



## 2012-2014 Continuous Improvement Work Plan

## Fort Dearborn Elementary School

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### Mission Statement

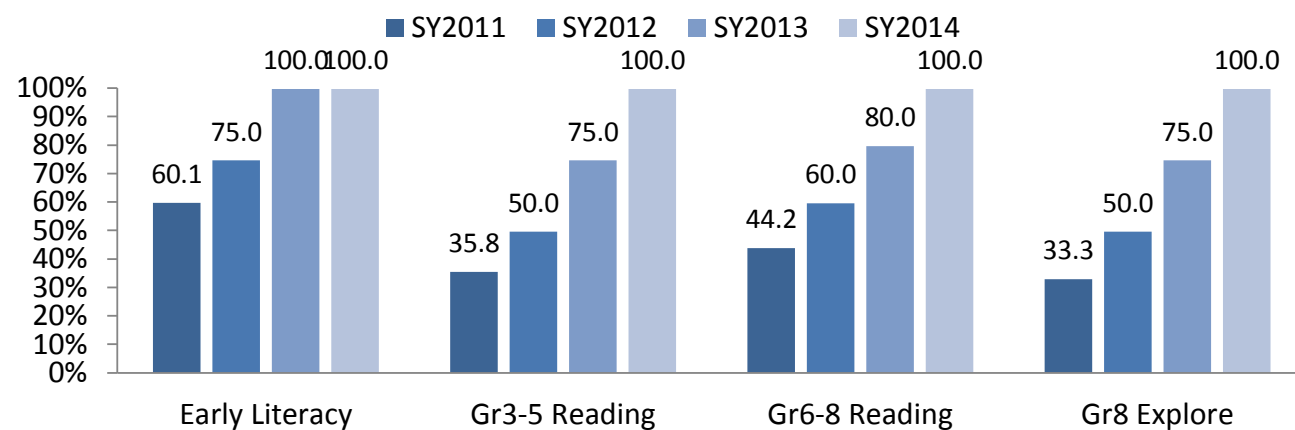
Our mission at Fort Dearborn is to provide an academic program where students receive high quality instruction that creates life long learners who are able to think critically, problem solve, and compete in a global society. Our goals will be achieved through a strong partnership with parents, a commitment to high expectations by all, and shared leadership.

### Strategic Priorities

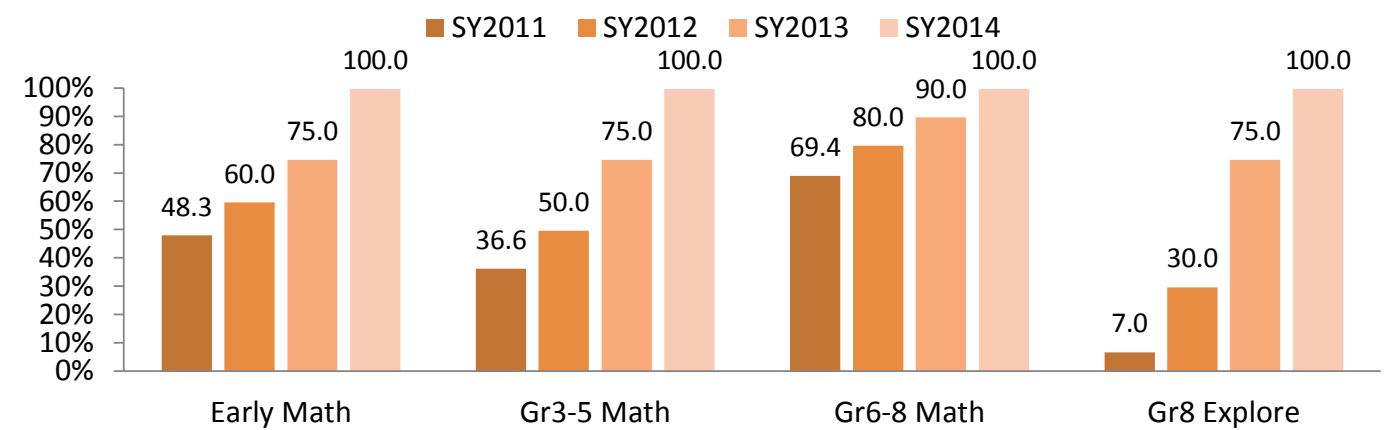
1. Improve Core Instructional Program at all grade levels to ensure instruction is aligned to Common Core and all students become college and career ready.
2. Improve the Professional Learning System by creating and implementing an individualized coaching plan that supports teachers based on individual needs and effectively incorporates peer observation and peer coaching.
3. Improve Instructional Leadership to create a culture with a vision of ensure all students are college and career ready and a system to frequently monitor students progress toward becoming college and career ready.

