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Continuous Improvement Work Plan

Genevieve Melody Elementary School / Plan summary

2018-2020 plan summary

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03/13/2018	James Harris, Tammy Pike, Tiffany Tillman, Shelia Jordan, Natasha Gasich, Cassandra Fields, Ashley Tam	Frameworks and Strategies Rigorous Student Task and Transitions, College Career
03/20/2018	James Harris, Tammy Pike, Ashley Tam, Shelia Jordan, Westley Johnson, Tiffany Tillman, Cherise Roldan, Natasha Gasich	Frameworks and Strategies Instructional Leadership Team
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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.

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While reviewing 2016-2017 Five Essentials our school's vision is shared among all students, parents and staff via our school website and posters throughout the school building.

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

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ School's vision, beliefs, and how it is shared (e.g. presentations to community, promotional materials) ✓ Five Essentials – Program Coherence
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Five Essentials
Five Essentials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective Leaders Collaborative Teachers
CPS Framework for Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4d. Growing and Developing Professionally 4e. Demonstrating Professionalism
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A1. Assesses the Current State of School Performance and Develops a CIWP A2. Implements Data Driven Decision Making and Data Driven Instruction A5. School Vision and Mission Drive Decision-Making D4. Demonstrates Change Management

Instructional Leadership Team:

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

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The school data that is provided to the ILT via protocols, agendas, and previous meeting minutes is the most current and up to date for members to analyze and determine trends and action items for teachers. Team members are able to hypothesize and question the data present, and determine root causes in order to develop next steps. Teachers that are not on ILT are also invited to attend specific meetings when the data applies to them.

Guide for Instructional Leadership Team

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

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ ILT Effectiveness Rubric Score✓ ILT artifacts (e.g. agenda, calendar, protocols, minutes)✓ Evidence that work of ILT has contributed to positive outcomes for students and staff✓ Teacher team agendas/minutes reflective of ILT focus
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Five Essentials: Instructional Leadership
Five Essentials	Effective Leaders Collaborative Teachers
MTSS Framework	Shared Leadership, Evaluation of MTSS
CPS Framework for Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none">4a. Reflecting on Teaching & Learning4d. Growing and Developing Professionally4e. Demonstrating Professionalism
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A1. Assesses the Current State of School Performance and Develops a CIWPA2. Implements Data Driven Decision Making and Data Driven Instruction
NOW WHAT? MATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Instructional Leadership Team Planning Tools✓ PLC and Mentoring Coaching Resources

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.

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Teacher Team Leads who attend Professional Development outside of Melody are responsible for passing along the information to their colleagues. Grade level bands meet every Thursday during their prep time to discuss current data, small grouping, suggest interventions, and plan out future action items to bring back the following week. Although data is driving instruction, teachers need to utilize their data to individualize instruction and close the gap between actual assessment score and attainment. There is also a shared vision between the STEM department and Melody that provides an on-going process of learning, and collaborating among teachers, administrators and stakeholders. The STEM Team provides professional learning opportunities as well as coaching support for teachers to practice, improve upon their instruction, and validate their work.

Guide for Professional Learning

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

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 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. Basic>Proficient, Proficient>Distinguished)
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth ✓ Five Essentials: Collaborative Teachers
Five Essentials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective Leaders Collaborative Teachers
MTSS Framework	Shared Leadership, Curriculum & Instruction
CPS Framework for Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4a. Reflecting on Teaching & Learning 4d. Growing and Developing Professionally 4e. Demonstrating Professionalism
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B2. Observes and Evaluates Staff and Gives Feedback to Staff B6. Professional Development Provided for Staff

NOW WHAT? MATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

- ✓ [Teaching the Teachers](#)
- ✓ [Making Better Use of Research](#)
- ✓ [Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities](#)
- ✓ [Framework for Teaching PD Modules](#)

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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Our partnerships (Big Ten Conference, WITS, Sit Stay and Read, Peace Center, Depaul Counseling, RUSH, Burns and McDonnell, Pepper Construction, Organ-wise) give extra support to our students who are academically below attainment, as well as those students who are at or above. In addition Administration is constantly seeking teaching candidates and other programs who will provide necessary interventions or support for our staff and students to bring forth our school's vision and mission. The STEM program, through collaboration with our community partners, provides out-of-school and after school experiences for our students and staff that are responsive to our school's needs.

Guide for Aligned Resources

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

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Schedules ✓ Teacher retention rates ✓ Staff exit interviews/surveys (data on reasons for leaving school or district) ✓ Candidate interview protocol documents ✓ 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Five Essentials
Five Essentials	Effective Leaders, Collaborative Teachers
MTSS Framework	Shared Leadership, Curriculum & Instruction, Family & Community Engagement
CPS Framework for Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4a. Reflecting on Teaching & Learning 4e. Demonstrating Professionalism
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A3. Allocates Resources to Support Student Learning, Prioritizing Time B4. Hires and Retains Highly Effective Teachers
NOW WHAT? MATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Aligning Resources with Priorities: Focusing on What Matters Most ✓ Instructional Supports ✓ 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.

