

James G Blaine Elementary School / Plan summary

2018-2020 plan summary

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03/08/2018	Instructional Leadership Team	School Excellence Framework Assessment and Category Identification
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04/04/2018	Grade Level Teacher Teams	Grade Level Team Feedback Regarding Category Strategies
04/10/2018	Angela Brito, Andrew Russell, Robert Bahl, Jon Sikes, Jon Wilsey, Jen Campagna, Ann Brandon, Sarah Pritz, Tori Ward, Mikelle Kruger, Collette Lynn Suess	Feedback on Categories and Strategies
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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.

The school's mission and vision drive school decision-making and create a sense of purpose. Blaine's core values, mission and vision have been developed with the input of stakeholders (students, staff, parents and community). We consistently use data (NWEA, TRC, 5 Essentials) to create and sustain coherent instructional programs with consistent learning goals. Professional development structures--including Inquiry Teams, Grade Level Teams and Staff Meetings--inspire a culture of collective responsibility and empower staff to influence decision making. 5 Essential results form last year indicated "strong" rating in the "Effective Leaders" and "Collaborative Teachers" categories.

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.
 - Use the Multi-Tiered System of Support framework as a standard for how to distribute leadership and make significant decisions both academically

and social-emotionally

- . 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.

Based upon ILT artifacts and teacher team artifacts (agendas, calendars, protocols, etc) we determined that most of the high impact practices are consistently evident. Teacher teams are co-driving the practices with the administrative team to support professional development during grade level and inquiry team meetings using data to inform decisions. Teacher teams engage in on-going inquiry (continuous improvement cycles) as a basis for improvement. Teams meet regularly and use an agenda with a clear focus. Inquiry teams represent all relevant specialty content areas and programs and are organized around a common understanding of instructional priorities. 5 Essential results form last year indicated "strong" rating in the "Effective Leaders" and "Collaborative Teachers" categories.

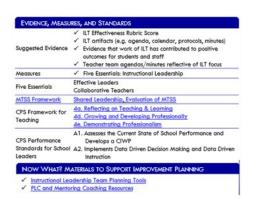
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Guide for Instructional Leadership Team

- 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.



Professional Learning:

Professional Learning includes sufficient time, support, and 'safe practice' space to internalize new knowledge to change practice and beliefs. Adults persevere in collaboration with their colleagues to innovate and improve implementation of new practices.

Based on evidence--including the school's PD plan, agendas, REACH data and SQRP attainment and growth--nearly all of the practices are consistently evident for students and staff. Professional learning is designed to achieve school-wide improvement and is rooted in best practices and is differentiated to meet the diverse needs of staff. Professional learning includes action research, coaching and peer learning opportunities for grade level and inquiry teams. Time is structured into the schedule to allow for collaboration among teacher teams (grade level and multi-grade level based on content). Safe practices are an integral part of professional learning--teachers have ample time to try new strategies and refine skills; support is provided through administrative and peer coaching. 5 Essential results form last year indicated "strong" rating in the "Effective Leaders" and "Collaborative Teachers" categories.

Guide for Professional Learning

Select and design professional learning (PL) to achieve school-wide improvement, including closing priority group achievement gaps.

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- 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.

Suggested Evidence	 School's PD Plan - review for goal alignment - does the plan advance the school's improvement agenda? PD agendas, PD feedback surveys Teacher practice improving on the Framework for Teaching (e.g. 8asics-Proficient, Proficients-Distinguished)
Measures	✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth ✓ Five Essentials: Collaborative Teachers
Five Essentials	Effective Leaders Collaborative Teachers
MTSS Framework	Shared Leadership, Curriculum & Instruction
CPS Framework for Teaching	4a. Reflecting on Teaching & Learning 4d. Growing and Developing Professionally 4e. Demonstrating Professionalism
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	82. Observes and Evaluates Staff and Gives Feedback to Staff B6. Professional Development Provided for Staff
NOW WHAT? M.	ATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING
 ✓ Making Better Use ✓ Upcoming Profess 	e of Research ional Learning Opportunities

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.

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Based on evidence--including schedules, teacher retention rates, and candidate protocols--nearly all of the practices are consistently evident, and students, staff and community co-drive practices with the principal. The school day is responsive to student needs and uses CPS Instructional Time Guidelines to maximize instructional time. The budget is aligned to CIWP priorities and the mission of the school. Systems and procedures exist (including google docs) to streamline purchases and minimize lapses between ordering and receiving materials. The school uses a collaborative hiring process (including teachers and other staff) that involves multiple interviews, demonstration lessons and feedback. Teachers are strategically assigned to grades and content areas based on experience and strengths. The school partners with several outside organizations--including Dancing With Class, Forward Momentum, We Got Game and Right at School--that support and compliment the schools mission and vision. 5 Essential results form last year indicated "strong" rating in the "Effective Leaders" and "Collaborative Teachers" categories.

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.

7	✓ Schedules					
	✓ Teacher retention rates					
	✓ Staff exit interviews/surveys (data on reasons for leaving)					
	school or district)					
Suggested Evidence	Candidate interview protocol documents					
sofficered curdence	 List of community-based organizations that partner with the 					
	school and description of services					
	 Evidence of effectiveness of the services that community- 					
	based organizations provide					
	✓ Budget analysis and CIWP					
Measures	✓ Five Essentials					
Five Essentials	Effective Leaders, Collaborative Teachers					
MTSS Framework	Shared Leadership, Curriculum & Instruction, Family &					
MISS FIGHINGWOLK	Community Engagment					
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					
NOW WHAT? M.	ATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING					
✓ Aligning Resource	es with Priorities: Focusing on What Matters Most					
✓ Instructional Sup	ports					
✓ Strategic Source	Vendor List					
✓ CPS Instructional	Time Guidelines: Elementary School Overview					
✓ CPS Instructional	Time Guidelines: High School Overview					
✓ CPS Instructional	Block Guidance: K-2 Literacy					
✓ CPS Instructional	Block Toolkits: Math					

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.