### School Performance Goals

#### Literacy Performance Goals



#### Math Performance Goals





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## Overview

The Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) is a stream-lined, strategic planning process for schools that also meets the state and federal requirements of a school improvement plan. The CIWP uses previous goal and priority setting completed by the schools from the Scorecard metrics, School Effectiveness Framework and Theory of Action. Please see the CIWP Planning Guide at [www.cps.edu/CIWP](http://www.cps.edu/CIWP) for detailed instructions on completing the tool.

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### Developing a CIWP Team

A CIWP team consists of 6 – 12 committed stakeholders that act as the steering committee for the entire CIWP planning process. The principal should serve as the chairperson of the CIWP Team, appointing other team members from the school and community, which can include members from the ILT and/or LSC. These CIWP Team members should have strengths in collaboration and consensus-building. While the CIWP Team needs to remain small, it should include people with a variety of perspectives.

CIWP Team	
Name (Print)	Title/Relationship
Arey DeSadier	Principal
Kimberly Porter	Assistant Principal
Katina Manuel	Lead/ Resource Teacher
Charles Bright	Classroom Teacher
Cynthia Herring	Classroom Teacher
Eboni Mixon	Classroom Teacher
Mahiri Anderson	Classroom Teacher
Jessica Yasui-Dunn	Special Education Faculty
Sheila Gladney	Classroom Teacher
Gail Williams	Other
Sabrina Ford	Parent/ Guardian



## Elementary Goal Setting

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### Academic Achievement

Pre-K - 2nd Grade	SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal		SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal	
<b>Early Literacy</b> % of students at Benchmark on DIBELS, IDEL	60.1	75.0	100.0	100.0		<b>Early Math</b> % of students at Benchmark on mClass	48.3	60.0	75.0	100.0
<b>3rd - 5th Grade</b>										
<b>Grade Level Performance - Reading</b> % of students at or above grade level on Scantron/NWEA	35.8	50.0	75.0	100.0		<b>Grade Level Performance - Math</b> % of students at or above grade level on Scantron/NWEA	36.6	50.0	75.0	100.0
<b>Keeping Pace - Reading</b> % of students making growth targets on Scantron/NWEA	52.0	70.0	85.0	100.0		<b>Keeping Pace - Math</b> % of students making growth targets on Scantron/NWEA	64.5	80.0	100.0	100.0
<b>6th - 8th Grade</b>										
<b>Grade Level Performance - Reading</b> % of students at or above grade level on Scantron/NWEA	44.2	60.0	80.0	100.0		<b>Grade Level Performance - Math</b> % of students at or above grade level on Scantron/NWEA	69.4	80.0	90.0	100.0
<b>Keeping Pace - Reading</b> % of students making growth targets on Scantron/NWEA	70.2	80.0	90.0	100.0		<b>Keeping Pace - Math</b> % of students making growth targets on Scantron/NWEA	74.7	85.0	100.0	100.0
<b>8th Grade</b>										
<b>Explore - Reading</b> % of students at college readiness benchmark	33.3	50.0	75.0	100.0		<b>Explore - Math</b> % of students at college readiness benchmark	7.0	30.0	75.0	100.0



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### Climate & Culture

All Grades	SY2011	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal		SY2011	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal
<b>Attendance Rate</b> Average daily attendance rate	93.4	95.0	98.0	100.0					
					<b>Misconducts</b> Rate of Misconducts (any) per 100	24.5	17.0	10.0	0.0

### State Assessment

All Grades % Meets & Exceeds	SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal		All Grades % Exceeds	SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal
<b>ISAT - Reading</b> % of students meeting or exceeding state standards	69.0	90.0	95.0	100.0		<b>ISAT - Reading</b> % of students exceeding state standards	14.1	25.0	50.0	75.0
<b>ISAT - Mathematics</b> % of students meeting or exceeding state standards	81.9	90.0	95.0	100.0		<b>ISAT - Mathematics</b> % of students exceeding state standards	25.2	40.0	60.0	80.0
<b>ISAT - Science</b> % of students meeting or exceeding state standards	63.6	75.0	90.0	100.0		<b>ISAT - Science</b> % of students exceeding state standards	5.5	15.0	40.0	60.0