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Much of our curriculum is currently coupled with our Network and STEM academic initiatives, which include Reading Street (K-5) My Perspective (6-8), Go Math (K-8) and Network Pacing Guides that are aligned to CCSS Reading and Math skills and strategies. We also utilize STEM-Sscopes, SEPUP, Interactive Science in addition to community partners

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.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Curriculum maps, vertical/horizontal ✓ Sequencing and pacing guides ✓ Thematic units which cover multiple disciplines ✓ Comprehensive unit plans including assessments
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth
Five Essentials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ambitious Instruction Effective Leaders Collaborative Teachers
MTSS Framework	Curriculum & Instruction
CPS Framework for Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3a. Communicating with Students 3c. Engaging Students in Learning 1a. Demonstrating knowledge of content and pedagogy 1d. Designing Coherent Instruction
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B1. Implements Curricular Scope and Sequence and Reviews Instructional Practices C1. Created a Culture that Supports Social Emotional Learning and Effective Effort
NOW WHAT? MATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ CPS Content Frameworks: Math, Science, Social Science, and Literacy ✓ CPS Literacy Scope and Sequence ✓ CPS Math Scope and Sequence Guidance ✓ Digital Citizenship Curriculum ✓ K-12 Financial Literacy Guide ✓ Personal Finance 3.0 Course ✓ Physical Education Scope & Sequence ✓ Health Education Scope & Sequence ✓ Interdisciplinary African & African American Studies Curriculum ✓ Interdisciplinary Latino and Latin American Studies Curriculum

Instructional Materials:

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)

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There is a school expectation that all teachers are differentiating their instruction according to both formal/informal current student assessment data and monitored by small group instruction protocol in addition to 5 week assessments. Currently, we have various computer programs that students use that are adaptive according to students' style of learning (Moby Max,Khan academy, Reflex Math, Study Island, Raz-Kids, Reading Eggs, Prodigy, Gizmo's) for Literacy, Math and Science. Teachers not only need to review data, they also need to assign lessons that are appropriate for students' style and adjust teacher instructional practices to meet the needs of all learners with fidelity.

Guide for Instructional Materials

Instructional materials (including technology) are....

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

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Cross-section of materials from a variety of content areas and grade levels✓ Evidence of scaffolding and differentiation for all students to access the content/skills✓ Description of materials in curriculum and/or lesson plans✓ Presence of varied texts, supplementary media (e.g. videos)
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth
Five Essentials	Ambitious Instruction Supportive Environment
MTSS Framework	Curriculum & Instruction
CPS Framework for Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1a. Demonstrating Knowledge of Content and Pedagogy1b. Demonstrating Knowledge of Students1c. Selecting Learning Objectives1d. Designing Coherent Instruction
CPS Performance Standards for School	A3. Allocates Resources to Support Student Learning, Prioritizing Time

NOW WHAT? MATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

- ✓ Universal Design for Learning Guidelines 2.0
- ✓ UDL PD Modules
- ✓ CPS Integrated Library System (S.O.A.R.)

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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)

Through learning walks, examination of student work, collection of artifacts, teachers are incorporating curriculum mapping, sequencing, pacing guides, thematic units and comprehensive unit plans that include data assessments. Examination of student work provides information that determines mastery of standards, gauges rigor, and allows teachers to reflect. All students should have access to opportunities that develop individual understanding of disciplinary ideas and practices; therefore, texts and assignments that the students are using should increase in rigor to ensure that the range or depth of knowledge and learning are sufficient for every type of learner.

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.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cross-section of student work from a variety of content areas ✓ Observation of student learning (e.g. learning walks/walkthroughs) ✓ Focus group(s) and discussions with students
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth
Five Essentials	Ambitious instruction
MTSS Framework	Shared Leadership, Curriculum & Instruction
CPS Framework for Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1d. Designing Coherent Instruction 2b. Establishing a Culture for Learning 3b. Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques 3c. Engaging Students in Learning
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	B1. Implements Curricular Scope and Sequence and Reviews Instructional Practices

NOW WHAT? MATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING	
✓	Teaching for Robust Understanding in Mathematics (TRU Math)
✓	Math Practices: What to Look For Observation Tool
✓	Checking In: Do Classroom Assignments Reflect Today's Higher Standards?
✓	Student Work Protocol (EQuIP)
✓	Slice Protocol – Looking at Student Work

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)

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Melody provides students the opportunity to be exposed to STEM college and career pathways through curriculum content and in school experiences which establishes a foundation for career success and culture for learning. We also provide out of school and after school opportunities to increase student participation and engagement with our partnering STEM Companies. Students in grades 6-8 establish individual learning plans through Naviance. However, more needs to be done for students in grades k-4 to explore college and career mindsets and skills necessary for goal setting. We have found that those who do participate benefit from the real-world connections and motivated to improve their grades and attendance.

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

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Data on college visits and college fair information ✓ Naviance Monthly Data ✓ Scholarships earned ✓ Artifacts, plans, or timelines related to successful transition structures ✓ To & Through data
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ College Enrollment, Persistence, Drop Out, and Attendance Rates ✓ Early College and Career Credentials
Five Essentials	Ambitious Instruction Supportive Environment
MTSS Framework	Curriculum & Instruction, Family & Community Engagement
CPS Framework for Teaching	2b. Establishing a Culture for Learning
CPS Performance Standards for	C1. Creates a Culture that Supports Social Emotional Learning and Effective Effort
NOW WHAT? MATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Everything College ✓ CPS Advisory Framework ✓ Preventing colleges plans from making away ✓ To & Through Project ✓ Redefining College & Career Readiness ✓ College Scorecard ✓ CPS College Persistence Toolkit ✓ Meaningful Linkages Between Summer Programs, Schools, and Community ✓ From HS to the Future (CCSR, 2006) 	
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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.

Score

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Through informal observations and School Excellence Framework needs assessment survey provided over half of the teachers at Melody are comfortable with the instructional pacing guides coupled with Network professional development. Using the pacing guides provide educators with a visionary to support their teaching approaches and how to design their lesson plan to align with CCSS.