Based on evidence and measures—including SQRP attainment and growth, CPS Framework for teaching and lesson planning tools (curriculum maps, unit plans, etc.) some of the practices are consistently evident. Teachers utilize the CPS Content Frameworks to ensure task complexity and curriculum alignment. Teachers regularly integrate academic and social emotional learning through our Advisory and Second Step curriculums; opportunities exist for student to access complex grade appropriate text, including informational in all content areas. When applicable, teachers reach outside of classroom for real-world and simulated applications, including field trips, and partnerships with Chicago Children's Museum, Science on the Go, and Global Ed. Results from recent 5Essential report indicate strong ratings in "Effective Leaders" and "Collaborative Teachers" categories, and neutral rating in "Ambitious Instruction."

Guide for Curriculum

- 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 standards in addition to content standards to differentiate instruction and assessments for English learners, to ensure meaningful access to content, regardless of English language proficiency.
 - Understand research and implement programs to develop native language literacy for English learners.
 - Advanced learners to extend core knowledge and skills.
- Integrate academic and social emotional learning.
- · Connection to real world, authentic application of learning. For example,
 - Provide opportunities for meaningful project-based learning.
 - Integrate field-based learning through partnerships with city institutions (e.g. museums), colleges, universities, and community based organizations.
- Curriculum is culturally relevant/sustaining and provides opportunities to explore and celebrate students' communities, culture, history, and language.
 - Curriculum is tailored to the strengths, needs, and interests of each student.

Curriculum maps, vertical/horizontal Sequencing and pacing guides Thematic units which cover multiple disciplines Comprehensive unit plans including assessments				
✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth				
Ambitious Instruction Effective Leaders Collaborative Teachers				
Curriculum & Instruction				
3a. Communicating with Students 3c. Engaging Students in Learning 1a. Demonstrating knowledge of content and pedagogy 1d. Designing Coherent Instruction				
Implements Curricular Scope and Sequence and Reviews Instructional Practices C1. Creates a Culture that Supports Social Emotional Learning and Effective Effort				
ATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING				
meworks: Math, Science, Social Science, and Literacy ppe and Sequence ond Sequence Guidance ip Curriculum iteracy; Guide 3.0. Course				

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)

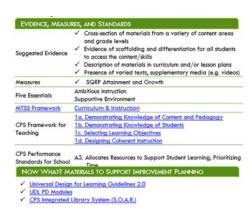
Based on evidence and measures—including unit plans, curriculum maps and instructional materials—most of the practices are consistently evident. Instructional materials are varied, flexible and intentionally planned based on instructional needs. This includes tools and supports needed to demonstrate understanding in varied ways. Teachers use small group instruction and learning centers to support student choice and varied levels of support and challenge for engaging and learning. Results from recent 5Essential report indicate neutral ratings in neutral rating in "Ambitious Instruction" and "Supportive Environment" categories.

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.



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)

Based on evidence and measures--including observations and analysis of student work samples--most of the practices are consistently evident. Teacher plan and assign tasks that are cognitively challenging and require students to provide evidence of reasoning. Tasks reflect key shifts in literacy and mathematics. The school provides opportunities for students to create authentic work for real audiences. Teachers examine student work to identify and showcase qualities of strategic thinking that are rich in content and relevant for students. Results from recent 5Essential report indicate neutral ratings in neutral rating in "Ambitious Instruction".

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

Suggested Evidence	 ✓ Cross-section of student work from a variety of content areas ✓ Observation of student learning (e.g. learning walks/walkshroughs) ✓ Focus group(s) and discussions with students 				
Measures	✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth				
Five Essentials	Ambitious instruction				
MTSS Framework	Shared Leadership, Curriculum & Instruction				
CPS Framework for Teaching	1d. Designing Coherent Instruction 2b. Establishing a Culture for Learning 3b. Using Guestioning and Discussion Techniques 3c. Engaging Students in Learning				
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	B1. Implements Curricular Scope and Sequence and Reviews Instructional Practices				
NOW WHAT? MA	ATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING				
 ✓ Math Practices ✓ Checking In D 	obust Understanding in Mathematics (TRU Math) is What to Look for Observation Tool o Classroom Assignments Reflect Today's Higher Standards2 Protocol (GSuP)				

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)

Based on evidence and measures—including artifacts and curricular resources—nearly all of the practices are consistently evident. The school has structures and processes in place to ensure successful transitions (from grade to grade and school to school) including student and parent orientations, counseling and advisory periods and college and career readiness workshops. The school provides access to rigorous curriculum, providing access to algebra to all eighth grade students.

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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, CTE recruitment fairs, 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 CTE Pathways around career options
 - 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.
 - Provide opportunities for Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment
- 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.
- Equipping students and families with persistence strategies. (College Persistence Toolkit)
- Help families learn about existing CTE career pathways, apprenticeships/pre-apprenticeship programs



Expectations for depth & breadth of Quality Teaching

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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.

Based on evidence and measures--including SQRP metrics and observations--most of the practices are consistently evident. Teachers plan and implement a range of effective pedagogical approaches to meet the learning needs of students. Teachers effectively communicate with students, employ questioning and discussion techniques and integrate formative and summative assessments to monitor the effectiveness of instruction. Teachers persist in adjusting instruction to address misunderstanding through small group interventions and learning centers. Results from recent 5Essential survey indicate a neutral rating in Ambitious Instruction and Supportive Environment categories, and strong rating in Effective Leaders category.