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<b>DIMENSION 1: Leadership</b>	<b>Goals and theory of action</b> ----->			<b>2</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school has established goals for student achievement that are aimed at making incremental growth and narrowing of achievement gaps.</li> <li>The school has a plan but may have too many competing priorities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school has established clear, measurable goals for student achievement aimed at aggressively narrowing the achievement gap and ensuring college and career readiness of all students-- at the school, grade, and classroom levels.</li> <li>The school has established a clear theory of action or strategic plan that outlines the school's priorities (derived from analysis of data) and key levers along with the anticipated impact when implemented with fidelity.</li> </ul>	<p>The school has established overall school wide goals for literacy, math, and science achievement. The school also has clear goals for increasing the percentage of students that exceed state standards and the average EXPLORE score of 8th graders.</p>	
<b>DIMENSION 1: Leadership</b>	<b>Principal Leadership</b> ----->			<b>2</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional learning is organized through whole staff development but it is not tightly linked to what happens in teacher team meetings or 1:1 coaching cycles.</li> <li>Principal monitors instructional practice for teacher evaluations.</li> <li>School-wide or class specific vision is not consistently focused on college and career readiness..</li> <li>Principal provides basic information for families on school events and responds to requests for information. Families and community are engaged through occasional school-wide events such as open houses or curriculum nights.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principal creates a professional learning system that evaluates teacher need and interest and builds opportunities for growth in content knowledge and leadership</li> <li>Principal clarifies a vision for instructional best practice, works with each staff member to determine goals and benchmarks, monitors quality and drives continuous improvement.</li> <li>Principal establishes and nurtures a culture of college and career readiness through clarity of vision, internal and external communications and establishment of systems to support students in understanding and reaching these goals.</li> <li>Principal creates a system for empowered families and communities through accurate information on school performance, clarity on student learning goals, and opportunities for involvement.</li> </ul>	<p>Currently Fort Dearborn engages parents during Open House, 1st and 3rd Quarter Report Card Pick Ups, ISAT Parent Workshop, and Family Literacy and Math Night.</p> <p>Professional learning consists of whole staff professional development that is supported in teacher team meetings. Teachers receive one on one coaching from the literacy coach based on the needs of the teachers.</p> <p>Fort Dearborn is currently working to develop a culture of college and career readiness from grades K-8. We have met with parents regarding the Principal Scorecard and discussed its implications for all students.</p>	

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<b>Teacher Leadership</b> ----->			<b>3</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A core group of teachers performs nearly all leadership duties in the school.</li> <li>• A few voices tend to contribute to the majority of decision-making at the ILT and teacher team levels.</li> <li>• Teacher learning and expertise is inconsistently shared after engagement in professional learning activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each teacher is invested in the success of the school through leadership in one or more areas, including (but not limited to):               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-ILT membership</li> <li>-Grade/Course team lead</li> <li>- Rtl team</li> <li>-Committee chair or membership</li> <li>-Mentor teacher</li> <li>-Curriculum team</li> <li>-Coach</li> <li>-Family liaison</li> <li>-Data team</li> <li>-Bilingual lead</li> <li>-SIPAAA/CWIP team</li> <li>-Union representative</li> <li>-Grant writer</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Each teacher has equity of voice in grade/course, ILT and whole staff meetings</li> <li>• Each teacher is encouraged to share learning about effective practice from PD or visits to other schools</li> </ul>	<p>Teacher leadership consists of building on the strengths of teachers and utilizing teachers and their strengths to support school goals. Currently teachers are asked to participate in leadership duties based on their strengths. All teachers need to be involved in some form of leadership task to ensure teachers have a vested interest in the success fo the school and students.</p>	

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<b>Instructional Leadership Team (ILT)</b> ----->			<b>3</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ILT represents some or most grade levels or departments, but may not include critical areas of expertise, like special education, bilingual education or counseling.</li> <li>The ILT splits time and focus between improving teaching and learning and solving day-to-day operational concerns.</li> <li>The ILT organizes some whole staff professional development activities. Development at the teacher team or teacher level is not coordinated by the ILT. ILT decision-making is carried out in isolation, or without a clear process for staff-wide engagement.</li> <li>ILT engages in changes to practice in response to voiced concerns.</li> <li>ILT analyzes student test data if new data is available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school's ILT is assembled based on the combination of knowledge and expertise needed to make decisions for all students and staff.</li> <li>The ILT leads the work of improving teaching and learning school-wide</li> <li>The ILT leads the school's approach to professional development – whole staff PD, teacher teams, and coaching.</li> <li>The ILT facilitates two-way communication and engages all staff in participating in decision-making that advances the school's strategic focus.</li> <li>The ILT engages in regular reflection upon its own team processes and effectiveness and takes actions to improve its functioning and progress towards school-wide goals.</li> <li>The ILT regularly analyzes qualitative and quantitative data to monitor the implementation of school's plan and make adjustments accordingly</li> </ul>	<p>The ILT currently has representation from each grade band, core subjects, and special education. The ILT meetings focus on improving teaching and learning and data analysis, which transfers to teacher team meetings and professional development.</p>	
<b>Monitoring and adjusting</b> ----->			<b>3</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data for district assessments is occasionally analyzed at the school level, typically when new reports are made available. Analysis may lead to instructional practice.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school has a systematic approach to analyzing data relative to the school's theory of action on an ongoing basis—at the school level, department/grade level, and classroom level—in order to make adjustments to their focus and to target support for particular teachers and students.</li> </ul>	<p>Teachers analyze Scantron data and create action plans for small group instruction. Some teachers utilize the internal assessment tool (Epath) to create interim assessment to monitor and adjust student progress from Scantron action plans.</p>	