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.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Evidence of best practices (flexible grouping, cognitively demanding tasks, open-ended questions) ✓ Informational observations, peer observations, learning walks ✓ Lesson studies
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth ✓ REACH observation trends (de-identified)
Five Essentials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ambitious Instruction Effective Leaders Supportive Environment
MTSS Framework	Curriculum & Instruction
CPS Framework for Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3a. Communicating with Students 3b. Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques 3c. Engaging Students in Learning 3d. Using Assessment in Instruction 3e. Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B1. Implements Curricular Scope and Sequence and Reviews Instructional Practices B2. Observes and Evaluates Staff and Gives Feedback to Staff
NOW WHAT? MATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ CPS Framework for Teaching with Critical Attributes ✓ CPS Framework for Teaching Professional Learning Modules ✓ CPS Framework for Teaching Professional Learning Opportunities ✓ Special Education Addendum ✓ English Language Learner Addendum

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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.

Invest resources in helping teachers evaluate and improve the quality of formative assessments and analyze quality and alignment of assessments and tasks to ensure they meet the expectations of the standards and embed various levels of complexity. In conjunction with screening diagnostics and progress monitoring assessments to correctly identify specific gaps and monitor improvement, especially for students receiving Tier 2 and 3 services.

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

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Examples of a variety of teacher created and teacher selected assessments ✓ Units and lesson plans with formative and summative assessments embedded in a long term plan ✓ Evidence of assessment data analysis for the purpose of planning ✓ Assessment calendar ✓ Examples of gradebooks ✓ School's grading policy ✓ Grade distribution reports (course success rates)
Measures	✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth
Five Essentials	Ambitious Instruction
MTSS Framework	Curriculum & Instruction
CPS Framework for Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tc. Selecting Learning Objectives Ts. Designing Student Assessment Bd. Using Assessment in Instruction Ag. Reflecting on Teaching & Learning Ab. Maintaining Accurate Records
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	B1. Implements Curricular Scope and Sequence and Reviews Instructional Practices
Now What? Materials to Support Improvement Planning	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ CPS Balanced Assessment Framework & Assessment Models ✓ Assessment Design Toolkit ✓ Teacher Made Assessment Basics ✓ Grading principles and guidelines ✓ Great Schools Partnership –Grading + Reporting 	

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.

Score

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Need to provide evidence in multi-tiered systems of supports and evidence of Personal Learning Plan implementation

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, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Evidence of multi-tiered 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 ✓ Integrated data system that informs instructional choices ✓ 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 ✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth ✓ Attendance Rates
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Course success rates (e.g. grade distributions, pass/failure rates)
Five Essentials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ambitious Instruction Collaborative Teachers Supportive Environment
CPS Framework for Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>1a. Demonstrating knowledge of content and pedagogy</u> <u>1b. Demonstrating Knowledge of Students</u> <u>1d. Designing Coherent Instruction</u> <u>2d. Managing Student Behavior</u> <u>3d. Using Assessment in Instruction</u> <u>3e. Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness</u> <u>4b. Maintaining Accurate Records</u>
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 83. 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.

Score

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A good percentage of our staff are invested in student growth and achievement. The staff does have high expectations for all of their students. The classroom environment does reflect current student work and achievements. We are working on students to take ownership of their learning and place a greater value on persevering for excellence.

Guide for Culture for Learning

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

goals.

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

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

Evidence, Measures, and Standards	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Sample of individual student learning goals from a cross-section of teachers✓ Also review student work evidence from Rigorous Student Tasks
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Five Essentials – Ambitious Instruction✓ SGRP Attainment and Growth
Five Essentials	Ambitious Instruction Collaborative Teachers Supportive Environment
MTSS Framework Curriculum & Instruction	CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders C1. Creates a Culture that Supports Social Emotional Learning and Effective Effort
Now What? Materials to Support Improvement Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Teaching Adolescents: The Role of Non-cognitive Factors in Shaping School Performance✓ Framework for Teaching Companion Guide p. 50✓ Social Emotional Learning Supports (cps.edu/set)✓ ASCA Mindsets & Behaviors

Relational Trust:

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

Score

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The relationships at Melody vary from student to student, and student to staff. Some students are very comfortable coming to staff members with any sort of issue, while others feel more comfortable once they have warmed up to the idea that they can come to anyone for any reason. We understand that each relationship is unique in their own way, however, all conversations regardless of comfort level, are respectful and appropriate to have with anyone. Our goal is that staff continues to model what a conversation between two should look like, whether it be between student and staff, staff and staff, or student and student.

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.**

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	✓ Five Essentials/My Voice, My School Survey ✓ School Climate Standards Self-Assessment
Measures	✓ Five Essentials
Five Essentials	Collaborative Teachers Supportive Environment
MTSS Framework	Shared Leadership, Family & Community Engagement
CPS Framework for Teaching	1b. Demonstrating Knowledge of Students 2a. Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	D2. Creates, develops and sustains relationships that result in active student engagement in the learning process E1. Creates a Culturally Responsive Climate
Now WHAT? Materials to Support Improvement Planning	
✓ Social Emotional Learning Supports (cps.edu/sepl)	
✓ Trust in Schools: A Core Resource for School Reform (ASCD)	
✓ Creating a School Community (ASCD)	

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.

Score
1 2 3 4

ILT reflects on the student's and family's feedback.

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 culture**
 - 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.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

Evidence, Measures, and Standards	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MVMS Student Survey compilation notes and results Artifacts from student-run organizations and events (including SVCs) Meeting minutes/agendas that include student participation Feedback regarding student engagement in school-wide activities Student involvement and completion of SI projects Unit and curriculum maps, rubrics, assessment artifacts Evidence of student work Damocracy School recognition 	
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 2c. Engaging Students in Learning
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	D3. Utilize Feedback from Multiple Stakeholders for School Improvement
Content Standards	Illinois Social Science Standards, Illinois Social Emotional Learning Standards, CCSS ELA/HST Standards

Safety & Order:

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

Score
1 2 3 4

Our school has scheduled fire and lock down drills to practice so in the case there is an actual emergency, our students will know what to do. Security is posted inside the school building throughout the day at their designated locations so that they have access to hallway traffic. There are metal detectors at the main entrances that all school visitors must walk through before signing in with Security. In the case there is a serious emergency, Safety and Security is immediately called, as well as the appropriate emergency providers (police, paramedics, fire department, CPS Safety/Security, CPS Network Chief and CPS Communication Department).

