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. Describe how the students will assure academic achievement (i.e. good attendance, positive attitude, class preparation).

Students are expected to share responsibility for their academic achievement. Students are expected to complete class assignments in a timely manner, maintain a high attendance rate and a low tardy rate, come prepared to learn, behave in a manner conducive to learning, cooperate with classmates, faculty, and staff. Students will sign a contract at the beginning of the school year which outlines responsibilities. In addition, teachers will lead goal setting activities with students around BAS and NWEA beginning of year and middle of year assessment results.

Parent Budget Complete

Goals: Indicate goals, timeline of activities and training topics that are designed to assist Parents with increasing their students' academic achievement. The overarching goal is to increast student academic achievement through parental involvement; specify your goals.

To increase parental involvement to improve student outcomes in the areas of reading, math, and social emotional learning. At the October meeting, the principal will survey the parents on the types of workshops they would like in the areas above. Each month parents will participate in workshops related to the themes above.

Allocate your Mandated Title 1 Parent Involvement Funds to support your Parent Involvement Program. Account(s) Description Allocation Teacher Presenter/ESP Extended Day 51130. \$.00 Amount 52130 For Teacher presenter, ESP Extended Day, please remember to put money on the benefits line. Non-Instructional pay rate applies. 53405 Supplies \$ 250 .00 In addition to supplies for parent program, please use this account to also purchase books for parents only. Use this account for equipment with a per unit cost of less than \$500. 53205 Refreshments \$ 554 .00 Allocation CAN NOT EXCEED 25% of the Parent Budget. Refreshments must be used for Title 1 PAC meetings, trainings and workshops. 54125 Consultants \$ 1214 .00 For Parent Training Only. Consultant must have a CPS vendor number and paid with a Purchase Order after service is rendered (NO CHECKS ARE ALLOWED) 54505 Admission and Registration Fees, Subscriptions and memberships \$ Amount .00 For Parents use only. 54205 Travel \$ 200 .00 Buses for Parents use. Overnight Conference travel- schoolsmust follow the CPS Tracel Policy. The CPS Parent Overnight Travel Approval Form and Conference Travel Form must be completed. 54565 Reimbursements \$ Amount .00 Allocation CAN NOT EXCEED 25% OF THE Parent Budget. All Parent Reimbursements related to Title 1 Parent Involvement must be paid from this account. Receipts must be clear unaltered and itemized. School must keep all receipts. 53510 .00 \$ Amount Must be used for parent involvement programs only. 53306 Software \$ Amount .00 Must be educational and for parent use only.

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Furniture and Equipment

Must have a parent room or a secure place to keep furniture/equipment. Cannot be placed in the main office or where staff and students have access too. To by used only by parents.

\$ Amount	.00
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