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<b>DIMENSION 2: Core Instruction</b>	<b>Curriculum</b> ----->			<b>2</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curricular pacing/scope and sequence is most often determined by the pacing set forth in instructional materials or by an individual teacher.</li> <li>Each teacher develops his/her own units of instruction or follows what is suggested by the pacing provided in instructional materials.</li> <li>Text used for instruction exposes some students to grade-appropriate complexity and is heavily focused on fiction.</li> <li>Short- and long-term plans do not consistently differentiate by learner need.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each grade level or course team has a year-long scope and sequence that maps out what Common Core or other state standards teachers should teach and in what order in core subject areas.</li> <li>Each grade level or course team develops/uses common units of instruction aligned to the standards.</li> <li>Text used for instruction exposes all students to a grade-appropriate level of complexity and informational texts to at least the CCSS-recommended levels by grade band.</li> <li>Short and long term plans include the supports necessary to ensure that students with disabilities and ELLs are able to gain core content knowledge and skills.</li> </ul>	<p>The majority of the teachers plan instruction based on the needs of students from Scantron data and there is often an alignment within the grade. Instruction is aligned to state standards, but tends to focus more on fiction in primary grades.</p>	
	<b>Instructional materials</b> ----->			<b>2</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Core instructional materials vary between teachers of the same grade/course or are focused mainly on a single textbook with little exposure to standards-aligned supplemental materials.</li> <li>Instructional materials support a general curriculum with little differentiation for student learning need.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each grade level or course team has a set of instructional materials that are aligned with standards.</li> <li>Instructional materials are supportive of students with disabilities as well as varying language proficiency levels of ELLs (including native language and bilingual supports).</li> </ul>	<p>Current instructional material is aligned to current state standards. There is a need for more instructional support materials for math and interventions.</p>	
<p><b>Reading Materials Survey:</b> In addition to evaluating your school in this area, we encourage schools to begin inventorying grade level literacy materials by completing the survey at <a href="http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/materialsurvey">www.surveymonkey.com/s/materialsurvey</a>. While this is not a comprehensive inventory of your school's instructional materials, this will help you identify the additional literacy materials needed to help implement the Common Core State Standards in the upcoming school year.</p>				



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<b>Assessment</b> ----->			<b>2</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School wide data is available to the ILT. Teacher team or classroom data is not always available when teachers need it—or teachers inconsistently bring it to teacher team meetings.</li> <li>• Each grade level or course team administers the required district assessments but there may be gaps in the kind of assessment tools available to them.</li> <li>• Assessments are focused on a particular form of assessment and may not adequately provide a complete picture of student learning.</li> <li>• Most assessments are designed to be identical for all students, without accommodation for learner need.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School-wide, teacher team and classroom data is organized and available to all who need it immediately after each assessment.</li> <li>• Each grade level or course team uses a comprehensive set of assessments – screening, diagnostic, benchmark, formative, and summative – to monitor student learning on a frequent basis.</li> <li>• Assessment methods (e.g., student work, selected response, constructed response, performance task) are aligned with the standard(s) being assessed (e.g., knowledge mastery, reasoning proficiency, performance skills, ability to create products).</li> <li>• Assessment accommodations and modifications are in place to ensure that students with disabilities and ELLs are able to appropriately demonstrate their knowledge and skills.</li> </ul>	<p>School wide data is available to the ILT and teachers. Classroom data from teachers is not consistently available during teacher team meetings. Teachers do not consistently provide evidence that shows they are frequently monitoring instruction. Some teachers use varied assessment methods and modifications do not always allow students to appropriately demonstrate their knowledge and skills.</p>	