Guide for Safety & Order

- Ensure students and adults feel physically, socially, intellectually, and emotionally safe throughout the school.
- Provide clear procedures for reporting and responding to safety concerns.
- Manage efficient and orderly transitions between activities.
 - Manage classroom routines and procedures to maximize instructional time.
 - Orchestrate the environment so students contribute to the management of classroom routines (e.g. transitions) without disruption of learning).
 - Arrival, dismissal, and other school-wide transitions are safe, efficient, and orderly.
- Provide a framework for positive behavior throughout the school based on shared values and expectations.
 - Have shared expectations for positive behavior. (See Restorative Approaches to Discipline)
- Teach, model, and reinforce (by all staff members) clear behavior expectations for all areas of the school.
 - All adults use active supervision (move, scan, and interact) in all settings.
- 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

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MVMS score – “Safety” ✓ % of teachers proficient or distinguished in 2c (Management of Transitions) on the Framework for Teaching? ✓ Examples of teacher practice improving in Domain 2 of the Framework for Teaching. ✓ School Climate Standards Rubric/Assessment
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 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

NOW WHAT? MATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

- ✓ [Social Emotional Learning Supports \(cps.edu/sef\)](https://cps.edu/sef)

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

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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.

Our school has a PBIS team that meets bi-weekly to discuss issues that occur throughout the building , and restorative practices that could possibly resolve the issues. The Dean of Students has a running log of misconduct reports of students who are in-school suspension, and checks in on frequent flyers to eliminate students from repeating the behavior. Also, Instructional Leaders in the building has students they check in with daily to promote positive relationships and deter them from getting in trouble. More integration of the PBIS committee and all school staff could help put more suggestions into practice.

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.
- **INSTRUCTIVE - Integrate universal SEL skills instruction and core content.**
 - Intentionally teach competencies outlined in SEL Standards. Use discipline as opportunity to teach these skills.
 - Use a Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) for social, emotional, and behavioral growth.
 - Use data to determine which behaviors should be retaught or more heavily reinforced.
 - Explicitly teach expected behavior and positively reinforce consistently school-wide.
 - Avoid power struggles with students by offering choices. Redirect students privately and respectfully.
- **RESTORATIVE - Employ a 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.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
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
	2a. Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport
CPS Framework for Teaching	2d. Managing Student Behavior
	4c. Communicating with Families
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	C3. Staff/Student Behavior Aligned to Mission and Vision of
NOW WHAT? MATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING	
✓	CPS Restorative Practice Guide & Toolkit
✓	Guideline for Effective Discipline

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.

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Many of our parents have access to the Parent Portal, however, our goal is for them to increase their responsiveness towards the activity on there. While more than half of our parent population attended Report Card Pick Up, there is a lack of participation in other school activities (before, during, and after school). With an increase in opportunities, like our STEM Family night and STEM Cafe, we have seen an increase of parent engagement in student learning. We do have a Peace Center that works with their partnerships to provide parental support when it comes to being involved in their child's academics. We also have a PAC, PTA, and LSC that tries to also engage parents in programs to not only assist with their children, but also help to increase self improvement.

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.
- 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

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Examples of communication methods and content ✓ Participation rates for Parent University, events, parent council(s), report card pickup, survey completion, Parent Portal, etc. ✓ Outreach efforts ✓ Documentation of responsiveness to Parent Support Center concerns raised ✓ Event agendas, flyers ✓ Fundraising activities and amounts (if applicable) ✓ How does the school honor and reflect the diversity of families including language and culture?
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Five Essentials Score – Involved Families ✓ My Voice, My School Survey scores – outreach to parents; parent-teacher trust
Five Essentials	Involved Families
MTSS Framework	Family & Community Engagement
CPS Framework for Teaching	2c. Managing Classroom Procedures 4c. Communicating with Families
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	D1. Engaged Families
NOW WHAT? MATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Parent Support Centers ✓ Parent University ✓ Parent Portal

School Excellence Framework Priorities

Score Framework dimension and category

1 Expectations for depth & breadth of Quality Teaching: Balanced Assessment & Grading

Area of focus Ø= Not of focus

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Goals

Required metrics (Elementary)

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2016-2017 Actual	2017-2018 Actual	2017-2018 SQRP Goal	2018-2019 SQRP Goal	2019-2020 SQRP Goal
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National School Growth Percentile - Reading

We are strongly focusing our efforts on dissecting the data and differentiating individualized instruction to meet the needs of the students so that our overall student growth is well above the 50th percentile.

24.00	42.00	50.00	55.00	60.00
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National School Growth Percentile - Math

We are strongly focusing our efforts on dissecting the data and differentiating individualized instruction to meet the needs of the students so that our overall student growth is well above the 30th percentile and then the exceeding the 50th percentile.

50.00	18.00	40.00	55.00	60.00
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% of Students Meeting/Exceeding National Ave Growth Norms

Setting high expectations for all of our students will be the norm where the students will exceed the both percentile and not settle for anything less.	43.80	47.60	55.00	60.00	65.00
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African-American Growth Percentile - Reading

We are strongly focusing our efforts on dissecting the data and differentiating individualized instruction to meet the needs of the students so that our overall student growth is well above the 50th percentile. Through small grouping and differentiated instruction focusing on students deficits, students are expected to have tremendous gains.