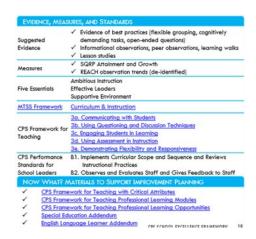
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Guide for Instruction

- 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.
- Foster student ownership. Create opportunities for students to have voice and choice in instructional tasks.



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.

Based on evidence and measures--including unit and lesson plans, school grading policy and grade books, and SQRP metrics--some of the practices are consistently evident. Teachers use multiple measures and a range of assessment techniques to supplement district-centralized assessments. Teachers and staff implement progress monitoring assessments for students receiving Tier 2 and 3 services. The school is beginning to create grading system that clearly, accurately and consistently communicates learning progress and achievement to students and families. Results from recent 5Essential survey indicate a neutral rating in Ambitious Instruction category.

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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.
- 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 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.
 - 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



Multi-Tiered System of Supports:

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.

Based on evidence and measures—including MTSS progress monitoring data, PLP implementation, SQRP metrics and observations—nearly all of the practices are consistently evident. Teachers persist in adjusting instruction to meet student learning needs through small group instruction and learning centers. Classroom teachers and interventionists collaborate to plan and monitor targeted instructional and social emotional support for Tier 2 and 3 students. The MTSS team implements Personal Learning Plans (PLPs) for students requiring school year supports. Teachers and staff frequently communicate with parents to provide support and alignment between school and home environments. Results from recent 5Essential survey indicate a neutral rating in Ambitious Instruction and Supportive Environment categories, and strong rating in Effective Leaders category.

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Guide for Multi-Tiered System of Supports

- 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) 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.

	 Evidence of multi-fiered system of supports (e.g. progress monitoring data, menu of available interventions in use, teacher team protocols in use) Evidence of Personal Learning Plan (PLP) implementation
Suggested	√ Integrated data system that informs instructional choices
Evidence	✓ Flexible learning environments
	✓ Use of student learning plans
	✓ Use of competency-based assessments
	✓ 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	1d. Designing Coherent Instruction
Teachina	2d. Managing Student Behavior
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	3e. Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness
	4b. Maintaining Accurate Records
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	B3. MTSS Implemented Effectively in School

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.

Based on evidence and measures--including student work samples and SQRP metrics--most of the practices are consistently evident. The school works to develop a culture that reflects the belief in the importance of learning and hard work. Teachers convey high learning expectations and develop structures to support practice and perseverance. Teachers encourage students to take ownership and pride in their work and assume responsibility by initiating improvements and helping peers. Results from recent 5Essential survey indicate a neutral rating in Ambitious Instruction and Supportive Environment categories, and strong rating in Effective Leaders category.

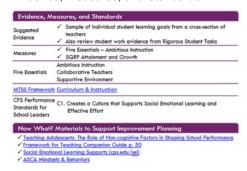
Guide for Culture for Learning

- 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.

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- · 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.
 - 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."



Relational Trust:

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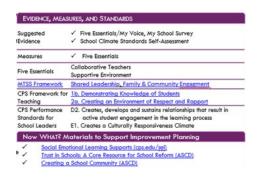
The school is characterized by high levels of relational trust between all school participants - the "glue" or the essential element that coordinates and supports the processes essential to effective school improvement. Interactions, both between the teacher and students and among students, are highly 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.

Based on evidence and measures--including observations using the CPS Framework for Teaching--most of the practices are consistently evident. Classroom structures and curriculum--including morning meeting, advisory and the Advisory Lesson Framework and Second Step--support positive climate and culture. The adoption of counseling blocks for middle school students and Check In Check Out have helped to develop trusting relationships between students and adults. Results from recent 5Essential survey indicate a neutral rating Supportive Environment category, and strong rating in Collaborative Teachers category.

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 younger 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.
 - 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.



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.

Based on evidence and measures—including observations and the Framework for Teaching—few of the practices are consistently evident. The school provides equitable access to a wide range of extracurricular and enrichment programs before and after school. Students have access to equitable and rigorous courses and programming and make positive contributions to the school community through student council and class-sponsored initiatives. Results from recent 5Essential survey indicate a neutral rating Supportive Environment category.

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Guide for Student Voice, Engagement, & Civic Life

Study politics

- Teachers teach about the structure and function of government as well as local, national, and international political structures and power dynamics.
- Teachers invite students to reflect on their own role in the political landscape, engage in analyses of power, and identify strategies they can use to utilize
 civic power as an individual and as a member of a community.
- Become informed voters and participants in the electoral process
 - Students learn about the history and structures of the local and national voting process and ballot issues and candidates.
 - The school supports non-partisan engagement in all parts of the electoral process, including voter education, voter mobilization and registration.
 - There are a variety of school/classroom activities or simulations that support student voter preparation and participation in the electoral process.
- Engage in discussions about current and controversial issues.
 - Students prepare for discussions, learn about issues that matter to them through deliberation, evaluate evidence from a range of sources, consider competing views, develop arguments, and deepen their viewpoints.
 - With teachers' support, students learn how to engage in and lead respectful and productive democratic discussions where everyone expresses their viewpoints, shares evidence, and listens to one another.
 - Teachers teach how to find different points of view online and instruct how to engage in respectful, informed, and productive online dialogue.
- · Explore their identities and beliefs
 - Teachers design learning experiences that enable students to explore how their identities influence their lived experiences and their perspectives.
 - Students are encouraged to learn about and understand the perspectives of those who have different identities and beliefs.
 - School staff reflect on their own identities and consider how that impacts their role and support of teaching and learning with youth.