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<b>Instruction</b> ----->			<b>2</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication of the learning objective is inconsistent or lesson objectives do not consistently align to standards.</li> <li>• Questioning is more heavily aimed at assessing basic student understanding and comprehension.</li> <li>• Sequencing of lessons in most classes is primarily driven by the pacing suggested in instructional materials.</li> <li>• Instruction is most often delivered whole-group with few opportunities for scaffolding learning or the level of rigor is not consistently high.</li> <li>• Formative assessment during instruction is used occasionally or inconsistently between teachers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each teacher clearly communicates with students the standards-based learning objective, directions and procedures, as well as the relevance of the learning.</li> <li>• , Each teacher uses low- and high-level questioning techniques that promote student thinking and understanding.</li> <li>• Each teacher purposefully sequences and aligns standards-based objectives to build towards deep understanding and mastery of the standards.</li> <li>• Each teacher scaffolds instruction to ensure all students, including students with disabilities and English language learners access complex texts and engage in complex tasks.</li> <li>• Each teacher regularly uses formative assessment during instruction to monitor student progress and check for understanding of student learning.</li> </ul>	<p>In some classrooms, the learning objectives are visible and communicated with students prior to instruction. Student expectations and the level of rigor are not consistently high in all classrooms. Questioning is not consistently varied within or across grades to promote student thinking and understanding.</p>	

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<b>Professional Learning</b>	<b>Intervention</b> ----->			<b>1</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decision-making about how to determine which students are in need of intervention, what interventions they receive and how to determine the success of interventions is not regularly monitored. The intervention options are limited (sometimes one-size-fits-all), making it difficult to find a targeted solution to address a particular student's needs. Intervention monitoring and adjustments are left to teacher discretion without school-wide systems.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school has a systematic approach to administering screening assessments to identify students in need of academic intervention.</li> <li>The school has a systematic approach to administering diagnostic assessments to identify particular skills gaps.</li> <li>Interventions at the elementary level include in-class, small group instruction, push-in support provided by specialists, one on one support and additional supports outside of the classroom.</li> <li>Interventions at the secondary school level include small group instruction, double blocks in literacy and mathematics, push-in support provided by specialists, one on one support and additional supports outside of the classroom</li> <li>Interventions are closely monitored at the ILT, teacher team and individual teacher level so that adjustments can be made at least every 6 weeks.</li> </ul>	<p>Interventions are not monitored or adjusted beyond classroom teacher discretion. The school needs a school wide system for identifying, monitoring, and adjusting interventions. Additional material is needed to support effective implementation of interventions at all grade levels.</p>	
	<b>Whole staff professional development</b> ----->			<b>3</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whole staff professional development occurs regularly but is not tightly aligned to the school's priorities.</li> <li>Quality, effectiveness or relevance of professional development is not monitored.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school has a year-long, focused plan for whole staff professional development aligned to school-wide priorities and growth goals.</li> <li>The school has a method for continually monitoring the effectiveness of all professional development (including coaching and teacher collaboration).</li> <li>School-wide structures ensure that professional development is ongoing, job-embedded and relevant to teachers.</li> </ul>	<p>Professional development is currently aligned to the school's priorities and district initiatives. The school is working on schoolwide and individual structures to monitor the effectiveness of professional development and its relevant to teachers.</p>	

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<b>DIMENSION 3: I</b>	<b>Grade-level and/or course teams</b> ----->			<b>3</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teachers meet regularly but it is focused on a mix of activities—planning, professional development, and data analysis—that may change from week to week.</li> <li>Teachers do not have a regular opportunity to discuss progress monitoring data to track effectiveness of student intervention.</li> <li>Ownership for student learning results lies primarily with individual teachers.</li> <li>Planning typically takes place with general education teachers only. Special education, bilingual or other specialists typically plan and meet separately or only join the group occasionally.</li> <li>There are meeting agendas, but no clear protocols or norms for discussion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teachers collaborate in regular cycles: quarterly for long-term unit planning, weekly to analyze formative assessment data and plan weekly instruction.</li> <li>Teachers and specialists meet approximately every six weeks to discuss progress-monitoring data for students receiving intervention.</li> <li>Teacher teams share ownership for results in student learning.</li> <li>Teams are inclusive of general education, special education, bilingual teachers and other specialists.</li> <li>Teams are supported by an ILT member, team leader, or “expert”, as appropriate.</li> <li>Teachers have protocols or processes in place for team collaboration.</li> </ul>	Interventions are not monitored or adjusted beyond classroom teacher discretion. The school needs a school wide system for identifying, monitoring, and adjusting interventions. Additional material is needed to support effective implementation of interventions at all grade levels.	
	<b>Instructional coaching</b> ----->			<b>2</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coaching typically takes place through informal associations or is only focused on a smaller group of teachers.</li> <li>Formal support for new teachers comes from district-sponsored induction.</li> <li>Professional development decisions are not systematized and left to teacher initiative/discretion.</li> <li>Teachers occasionally receive quality feedback to support individual growth.</li> <li>Peer observation and cross-classroom visitation happens occasionally, but not as an integral part of the school’s plan for professional learning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every school has a coaching plan that identifies teacher needs, who provides the coaching, and how frequently.</li> <li>New teachers are provided with effective induction support.</li> <li>Teachers have individual professional development plans tailored to their needs.</li> <li>Teachers consistently receive quality feedback that supports their individual growth.</li> <li>Peer coaching and cross classroom visitation is also used as a form of coaching.</li> </ul>	Instructional coaching is regularly available for literacy, but more coaching support is needed for math. Peer observation and coaching needs to be incorporated into the professional learning community.	