25.00	42.00	50.00	55.00	60.00
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Hispanic Growth Percentile - Reading

Not Applicable	(Blank)	(Blank)	0.00	0.00	0.00
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English Learner Growth Percentile - Reading

Not Applicable	(Blank)	(Blank)	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Diverse Learner Growth Percentile - Reading

With the right accommodations and modifications the diverse learners they are still expected to grow at a significant rate at reach attainment as well as exceed the 50th Percentile in reading.	25.00	2.00	20.00	22.00	25.00
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African-American Growth Percentile - Math

All diverse learners with the right accommodations and modifications the diverse learners they are still expected to grow at a significant rate at reach attainment as well as exceed the 50th Percentile in math.	50.00	18.00	25.00	30.00	35.00
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Hispanic Growth Percentile - Math

Not Applicable	(Blank)	(Blank)	0.00	0.00	0.00
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English Learner Growth Percentile - Math

Not Applicable	(Blank)	(Blank)	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Diverse Learner Growth Percentile - Math

Students with the right accommodations and modifications the diverse learners they are still expected to grow at a significant rate at reach attainment as well as exceed the 50th Percentile in math.	99.00	2.00	25.00	30.00	35.00
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National School Attainment Percentile - Reading (Grades 3-8)

The expectation is that our students will have the right support for all three tiered instruction to meet the needs of our learners. In identifying groups based on current data, students' needs will be met so that all students will reach a minimum of the 50th percentile.	14.00	13.00	25.00	30.00	35.00
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National School Attainment Percentile - Math (Grades 3-8)

The expectation is that our students will have the right support for all three tiered instruction to meet the needs of our learners. In identifying groups based on current data, students's needs will be met so that all students will reach a minimum of the 50th percentile.	12.00	9.00	25.00	30.00	35.00
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National School Attainment Percentile - Reading (Grade 2)

The expectation is that a minimum of half of our students in 2nd grade will meet or exceed in Reading attainment.	8.00	17.00	30.00	35.00	40.00
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National School Attainment Percentile - Math (Grade 2)

The expectation is that a minimum of half of our students in 2nd grade will meet or exceed in Math attainment.

16.00

13.00

25.00

30.00

35.00

% of Students Making Sufficient Annual Progress on ACCESS

Not Applicable

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0.00

0.00

0.00

Average Daily Attendance Rate

Our Attendance Liaison is closely tracking/monitoring our students and their absences. She consistently makes phone call to parents to check on the status of their absentees. Each classroom door has an attendance sign that states their class attendance percentage for the week. In the hallway by the Main Office, there is a school-wide attendance bulletin board that tracks all students throughout the building. Our minimum attendance goal for the school is 96%.

96.00

95.80

96.00

96.50

97.00

My Voice, My School 5 Essentials Survey

Provide an opportunity for teachers to influence the decisions made regarding school practices throughout the year through the development of a Professional Learning Community (PLC) and grade level meetings. The PLC will also allow for opportunities for teachers to increase collaborative practices including peer observations and reviewing student assessment data for instructional decision making.

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Custom metrics

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2016-2017 Actual	2017-2018 Actual	2017-2018 SQRP Goal	2018-2019 SQRP Goal	2019-2020 SQRP Goal
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% of Teachers implementing authentic performance assessments

35.00

0.00

50.00

60.00

75.00

With the support of the STEM specialists, we will enhance student learning through the implementation of authentic performance assessments that identify student mastery on a monthly basis

35.00

0.00

50.00

60.00

75.00

% of students involved in problem-based learning

Enhance student learning by engaging in cross curricular instruction that is based on real-world problem-based learning (PBL) which promotes critical thinking, problem solving, communication, student autonomy, and creativity, with a minimum of two PBL units per year.

50.00

0.00

60.00

70.00

80.00

Strategies**Strategy 1**

If we do...

...then we see...

...which leads to...

at least four yearly family and student STEM engagement events that involve a variety of students across all grade levels

parents involved with supporting the STEM goals and school mission as invested stakeholders in their children's academic need and development.

60% of the students and their families being exposed to STEM career pathways and an increase in parent engagement

Tags:

Stem, Community events, Parent engagement, School events

Area(s) of focus:

2

Action step

Responsible

Timeframe

Status

Plan and provide engaging STEM related enrichment to increase interest, experience, and develop STEM habits of mind.	STEM Specialist, Administration, and classroom teachers	Sep 4, 2018 to Jun 24, 2019	Not started
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Climate and Culture, Partnerships, Stem, Community events, School events

Supporting school partnerships and activities with families and community members that promotes academic improvement across the literacy and math curriculum.	STEM Specialist, Administration classroom teachers and Partners	Sep 4, 2018 to Jun 24, 2019	Not started
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Climate and Culture, Partnerships, Stem, Community events, School event

Provide access to 8th Grade Algebra to all eligible 8th grade students	STEM Specialist, Administration, classroom teacher and high school partners	Sep 4, 2018 to Jun 26, 2020	Not started
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Math, Stem, Algebra

Collaborate with Big 10 Conference to promote College Readiness with a pep rally and Student of the Month. We will also partner and explore mentoring options to promote greater academic success.	Big 10 Conference, Administration, ILT	Sep 4, 2018 to Jun 21, 2019	Not started
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College Access and Persistence, Climate and Culture, Family and Community Engagement

Students will engage with a variety of STEM fields and career pathways through in-school and out of school experiences	STEM Specialists, Science Teacher Leaders Administration	Sep 4, 2018 to Jun 21, 2019	Not started
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College Access and Persistence, Family and Community Engagement, Stem

Strategy 2

If we do...

Various balanced assessments and grading, that covers multiple measures to supplement network assessment (ie.5 week assessments) with other formative assessments to monitor student mastery and improvement, to provide a more comprehensive picture of student learning.

...then we see...

actionable and measurable data to document student progress and proficiency against a set of clearly defined cross-curricular and content-area standards, to guide administrators and teachers about all dimensions related to student performance of academic strengths and weakness.