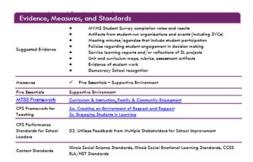
Exercise student voice

- Students can participate on multiple decision/policy making bodies and their perspectives are regularly included in decisions at their school.
- Student Voice Committee represents the diversity of the school, addresses school-based issues, and regularly gathers input from their peers to inform and impact school policy and decisions.
- Teachers respond to and integrate students' lived experiences, perspectives, and interests in class.
- Authentically interact with civics leaders
- Students learn about community, city, state, and national civic leaders and their roles in civil society.
- School staff support engagement with civic leaders by inviting them into classrooms/the school and identifying face-to-face or online avenues for students to share their feedback and perspectives with civic leaders.

. Engage with their community

Students complete at least 2 service learning projects before graduation in which they gain exposure to civic organizations, leaders, and careers.
 Students gain tools to work cooperatively in partnership with peers, community members, and organizations to advance a specific cause

- Take informed action where they work together to propose and advocate for solutions.
 - Students research and analyze issues that matter to them, identify root causes, develop a theory of action, determine relevant audiences, outline specific goals, implement a response, and reflect before, during and after experiences.
 - Students use social and digital platforms to raise awareness about issues, produce and circulate multimedia content, and mobilize involvement.
- · Experience a Schoolwide civics cultur
 - School leaders articulate a commitment to and vision for the importance of civic learning; students are civic leaders in the school.
 - Schools integrate civic learning across the curriculum, including projects that address relevant issues in their schools and communities.
 - School staff have professional development, collaboration time, and curriculum resources to infuse civic learning across disciplines.
 - Systems and structures exist where students are invited to participate in shaping school's policies, goals, instruction, and climate.



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.

Based on evidence and measures—including observations and the CPS Framework for Teaching—most of the practices are consistently evident. Protocols and procedures are clear and ensure that students and adults feel safe. Curriculums and structures—including morning meeting, advisory and Second Step—provide a framework for positive behavior. PBIS programs and incentives support and reinforce clear behavior expectations. Results from recent 5Essential survey indicate a neutral rating Supportive Environment category.

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).

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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

	Framework for Teaching. ✓ School Climate Standards Rubric /Assessment
	✓ School Climate Standards Rubric/Assessment
Measures	 ✓ Five Essentials – Supportive Environment score ✓ My Voice, My School Survey "Safety" score
Five Essentials	Supportive Environment
MTSS Framework	Curriculum & Instruction
CPS Framework for Teaching	2a. Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport 2c. Managing Classroom Procedures 2d. Managing Student Behavior
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	A4. Creates a Safe, Clean and Orderly Learning Environment

✓ Social Emotional Learning Supports (cps.edu/sel)

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.

Based on evidence and measures--including Dashboard data, observations and the CPSFramework for Teaching--most of the practices are consistently evident. This includes the use of proactive, instructive and restorative approaches to positive behavior support, instruction and intervention. Results from recent 5Essential survey indicate a neutral rating Supportive Environment category.

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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.
 - Develop, reinforce, and model shared agreements and clear, positively stated expectations.
 - Well-managed routines and transitions maximize instructional time.
 - 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.
- - 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 discipline system that guides students to take ownership, resolve conflict, and learn from their actions.
 - Support all staff to engage in restorative conversations and respond to behavior incidents in ways that de-escalate conflict, reteach expectations, build social & emotional skills, repair relationships, and cause minimal disruption to learning.
 - Support staff in understanding the impact of trauma on student behaviors and using trauma-sensitive approaches to discipline.
 - Identify clear disciplinary procedures for classroom-managed behaviors and office-managed behaviors. Develop a continuum of interventions and logical consequences that address the root cause of behavior and align to MTSS processes.
 - Ensure discipline systems minimize the use of punitive responses, including removing students from the classroom or school community.
 - Respond equitably to students in all subgroups. Implement processes that address and meet the needs of students who are impacted by behavior
 incidents.
 - Designate an administrator, such as a dean or restorative practices coordinator, responsible for leading centrally-managed response to behaviors
 using consistent, restorative processes.
 - Provide opportunities for students to take responsibility for repairing harm caused by their actions, generate solutions, and resolve conflicts with peers
 or staff.

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

Parent and Family Partnership:

All schools have authentic partnerships with parents or family members that lead to a sense of shared responsibility for the academic, physical, and social emotional development of their students. Through meaningful consultation with parents, these partnerships include creating an intentional process to foster and sustain school-wide procedures, programs, and activities which involve and empower parents or family members and are responsive to student and family's needs. Schools provide a variety of parent volunteer opportunities (both in and out of school) and leadership opportunities (ie - PACs, BACs and PLNs), which support school operations, instructional programs and community partnerships. Research shows that when families, schools and communities partner in promoting learning and healthy development for all students schools thrive and student outcomes increase. The development and implementation of effective outreach and communication strategies will be inclusive of all families and school staff, creating a two-way feedback loop process which will lead to an increase in the home-school connection to identify, problem-solve and design actions which target instructional and student programs.

Based on evidence and measures—including parent communication methods and procedures—nearly all of the practices are consistently evident. The school provides frequent, high quality, well publicized opportunities for families to participate in the school community, including special events, field trips, and performances. The school provides multiple opportunities for parents to ask questions and provide feedback through monthly PTA and LSC meetings. Results from recent 5Essential survey indicate a very strong rating in the Involved Families category.