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<b>DIMENSION 4: Climate and Culture</b>	<b>High expectations &amp; College-going culture</b> ----->			<b>2</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some staff members reinforce expectations for all students to aspire to college and career ready standards, or expectations are only reinforced for some students.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every staff member reinforces school expectations for all students to aspire to college and career-ready standards.</li> <li>The school has developed and is executing an intentional plan to build and maintain a college-going culture.</li> <li>Every student has opportunities for authentic leadership and student voice</li> </ul>	Currently there is a system in place where some students are held to higher standards than others and it is this core group of students that usually have an opportunity for school leadership. We want to create a culture where the expectation is that all students will be college and career ready and we will build upon strengths of all students.	
	<b>Relationships</b> ----->			<b>3</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some students form bonds with adult advocates.</li> <li>Patterns of interaction between adults and students and among students are inconsistent..</li> <li>Students with disabilities are typically confined to a special education classroom with few opportunities to interact with peers.</li> <li>Student home language and culture is often overlooked.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students have an adult advocate who cares about them deeply and supports them in achieving their goals</li> <li>Patterns of interactions, both between adults and students and among students, are respectful, with appropriate, fair responses to disrespectful behavior</li> <li>Students with disabilities are engaged in the school community, including both physical and social integration.</li> <li>Students' classroom experiences demonstrate value of home language and culture.</li> </ul>	There is an advocate for students, but we want to ensure fairness to all students regardless of external factors or previous academic or behavioral challenges they may have had.	
<b>Behavior &amp; Safety</b> ----->			<b>2</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discipline violations and positive behavior supports are handled differently between teachers without school wide norms.</li> <li>School environment occasionally leads to situations un-conducive to learning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school has a common, consistent school-wide approach to student discipline and tiered approach to behavioral intervention that recognizes and builds on positive behavior.</li> <li>Staff establishes and maintains a safe, welcoming school environment.</li> </ul>	There is a current system in place for behavior violations, but the system is not utilized the same by all teachers. There needs to be a system that is clear of the consequences for violations and teachers need to handle minor infractions in the classroom. Additionally, there is no system to reinforce or reward positive behavior.	

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<b>DIMENSION 5: Family and Community Engagement</b>	<b>Expectations</b> ----->			<b>3</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principal provides information to families on school performance in response to parent requests.</li> <li>Teachers provide information to families on their grading system, but families may be unclear on what successfully meeting the standard would look like.</li> <li>Families can learn about the transition process if they reach out to the school for information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principal provides clear information for families on school performance and accurately explains this information so that families understand its relevance to their children as well as the plan for improvement.</li> <li>Teachers provide clear information for families on what students are expected to achieve in a given grade level or course and examples of what meeting the standards looks like.</li> <li>Schools proactively provide information regarding school choices to families looking to relocate or to students in transition grades.</li> </ul>	Currently there is a parent meeting held to discuss the principal score card and the school performance policy, but attendance is low during those meeting. We would like to have grade level and school-wide parent meetings to discuss expectations, but we need to create a strategic plan to involve parents more.	
	<b>Ongoing communication</b> ----->			<b>2</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communication to families is typically conducted only during report card pick-up and in cases of behavior/academic concerns.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teachers and other school staff engage in ongoing, two-way communication with families so that they know how their child is doing relative to grade-level expectations and how the families can support their child's learning at home, but also so that school staff can learn from the families about their child's strengths and needs.</li> </ul>	There are many opportunities for parents to engage in communication with teachers.	
	<b>Bonding</b> ----->			<b>4</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school has a business-like atmosphere.</li> <li>School staff provides occasional opportunities for families and community members to participate in authentic and engaging activities in the school community-- like student performances, exhibitions, literacy or math events, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school establishes and non-threatening, welcoming environment.</li> <li>The principal leads the work to empower and motivate families and community to become engaged.</li> <li>School staff provides frequent opportunities for families and community members to participate in authentic and engaging activities in the school community-- like student performances, exhibitions, literacy or math events, etc.</li> </ul>	The school has welcomes parents at all times. The principal has an open door policy so parents feel more welcome. There are many opportunities for parents to participate in activities, but participation is limited.	