...which leads to...

75% of students meeting or exceeding grade level expectations in Math and Reading for NWEA/mClass by the 2019/2020 school year. Teachers will improve their own teaching practices to reach Proficient status on their REACH Evaluations, with the emphasis on domains 3b: Questioning and Discussion Techniques and 3d Using Assessment in Instruction.

Tags:

Balanced literacy, Assessment design, Data analysis, Data driven instruction, Balanced assessment, Analysis of data, progress monitoring, rit instruction, small group instruction, Designing assessments, Assessment data, Component 3b, Component 3d

Area(s) of focus:

1

Action step

Dissect the language arts and mathematics pacing guides to identify what mastery looks like for each standard.

Responsible

STEM Specialist, Administration, ILT and classroom teachers

Timeframe

Sep 4, 2018 to Jun 24, 2019

Status

Not started

Balanced literacy, Assessment design, Data analysis, Data driven instruction, Balanced assessment, Analysis of data, progress monitoring, rit instruction, small group instruction, Assessment data, Assessment and grading

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	Administration, ILT, and classroom teachers	Sep 4, 2018 to Jun 24, 2019	Not started
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Progress monitoring, Balanced grading and assessment, Data analysis, Data driven instruction, Balanced assessment

Create a grading scale that clearly, accurately and consistently communicates learning progress to students and parents.	Administration, ILT, and classroom teachers	Sep 4, 2018 to Jun 24, 2019	Not started
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Grading, Balanced assessment, Grading policy

Utilize teacher lesson plans and teacher created 5 week assessment data to determine instructional effectiveness and learning needs.	Administration, ILT, classroom teachers	select	Not started
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In-house STEM Instructional Coaches will work with classroom teachers to monitor current student data in tier 2 group settings to differentiate instruction	STEM Instructional Coaches, Administration, Classroom Teachers, SECAs	Sep 4, 2018 to Jun 26, 2020	Not started
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MTSS, Diverse Learners, Instructional Coaching, Teacher Teams/Collaboration, Benchmark progress monitoring

Provide professional development that will focus on engaging teachers in the creation formative and summative assessments	Administration, STEM Instructional Coaches, Classroom Teachers	Sep 4, 2018 to Jun 21, 2019	Not started
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Instructional Coaching, Teacher Teams/Collaboration, Professional development, Instructional leadership team

In grade level meetings, staff will collaborate on strategies implemented that were successful and offer suggestions on other techniques and strategies to meet the needs of our learners. Weekly check-ins will be done to see if small grouping is being done with fidelity, and if groupings are appropriate based on current data.	Classroom teachers and SECAs, Data Analysis, STEM Instructional Coaches, and Administration	Sep 4, 2018 to Jun 26, 2020	Not started
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MTSS, Diverse Learners, Instructional Coaching, Data analysis, Benchmark progress monitoring

Strategy 3

If we do...	...then we see...	...which leads to...
engage in ongoing inquiry on a bi-monthly basis for improvement that uses questions that focus on timely and relevant current data	a diverse organized team with a common understanding and focus on the team's purpose and instructional priorities driven by current data	teacher teams leading cycles of learning and problem solving focused on student learning data and student work used to drive instruction (ie. multi-tiered instruction whole group, small group, and individualized) in order to move the students to at or above attainment on the district assessments.

Tags:
Data analysis, Teacher leadership, Data review protocol

Area(s) of focus:
3

Action step	Responsible	Timeframe	Status
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Establish a calendar of meeting dates and topics for the school year focusing on student achievement	Administration, ILT	Sep 4, 2018 to Sep 24, 2018	Not started
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Academics, Teacher leadership, Anaylze data, Administrative team

Teacher Leaders will run grade levels to analyze data, establish small groups for instruction, create assessments and collaborate in best practices.	Administration, ILT, Teacher Leaders, Teachers	Sep 4, 2018 to Jun 24, 2020	Not started
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Assessment design, Data analysis, Data driven instruction, Teacher capacity, Small group instruction, Teacher leadership, Teacher collaboration, Small group

Use the CPS Framework for Teaching to ground instruction and instructional coaches to model instructional practice and monitor improvement.	Administration, ILT Teacher leaders, Instructional coaches	Sep 4, 2018 to Jun 21, 2019	Behind
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Action Plan

Strategy 1

NOT STARTED	Plan and provide engaging STEM related enrichment to increase interest, experience, and develop STEM habits of mind."
	Sep 04, 2018 to Jun 24, 2019 - STEM Specialist, Administration, and classroom teachers

Status history



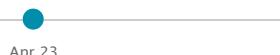
NOT STARTED	Apr 23, 2018 Evidence Meeting minutes, Quarterly event flyers, Attendance count, permission slips, Agenda
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NOT STARTED	Supporting school partnerships and activities with families and community members that promotes academic improvement across the literacy and math curriculum."
	Sep 04, 2018 to Jun 24, 2019 - STEM Specialist, Administration classroom teachers and Partners

NOT STARTED	Apr 23, 2018 Evidence Data deep dive of Reading and Math data from NWEA, Communication log,
NOT STARTED	Provide access to 8th Grade Algebra to all eligible 8th grade students"

NOT STARTED	Sep 04, 2018 to Jun 26, 2020 - STEM Specialist, Administration, classroom teacher and high school partners
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Status history



NOT STARTED	Apr 23, 2018 Evidence Algebra student enrollment
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NOT STARTED

Collaborate with Big 10 Conference to promote College Readiness with a pep rally and Student of the Month. We will also partner and explore mentoring options to promote greater academic success."