Guide for Parent and Family 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).
- 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.

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- 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

School Excellence Framework Priorities

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



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Goals

4

lational School Growth Percentile - Reading	2016-2017 Actual	2017-2018 Actual	2017-2018 SQRP Goal	2018-2019 SQRP Goal	2019-202 SQRP Goal
In previous years Blaine has continued to have good to average growth in Reading. Based on Growth trends we aim to improve upon Last years National school growth by improving 3% each continuous year.	83.00	76.00	99.00	79.00	82.00
ational School Growth Percentile - Math					
In previous years Blaine has continued to have good to average growth in Math. Based on Growth trends we aim to improve upon Last years National school growth by improving 3% each continuous year.	57.00	69.00	89.00	72.00	75.00
of Students Meeting/Exceeding National Ave Growth Norms					
Blaine expects to achieve incremental growth with regard the percentage of students meeting/exceeding National Average Growth Norms.	66.40	64.00	66.00	65.00	66.00
frican-American Growth Percentile - Reading					
N/A	75.00	(Blank)	0.00	0.00	0.00
lispanic Growth Percentile - Reading					
We aim to improve incrementally through our Hispanic Growth percentile	71.00	70.00	99.00	71.00	72.00
nglish Learner Growth Percentile - Reading					
N/A	(Blank)	(Blank)	0.00	0.00	0.00
iverse Learner Growth Percentile - Reading					
Due to a fluctuation of NWEA growth for Diverse Learners (In the past two years), Blaine has appealed for more inclusion supports for all classrooms. We will aim to improve our baseline while looking for incremental increases over time.	75.00	13.00	95.00	50.00	55.00
African-American Growth Percentile - Math					
N/A	27.00	(Blank)	0.00	0.00	0.00
ispanic Growth Percentile - Math					
Blaine will continue to focus its efforts on supporting both our bilingual students, as well as Math instruction, to provide an incremental increase in Hispanic Growth Percentile -	45.00	25.00	89.00	50.00	55.00

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(Blank)

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Diverse Learner Growth Percentile - Math

N/A

Due to a fluctuation of NWEA growth for Diverse Learners (In the past two years), Blaine 8.00 28.00 91.00 50.00 55.00 has appealed for more inclusion supports for all classrooms. We will aim to improve our baseline while looking for incremental increases over time. National School Attainment Percentile - Reading (Grades 3-8) Blaine has scored in the 98th percentile for Reading attainment on NWEA last year. 99.00 98.00 99.00 98.00 99.00 Based on these results, Blaine will continue to maintain its status as a high performing school in the area of National School Attainment Percentile - Reading. National School Attainment Percentile - Math (Grades 3-8) Blaine has scored in the 97th percentile for Math attainment on NWEA Last year. Based 98.00 97.00 99.00 97.00 98.00 on these results, Blaine will continue to maintain its status as a high performing school in the area of National School Attainment Percentile - Math. National School Attainment Percentile - Reading (Grade 2) Blaine has scored in the high 90's for attainment on NWEA for the past two years. Based 97.00 95.00 99.00 95.00 96.00 on this trend, Blaine will continue to maintain its status as a high performing school in the area of National School Attainment Percentile National School Attainment Percentile - Math (Grade 2) Blaine has scored in the high 90's for attainment on NWEA for the past two years. Based 99.00 95.00 96.00 94.00 95.00 on this trend, Blaine will continue to maintain its status as a high performing school in the area of National School Attainment Percentile % of Students Making Sufficient Annual Progress on ACCESS 56.00 60.00 Blaine expects to achieve incremental growth with regard the percentage of students 56.80 (Blank) 52.00 making sufficient Annual Progress on ACCESS **Average Daily Attendance Rate** Blaine continues to expect Average Daily Attendance Rate of 96. 96.30 96.30 96.20 96.10 96.20 My Voice, My School 5 Essentials Survey no data available at this time. (Blank) (Blank) (Blank) (Blank) (Blank) Custom metrics 0 of 0 complete 2017-2018 2016-2017 2017-2018 2018-2019 2019-2020 Actual Actual **SQRP SQRP** SQRP Goal Goal Goal Strategies Strategy 1 If we do... ...then we see... ...which leads to ... Present and engage students in curriculum Teachers designing and implementing project-Students who persevere in completing complex tasks with a focus on reasoning and critical content that is relevant and represents key based lessons to engage students in STEAM educational shifts, including best practices in activities. We will also see students engaged in thinking through increased opportunities to literacy and STEAM instruction (science, productive struggles and work quality within engage authentic audiences and address technology, engineering, arts, and their zone of proximal development, social justice issues. This will also lead to mathematics), improved proficiency on the ambitious

instruction metric (5E) from neutral to strong.

Tags:

Classroom rigor, Depth of knowledge, Culture of learning, Academic expectations, Collaboration, Inquiry based learning, Authentic tasks, Academic rigor, Growth mindsets, Complex texts, Arts and technology, Critical thinking, Arts integration, Authentic writing, Career readiness, Authority, Identity, Agency, Achievement rigor, 3c

Area(s) of focus:

1

Action step

Establish the Library Lab by September 2018 as a specials class, and and also a shared space for students to expand upon content-based learning through collaboration, critical thinking, and problem solving. This will provide opportunities for students to create authentic work for real audiences to motivate them to meet standards and engage in critique and revision.