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<b>6: College and Career Readiness Supports</b>	<b>Specialized support</b> ----->			<b>2</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School provides required services to students within the school building/typical school hours.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School staff conducts intensive outreach to families in need of specialized support through home visits and collaboration with social services agencies.</li> </ul>	The school has a parent advocate on staff.	
	<b>College &amp; Career Exploration and election</b> ----->			<b>2</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information about college or career choices is provided.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school provides early and ongoing exposure to experiences and information necessary to make informed decisions when selecting a college or career that connects to academic preparation and future aspirations.</li> </ul>	This year we had our first parent EXPLORE meeting and discussed Mock results with parents and the implications. We will continue to have these meetings yearly and include 6th and 7th grade next year. We will host a school-wide meeting with all parent to inform and explain the new Common Core Standards.	
<b>Academic Planning</b> ----->			<b>2</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for college and career planning is provided for some students. Information and opportunities to explore paths of interest are limited.</li> <li>The school encourages high performing students to plan on taking advanced courses.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school provides support for student planning, preparation, participation, and performance in their college and career aspirations and goals through a rigorous academic program and access to information and opportunities.</li> <li>(HS only) The school regularly evaluates rigorous course-taking and performance patterns (e.g., AP) and removes barriers to access.</li> </ul>	Some teachers provide a rigorous academic program in their classrooms, but this need to become the expectation of all teachers. Currently college and careet planning discussion take place in the middle school, but we want teachers in the lower grades to begin to tap into the interest of students and build upon them to and provide opportunities to explore those interests.		
<b>Enrichment &amp; Extracurricular Engagement</b> ----->			<b>2</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extracurricular activities exist but may be limited in scope or students may not be purposefully involved in activities that align with their strengths and needs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school ensures equitable exposure to a wide range of extracurricular and enrichment opportunities that build leadership, nurture talents and interests, and increase engagement with school.</li> </ul>	Currently, the enrichment and extracurricular activities are only available to students beginning in 3rd grade. We need to provide these opportunities to all students.		

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<b>DIMENSION</b>	<b>College &amp; Career Assessments</b> ----->			<b>2</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students do not participate in college and career ready assessments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school promotes preparation, participation, and performance in college and career assessments.</li> </ul>	Currently 8th graders participate in the EXPLORE and all middle school student take an internal Mock EXPLORE assessment which is used to determine areas of weakness for students.	
	<b>College &amp; Career Admissions and Affordability</b> ----->			<b>2</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students in 11th and 12th grade are provided information on college options , costs and financial aid.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school provides students and families with comprehensive information about college options and costs (HS only) The school ensures that students and families have an early and ongoing understanding of the college and career application and admission processes, including information on financial aid and scholarship eligibility.</li> </ul>	High School Only?	
<b>Transitions</b> ----->			<b>4</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transitions between key grades provide families with the required minimum paperwork/information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school works to ensure effective transitions—into Kindergarten, at each “benchmark” grade, and from 8th to 9th.</li> <li>(HS only) The school connects students to school and community resources to help them overcome barriers and ensure the successful transition from high school to college.</li> </ul>	We provide summer tips to parents of all students to prepare them for the next grade and teachers meet vertically before the end of the school year. To ensure transition to "benchmark" grades, teachers discuss at the beginning of the school year what students will be expected to know when they enter "benchmark" grades.	