Sep 04, 2018 to Jun 21, 2019 - Big 10 Conference, Administration, ILT

Status history



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NOT STARTED

Apr 23, 2018

Evidence

A schedule with classroom teacher and Big 10 mentor, providing communication log of correspondence, College and Career Day

NOT STARTED

Students will engage with a variety of STEM fields and career pathways through in-school and out of school experiences"

Sep 04, 2018 to Jun 21, 2019 - STEM Specialists, Science Teacher Leaders Administration

Status history



Apr 23

NOT STARTED

Apr 23, 2018

Evidence

Quarterly event flyers will be sent home with students as well as permission slips for after school engagement events.

Strategy 2

NOT STARTED

Dissect the language arts and mathematics pacing guides to identify what mastery looks like for each standard."

Sep 04, 2018 to Jun 24, 2019 - STEM Specialist, Administration, ILT and classroom teachers

Status history



Apr 23

NOT STARTED

Apr 23, 2018

Evidence

Variety of teacher created/selected assessments, Unit & lesson plans with formative and summative assessments embedded in a long term plan.

NOT STARTED

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"

Sep 04, 2018 to Jun 24, 2019 - Administration, ILT, and classroom teachers

Status history



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NOT STARTED

Apr 23, 2018

Evidence

Evidence of assessment data analysis for the purpose of planning from grade level meetings, SQRP Attainment and Growth data

NOT STARTED

Create a grading scale that clearly, accurately and consistently communicates learning progress to students and parents."

Sep 04, 2018 to Jun 24, 2019 - Administration, ILT, and classroom teachers

Status history

Apr 23

NOT STARTED

Apr 23, 2018

Evidence

Grade books, School grading policy

NOT STARTED

Utilize teacher lesson plans and teacher created 5 week assessment data to determine instructional effectiveness and learning needs."

- Administration, ILT, classroom teachers

Status history

Apr 23

NOT STARTED

Apr 23, 2018

Evidence

Grade books, lesson plans, 5 week assessment data

NOT STARTED

In-house STEM Instructional Coaches will work with classroom teachers to monitor current student data in tier 2 group settings to differentiate instruction"

Sep 04, 2018 to Jun 26, 2020 - STEM Instructional Coaches, Administration, Classroom Teachers, SECAs

Status history

Apr 23

NOT STARTED

Apr 23, 2018

Evidence

Check-ins will be weekly for teachers and bi-weekly for Administration and Instructional Coaches during ILT and Grade Level Meetings

NOT STARTED

Provide professional development that will focus on engaging teachers in the creation formative and summative assessments"

Sep 04, 2018 to Jun 21, 2019 - Administration, STEM Instructional Coaches, Classroom Teachers

Status history

Apr 23

NOT STARTED

Apr 23, 2018

Evidence

After reviewing staff needs assessment results, ILT will determine a schedule for professional development based on teachers' needs. Professional development agenda

NOT STARTED

In grade level meetings, staff will collaborate on strategies implemented that were successful and offer suggestions on other techniques and strategies to meet the needs of our learners. Weekly check-ins will be done to see if small grouping is being done with fidelity, and if groupings are appropriate based on current data."

Sep 04, 2018 to Jun 26, 2020 - Classroom teachers and SECAs, Data Analysis, STEM Instructional Coaches, and Administration

Status history

Apr 23

NOT STARTED

Apr 23, 2018

Evidence

Weekly check-ins for teachers, grade level agendas, vertical planning agendas

Strategy 3

NOT STARTED Establish a calendar of meeting dates and topics for the school year focusing on student achievement"

Sep 04, 2018 to Sep 24, 2018 - Administration, ILT

Status history

Apr 23

NOT STARTED

Apr 23, 2018

Evidence

Meeting agenda and minutes

NOT STARTED

Teacher Leaders will run grade levels to analyze data, establish small groups for instruction, create assessments and collaborate in best practices."

Sep 04, 2018 to Jun 24, 2020 - Administration, ILT, Teacher Leaders, Teachers

Status history

Apr 23

NOT STARTED

Apr 23, 2018

Evidence

Grade level sign in sheets

BEHIND

Use the CPS Framework for Teaching to ground instruction and instructional coaches to model instructional practice and monitor improvement."

Sep 04, 2018 to Jun 21, 2019 - Administration, ILT Teacher leaders, Instructional coaches

Status history

Apr 23

BEHIND

Apr 23, 2018

Problem

Notes from Teacher coaching cycles

Root Cause

Next steps

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 approved plan, developed in consultation with teachers, administrators, and other appropriate personnel, and parents of these students 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 supplant 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 Plan

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.

Local School Council, PAC, COFI meetings (Community Organizing and Family Issues), Power PAC meetings (quarterly meetings)

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

The annual Title 1 Parent's meeting was held on September 29, 2017 at 9:0 a.m. The annual organization meeting with Principal Tillman was held on September 29, 2017 in Room 110 at 10:00 a.m to inform all stakeholders of Title 1 requirements, as well as the school's participation in NCLB, coupled with their rights to be involved in the Title 1 programs. Scheduled meetings will be posted via Melody School Calendar, School Marquee, School website and/or backpack reminders displayed in main office and sent home by students.

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.

Parent/Student Handbook, STEM student planner, STEM family nights- one each, Report card pickups (2), Orientation, Suggestion Box in Main Office

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.

Google doc survey, actions to assign responsible parties to rectify present situations, My Voice My Choice surveys, in-house surveys, meet and greet with Administration, Q and A with PAC members, bi-monthly meetings with LSC, weekly or bi-weekly meetings with ILT, quarterly meetings with PAC, all while Administration follow-up, gets feedback and does observations.

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.

We will follow the CPS guidelines regarding report card and progress report distribution. If necessary, we will do bi-weekly progress reports for classrooms. Our leadership team is focused on monitoring grades for each grade band to ensure that students' grades are accurate and up to date.

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.