Responsible

Administration and Friends of Blaine

Timeframe

Jun 18, 2018 to Sep 3, 2018 Status

Not started

Project-based learning, Professional development, Rigorous tasks, Steam (science technology engineering arts and mathematics), Student engagement, Collaboration, Problem solving process, Critical thinking, Revision, Critique

Showcase qualities of strategic thinking that are both rich in content and relevant for students through varied quarterly curriculum nights (literacy, math, science and social studies); Provide quarterly opportunities for parents to engage in learning and development through the establishment of book clubs and parent workshops.

Inquiry Teams and Instructional Leadership Team; Adminsitration Sep 4, 2017 to May 31, 2019

Not started

Family and Community Engagement, Curriculum, Parent partnerships, Community events, Parent engagement, Engagement

Engage all teacher teams (grade level, specials and Diverse Learner and English Learner) in professional development to participate in lesson study protocols to support the development of rigorous student tasks and implementation of co-teaching to support all learning needs (Diverse Learners, English Learners, etc.) by Spring 2019.

Administration and teacher teams.

Aug 27, 2018 to May 31, 2019

Not started

Assessment, Instructional Coaching, Instruction, Rigorous tasks, Student engagement, Collaboration, Grade level teams, Peer observation

Assemble a team to research, review and implement common middle school writing curriculum for all students in grades 5-8, which will allow students to engage in authentic writing processes for varied audiences and purposes by Fall 2019.

Design programming and opportunities that are

reflective of student input and interests,

Literacy Inquiry Team and Middle School Teachers. Sep 3, 2018 to May 31, 2019

Not started

Instruction, Rigorous tasks, Writing assessment, Writing curriculum, Collaborative review, Writing interventions, Revision, Review

Strategy 2

If we do...

...then we see...

Students engaged in learning, invested in their school, and contributing to their community, and teachers engaging students in civic learning specific to student-identified interests

...which leads to...

The development of engaged and concerned students and citizens. This will also lead to improved proficiency in the Supportive Environment category of 5E from neutral to organized.

Tags:

Math, Science, Technology, Arts, Leadership, Professional development, Parent engagement, Collaboration, History, Civic life, Engagement, Next generation science standards, Student voice, engagement, & civic life, Civics, Student voice committee, Social justice

Area(s) of focus:

2

Action step Responsible Timeframe Status

Establish a Student Voice Committee (Grades 5-8) by Winter 2019, representative of the diversity of the school, to address school-based issues by regularly gathering input from peers to inform and impact school policy and decisions. Student Voice Committee will support student engagement in primary/intermediate grades through implementation of peer buddy program. Research curriculum and best instructional practices by partnering with CPS' Social Science and Civic Engagement resources.

Administration and SEL Inquiry Team

Jun 20, 2018 to Jan 30, 2019

Not started

Social studies, Social emotional, Professional development, Community, Parent engagement, Community partnerships, Action research, Social emotional learning, Student centered, External partners, Debates, Student voice, engagement, & civic life, Afterschool activities, Civics

Establish Social Justice Book Clubs for students, providing a structure to learn about current topics and social justice issues. Clubs will be interest-driven and provide opportunities for student take informed action to work together to propose and advocate for solutions.

SEL Inquiry Team and Middle School teachers Sep 3, 2018 to Mar 31, 2019

Not started

Community, History, Policy, Action research, Social emotional learning, Student centered, Debates, Student voice, engagement, & civic life, Civics, Current events, Social justice

Provide opportunities for students to engage in a school-wide civics culture and authentically interact with civics leaders. Research and implement Civics standards in grades K-8, utilizing CPS and external resources by Spring 2019.

Administration and classroom teachers

Jun 20, 2018 to Jun 14, 2019

Not started

Student engagement, History, Community partnerships, Debates, Student voice, engagement, & civic life, Civics, Political leadership

Strategy 3

If we do...

Create a balanced grading assessment system that effectively measures the depth of student learning and monitors student progress toward college and career readiness with common assessments for core content areas (K-8)

...then we see...

teachers and students using actionable data to inform instructional decisions and consistent grading practices

...which leads to...

vertically and horizontally aligned balanced grading systems; teachers using common assessments to inform instruction to meet the needs of all learners. This will also lead to improved growth on NWEA (Literacy and Math) and increased proficiency in domain 3.d for the CPS Framework for Teaching.

Tags:

Rigorous tasks, Communication, Cognitive demand, Depth of knowledge, Student engagement, Balanced grading and assessment, Accountability, Assessment design, Parent engagement, Backwards design, Instruction planning, Alignment, Aligned assessments, Student accountability, Student centered, Interim assessment, Student empowerment, Aligned scope and sequence

Area(s) of focus:

3

Action step

Establish an Assessment Team, representative of varied grade levels, content areas and specials to develop a grading system that clearly, accurately, consistently, and fairly communicates learning progress and achievement to students, families, postsecondary institutions, and prospective employers.

Responsible

Administration and Assessment Team Timeframe

May 31, 2018 to Aug 31, 2018 Status

Not started

Communication, Balanced grading and assessment, Assessment policy, Aligned assessments, Student accountability, Teacher accountability, Aligned curriculum

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.

Assessment Team will research, test and and identify a common primary math assessment to be administered to all students in grades K-2.

Instructional Leadership Team; Math Inquiry Team; Assessment Team Sep 3, 2018 to Jan 31, 2019

Not started

Math, Assessment, Instruction, Feedback, Aligned assessments, Aligned scope and sequence

Improve and promote assessment literacy through grade level professional development, utilizing the Assessment Design Toolkit, and working to develop common interim assessment within content and grade level teams.

Teams will use common protocols to calibrate, score and grade assessments with colleagues.