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<b>DIMENSION 7: Resource Alignment</b>	<b>Use of Discretionary Resources</b> ----->			<b>2</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School discretionary funding is inconsistently aligned to identified needs and priorities.</li> <li>Outside funding or community partnerships are primarily limited to opportunities that present themselves to the school.</li> <li>Funding of non-priority initiatives is common throughout the year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School allocates discretionary spending to align with identified needs and strategic priorities.</li> <li>School actively identifies and pursues opportunities to for outside funding or community partnerships to help meet student and staff needs.</li> <li>School maintains focus on use of resources for the student achievement growth necessary for every student to graduate college and career ready.</li> </ul>	We use discretionary funding to align needs with priorities. We have partnerships with community organizations.	
	<b>Building a Team</b> ----->			<b>2</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hiring is conducted after a vacancy or expected vacancy is identified.</li> <li>All or nearly all applicants have little to no prior connection to the school.</li> <li>Interviews typically consist of an interview with the principal or a team from the school, but there are no opportunities to demonstrate knowledge or skill in the classroom.</li> <li>Grade/course teams are not intentionally designed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hiring is conducted after an assessment of student need, staff capacity and scheduling priorities.</li> <li>School actively works to build a pool of potential staff members through internships and part-time work.</li> <li>A multistep interview process includes a protocol for questioning and classroom lesson demonstrations to assess candidate expertise, philosophy and commitment.</li> <li>Grade/course teams are assembled to include the needed combination of knowledge and expertise.</li> </ul>	We actively work to build a staff using a multistep interview process which includes protocols for questioning.	
<b>Use of Time</b> ----->			<b>2</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School schedule is designed based on number of minutes per subject or course.</li> <li>Teacher collaboration time is limited or occurs only before/after school.</li> <li>Intervention for struggling students happens at the discretion/initiative of individual teachers, during core courses.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School designs a "right fit" schedule based on student needs and school-wide growth goals.</li> <li>The school schedule allows for regular, meaningful collaboration in teacher teams.</li> <li>Struggling students receive structured intervention in dedicated blocks.</li> </ul>	Student schedules are built based on data. Teacher team meetings meet regularly.	

## Mission & Strategic Priorities

**Instructions:** Write in your Mission Statement. Using your key levers from the Theory of Action, develop 3 - 5 strategic priorities you will focus on over the next two years. Provide a Rationale using these guiding questions: What data (student achievement, school effectiveness framework, etc.) did you use to determine the priority? How does this priority impact instruction? How does this priority help you to achieve your goals? **Tip: When entering text, press Alt+Enter to start a new paragraph.**

### Mission Statement

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### Strategic Priorities

#	Priority Description: Write in the description of your priority.	Rationale: Write in your rationale (see instructions for guiding questions).
1	Improve Core Instructional Program at all grade levels to ensure instruction is aligned to Common Core and all students become college and career ready.	Based on 2011, ISAT data found on the Principal Performance Scorecard, only 13.1% of students exceed state standards in reading and 25.2% in math. This priority is the foundation of the instructional program and encompasses all components needed for an effective instructional program. In order to ensure a successful instructional program, we are strong in all categories. Currently we are only rating as a typical school and need to work toward being an effective school.
2	Improve the Professional Learning System by creating and implementing an individualized coaching plan that supports teachers based on individual needs and effectively incorporates peer observation and peer coaching.	Based on the four levers defined in our Theory of Action, literacy PD and differentiated coaching and modeling takes place regularly. We are currently in the process of creating a system where math leaders provide professional development and support to teachers during team meetings and serve as a model for peer observations.
3	Improve Instructional Leadership to create a culture with a vision of ensure all students are college and career ready and a system to frequently monitor students progress toward becoming college and career ready.	Based on the School Effectiveness Framework completed and discussed during an ILT meeting, we have established goals, but we need to ensure the goals and strategic plan is clear to everyone, implemented with fidelity, and progress is frequently monitored.
4	Optional	
5	Optional	

### Strategic Priority 1

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### Action Plan

### Monitoring

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Professional development for implementing Common Core aligned literacy instruction delivered by teacher leaders to each grade band.	Professional Development	All	Administration/Teacher Leaders	Summer 2012	On-going		
Conduct an audit of existing texts aligned to Common Core and invest in supplemental nonfiction text	Instructional Materials	All	Administration/Teacher Leaders	Quarter 4	Summer 2012		
Conduct teacher observations in all classrooms during literacy instruction to ensure effective implementation of CPS Framework for Literacy.	Instruction	All	Administration	Quarter 1	On-going		



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Survey teachers to determine individual support needs and create a coaching plan for support.	Professional Development	Not Applicable	Administration	Summer 2012	On-going		
Create a system that fosters and supports peer observation to improve instructional practice.	Instruction	Not Applicable	Administration/Teacher Leaders	Summer 2012	On-going		

Strategic Priority 3

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Milestones	Category	Target Group	Responsible Party	Start	Completed	Status	Comments & Next Steps
Review school goals with all stakeholder and the theory of action plan for meeting those goals.	ILT/ Teacher Teams	Not Applicable	Administration	Summer 2012	Quarter 1		
Create a system to frequently monitor progression toward goals.	ILT/ Teacher Teams	Not Applicable	Administration/ Teacher Leader	Summer 2012	On-going		
Create a system where all teachers are involved in at least one core instructional team and one additional support team.	ILT/ Teacher Teams	Not Applicable	Administration	Quarter 4	On-going		



Strategic Priority 3

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Strategic Priority 4

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Strategic Priority Description	Rationale

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



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Strategic Priority Description	Rationale

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