During Open House, a State of the School Address will be scheduled. We will provide information to cover the above aspects twice and year and have a dedicated bulletin board which will consist of student academic achievement (state and local), formal academic assessments, Title 1 funding, Parent Portal and an introduction of staff members to assist parents with how to monitor and understand specific growth targets, and requirements to increase school and students academic achievements.

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.

We will host informational meetings for parents during Open House as well as first and third-quarter report card pick-up. We will also host Parent Informational Nights on Core Curriculum , and STEM. Those parents who volunteered during the day will be trained on how to better assist in the classroom with a strong focus on small groups dedicated to tier 2 and 3 students.

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.

Through Professional Development, Reading in Motion, Organ Wise, COFI, Faith Based Organizations, Big Ten , Rush, Chicago Teachers Union etc. We will incorporate various vendors to staff members to educate all on how to best handle parent situations and find ways to increase our collaboration with parents about community and the students of Melody STEM.

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.

Hosting Family Nights for both Literacy and Math, we will not only host activities for parents, but have engaging lessons and activities for students. STEM has their own component of engaging parent involvement. In addition , we are brainstorming how to bring more parents in the building to support their child's academics during school hours (ie. Bring Mama to Math Day, Dads and Daughters Reading).

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.

All information that goes out to parents is in a language that is understandable to all. We also add disclosure, that if they have any questions or concerns they should contact the Main Office and/or schedule a meeting to meet with Administration to clear up any misconceptions.

Policy Implementation Activities

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

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

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

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 provide all our students with a STEM related education in a safe, supportive environment. We will promote excellence in learning for all students by developing a unified approach to improve reading through professional development, while utilizing Common Core State Standards strategies, and integrate STEM instructional practices, such as being effective communicators, critical thinkers, and engaged problem based learners with cross cutting concepts across the curriculum. In return, students will be competent, capable citizens in our technology-dependent society and offered a chance to make sense of the world rather than learn in isolated bits and pieces of a phenomena.

Pre K will use the following programs to support literacy growth and learning:

Literacy: Creative Curriculum supplemented with Blueprint Core Curriculum for support, Math-Hands on Standards, Read for the Record: a monthly reading program for Early Childhood City-Wide in which guest readers read to the students and supply each student with a book that was read to them to help begin their preschool home library.

K-5 will follow the Network 5 Pacing Guides and Balanced Literacy Model while using Heggerty Phonemic Awareness, Sadlier-Oxford Vocabulary, Reading Street infused with sight word practice in order to provide progress monitoring a interim assessment will be conducted every 5 weeks to keep a pulse on academic growth-

Math (Go Math) using the same alignment with pacing guides using Common Core State Standards

Grades 6-8 will follow the middle school model 6 minute classes for 4 core subjects (Literacy, Math, Science, and Social Studies) Pacing guide and interim assessments will align to the Common Core State Standards

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.

Parent Teacher conferences are held the first and third quarters for report card pick up, in addition to when teachers arrange to meet with parents. These conferences are either held in the classroom or within the Main Office.

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

Conferences between teachers and parents are held between 7:15 -7:45 am or on teacher's specified prep time in addition to after dismissal pending approval of administration. Progress Reports are distributed every five weeks during the quarter. Orientation will be held during the summer months and Open House is held at the end of September.

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

Parents can request to meet with staff members between 7:15-7:45 in the morning, on a teacher's specified prep time, or after school at 2:45. Also, parents know that they are free to call and leave a message for the teacher to return once they are on their prep or after school, or have the ability to email the teacher whenever.

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.

Parents may volunteer with proper background check forms submitted, with an appointment. Parents are encouraged to attend field trips with their child's classroom.

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

Parents will monitor their children's attendance, ensure that homework is completed nightly, monitor their amount of television their children are watching, support the school in improving student behavior, volunteer in the classroom, promote positive use of child's extra-curricular time.

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 should stay informed about their child's education and communicate with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school, or the school district either received by the child or via mail. Parents should also serve to the extent possible on policy-advisory groups, such as becoming a member of the LSC, PAC, School-Support Team, PTA, or other advisory policy groups.

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

Students are responsible for doing their homework every day and ask for additional help when needed. They are expected to follow the school rules, and display good behavior. Reading is essential, and something that all students should do minimally for 30 minutes a day. They should also give their parents/guardians any pertinent information that comes from the school.

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.

Our goal is to continue to bridge the gap between parents, students, staff and community by utilizing many different resources and STEM practices. Activities include but are not limited to trips, courses and training's that will all take place within the 2018-2019 school year and beyond. Our new parent engagement center will soon host its first "Homework night" giving parents better tools to assist with homework. Also in the works is a parent portal training and a restorative justice training .These training's will allow parents to constantly monitor their children's progress as well as provide new tool to deal with conflicts that may occur outside of school.

Allocate your Mandated Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Funds to support your Parent and Family Engagement Program.

Account(s)	Description	Allocation
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.	\$ Amount .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.	\$ 1500 .00
53205	Refreshments Allocation CAN NOT EXCEED 25% of the Parent Budget. Refreshments must be used for Title 1 PAC meetings, trainings and workshops.	\$ 50 .00
54125	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)	\$ 1000 .00
54505	Admission and Registration Fees, Subscriptions and memberships For Parents use only.	\$ 27 .00
<p>54205</p>	Travel 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.	\$ Amount .00
<p>54565</p>	Reimbursements 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.	\$ Amount .00
<p>53510</p>	Postage Must be used for parent and family engagement programs only.	\$ Amount .00
53306	Software Must be educational and for parent use only.	\$ Amount .00
55005	Furniture and Equipment Must have a parent room or a secure place to keep furniture/equipment. Cannot be placed in the main office or where staff and students have access too. To be used only by parents.	\$ 500 .00