Teams will utilize Webb's Depth of Knowledge to analyze quality and alignment of assessments to include various levels of complexity.

Instructional Leadership Team; Teacher teams and administration Oct 2, 2017 to Jun 11, 2018

Behind

Curriculum Design, Instruction, Professional development, Aligned resources, Assessment design, Data analysis, Collaboration, Backwards design, Student feedback, Aligned assessments, Revision

Establish the practice of student-led parent conferences and character report cards to support peer and self-assessment.

Teacher Teams and Adminstration

Sep 3, 2018 to Oct 31, 2019

Not started

Assessment, Parent engagement, Student accountability, Social emotional learning, Student centered, Character education

Action Plan

Strategy 1

NOT STARTED

Establish the Library Lab by September 2018 as a specials class, and and also a shared space for students to expand upon content-based learning through collaboration, critical thinking, and problem solving. This will provide opportunities for students to create authentic work for real audiences to motivate them to meet standards and engage in critique and revision."

Jun 18, 2018 to Sep 03, 2018 - Administration and Friends of Blaine

Status history

May 3

NOT STARTED

May 03, 2018

Evidence

Implementation of Library Lab; professional development for staff during opening PD and grade level team meetings to support instructional practices; school-wide schedule including Library Lab classes.

NOT STARTED

Showcase qualities of strategic thinking that are both rich in content and relevant for students through varied quarterly curriculum nights (literacy, math, science and social studies); Provide quarterly opportunities for parents to engage in learning and development through the establishment of book clubs and parent workshops."

Sep 04, 2017 to May 31, 2019 - Inquiry Teams and Instructional Leadership Team; Adminsitration

Status history

NOT STARTED

May 03, 2018

Evidence

School Calendar with Curriculum and Parent Engagement Opportunities; Agendas from ILT and Inquiry Team Meetings; Weekly Parent Communication - EBlast.

NOT STARTED

Engage all teacher teams (grade level, specials and Diverse Learner and English Learner) in professional development to participate in lesson study protocols to support the development of rigorous student tasks and implementation of co-teaching to support all learning needs (Diverse Learners, English Learners, etc.) by Spring 2019."

Aug 27, 2018 to May 31, 2019 - Administration and teacher teams.

Status history

May 3

NOT STARTED

May 03, 2018

Evidence

Agendas from professional development; teacher lesson plans and common assessments; teacher reflection forms; student work samples and reflection protocols.

NOT STARTED

Assemble a team to research, review and implement common middle school writing curriculum for all students in grades 5-8, which will allow students to engage in authentic writing processes for varied audiences and purposes by Fall 2019."

Sep 03, 2018 to May 31, 2019 - Literacy Inquiry Team and Middle School Teachers.

Status history

May 3

NOT STARTED

May 03, 2018

Evidence

Grade Level Team Agendas; rubrics for curriculum review; classroom observations and walkthrough protocols;

Strategy 2

NOT STARTED

Establish a Student Voice Committee (Grades 5-8) by Winter 2019, representative of the diversity of the school, to address school-based issues by regularly gathering input from peers to inform and impact school policy and decisions. Student Voice Committee will support student engagement in primary/intermediate grades through implementation of peer buddy program. Research curriculum and best instructional practices by partnering with CPS' Social Science and Civic Engagement resources."

Jun 20, 2018 to Jan 30, 2019 - Administration and SEL Inquiry Team

Status history

May 3

NOT STARTED

May 03, 2018

Evidence

Establishment of Student Voice Team; Student Voice Committee Agendas and Goals; Professional development for staff to support instruction.

NOT STARTED

Establish Social Justice Book Clubs for students, providing a structure to learn about current topics and social justice issues. Clubs will be interest-driven and provide opportunities for student take informed action to work together to propose and advocate for solutions."

Sep 03, 2018 to Mar 31, 2019 - SEL Inquiry Team and Middle School teachers

Status history

May 3

NOT STARTED

May 03, 2018

Evidence

Establishment of student book clubs; student discussion questions; book club schedules; community service projects.

NOT STARTED

Provide opportunities for students to engage in a school-wide civics culture and authentically interact with civics leaders. Research and implement Civics standards in grades K-8, utilizing CPS and external resources by Spring 2019."

Jun 20, 2018 to Jun 14, 2019 - Administration and classroom teachers

Status history

May 3

NOT STARTED

May 03, 2018

Evidence

Civics units of study; professional development agendas; student-created artifacts (projects, letters, etc.) reflective of civic engagement; establishment of debate club.

Strategy 3

NOT STARTED

Establish an Assessment Team, representative of varied grade levels, content areas and specials to develop a grading system that clearly, accurately, consistently, and fairly communicates learning progress and achievement to students, families, postsecondary institutions, and prospective employers."

May 31, 2018 to Aug 31, 2018 - Administration and Assessment Team

Status history

May 3

NOT STARTED

May 03, 2018

Evidence

Assessment Team Agendas; School Wide Grading and Assessment Policy; aligned teacher gradebooks and practices.

NOT STARTED

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. Assessment Team will research, test and and identify a common primary math assessment to be administered to all students in grades K-2."

Sep 03, 2018 to Jan 31, 2019 - Instructional Leadership Team; Math Inquiry Team; Assessment Team

Status history

May 3

NOT STARTED

May 03, 2018

Evidence

Team Meeting Agendas; rubrics for assessment analysis; teacher survey to assess needs and gather feedback.

BEHIND

Improve and promote assessment literacy through grade level professional development, utilizing the Assessment Design Toolkit, and working to develop common interim assessment within content and grade level teams. Teams will use common protocols to calibrate, score and grade assessments with colleagues. Teams will utilize Webb's Depth of Knowledge to analyze quality and alignment of assessments to include various levels of complexity."

Oct 02, 2017 to Jun 11, 2018 - Instructional Leadership Team; Teacher teams and administration

Status history

May 3

BEHIND

May 03, 2018

Problem

Common Interim Assessments by grade/content; team meeting agendas; professional development artifacts

Root Cause Next steps

NOT STARTED

Establish the practice of student-led parent conferences and character report cards to support peer and self-assessment."

Sep 03, 2018 to Oct 31, 2019 - Teacher Teams and Adminstration

Status history

May 3

NOT STARTED

May 03, 2018 Evidence

Student portfolios; team agendas; student character report card; lesson and unit plans addressing character development

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.

ESSA Program

ESSA 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.

ESSA 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

I verify that the statement below is correct

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), 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 ESSA 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 and Family Engagement Policy

Complete

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

The Continuous Improvement Work Team included parent volunteers as well as a Local School Council Parent Representative. The LSC and CIWP Team will be responsible for overseeing implementation of the two year plan.

The school will hold an annual meeting at a time convenient to parents and families during the first month of school to inform them of the school's participation in ESSA, 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 and family engagement meetings, including school PAC meetings, at different times and will invite all parents and key family members of children participating in the ESSA, 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

We do not have an annual Title 1 or PAC Meeting at Blaine, per policy.

At the request of parents and family members, schools will provide opportunities for regular meetings, including the School Parent Advisory Council meetings, for parents and family members 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.

Monthly Parent Teacher Association and Local School Council meetings will serve as forums for parents to formulate suggestions and participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of children. Administrators will take feedback from parents into account when developing policy and making decisions.

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.

School will provide paper reports from NWEA, PARCC and ISA assessments to parents on annual basis.

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.

School will notify the parents in writing if this occurs.

Schools will assist parents of participating ESSA 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.

N/A

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

Parent workshops, curriculum nights and and parent-principal book clubs will encourage parental involvement and assist parents in working with their children to improve their academic achievement.

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

Professional development during staff and team meetings will support staff.

Schools will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent and family 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 and families in more fully participating in their children's education. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

N/A

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

Weekly eBlasts will include information that is timely and relevant for parents; translations will be provided as needed.

Policy Implementation Activities

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

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

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The school will coordinate the parent and family engagement programs identified in the CIWP.

V

The school will evaluate the Parent and Family Engagement 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

School-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.)

Our mission is to build a safe and supportive community whose members work together each day to develop and advance our knowledge of our world, our knowledge of each other, and our ability to operate with skill and proficiency and integrity in our academic, professional, social and civic lives.

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.

School will hold parent-teacher conferences on a bi-annual basis, per CPS calendar. Additionally, staff will be available to meet with parents as necessary.

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

School will provide quarterly progress reports and report cards to document student progress for parents.

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

Staff will be available to meet with parents at agreed upon times before school, after school or during preparatory periods.

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

School will provide opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their children's classes during school hours, on scheduled field trips and before/after school.

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

Parents will support their children's learning through the use of Parent Portal, and by monitoring attendance, homework completion and grades.

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 will participate in decisions relating to the education of their children during parent-teacher conferences, as well as other scheduled meetings with teachers and staff.

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 will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and will assure academic achievement through good attendance, positive attitude, class preparation. Students will seek support from staff when necessary.

Parent Budget Complete

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

N/A				
•	r Mandated Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Funds to support your Parent and Family Engagement Description	Progra Alloc		
51130, 52130	Teacher Presenter/ESP Extended Day For Teacher presenter, ESP Extended Day, please remember to put money on the benefits line. Non- Instructional pay rate applies.	\$	0	.00
53405	Supplies 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.	\$	0	.00
3205	Refreshments Allocation CAN NOT EXCEED 25% of the Parent Budget. Refreshments must be used for Title 1 PAC meetings, trainings and workshops.	\$	0	.00
4125	Consultants 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)	\$	0	.00
4505	Admission and Registration Fees, Subscriptions and memberships For Parents use only.	\$	0	.00
:p>54205 </td <td>pFravel Buses for Parents use. Overnight Conference travel- schools must follow the CPS Travel Policy. The CPS Parent Overnight Travel Approval Form and Conference Travel Form must be completed.</td> <td>\$</td> <td>0</td> <td>.00</td>	p Fravel Buses for Parents use. Overnight Conference travel- schools must follow the CPS Travel Policy. The CPS Parent Overnight Travel Approval Form and Conference Travel Form must be completed.	\$	0	.00
54565 </td <td>PReimbursements Allocation CAN NOT EXCEED 25% OF THE Parent Budget. All Parent Reimbursements related to Title 1 parent and family engagement must be paid from this account. Receipts must be clear unaltered and itemized. School must keep all receipts.</td> <td>\$</td> <td>0</td> <td>.00</td>	PReimbursements Allocation CAN NOT EXCEED 25% OF THE Parent Budget. All Parent Reimbursements related to Title 1 parent and family engagement must be paid from this account. Receipts must be clear unaltered and itemized. School must keep all receipts.	\$	0	.00
:p>53510 </td <td>pPostage Must be used for parent and family engagement programs only.</td> <td>\$</td> <td>0</td> <td>.00</td>	p Postage Must be used for parent and family engagement programs only.	\$	0	.00
3306	Software Must be educational and for parent use only.	\$	0	.00
55005	Furniture and Equipment Must have a parent room or a secure place to keep furniture/equipment. Cannot be placed in the main	\$	0	.00

office or where staff and students have access too. To by used only by parents.

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