

CHICAGO **CPS PUBLIC SCHOOLS** 

**Burnham Park Elementary Network** 6657 S Kimbark Ave Chicago, IL 60637

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#### **Mission Statement**

Woodlawn Community School's Africa-centered curriculum, utilizes innovative, instructional best practices to set high expectations for academic and social behaviors to achieve selfidentity and educational excellence to enable students to become powerful, courageous and independent thinkers who are capable of creating healthy and purposeful lives as global citizens. WSC aims to be a 90/90/90 school by September 2013 and will increase our children's access to selective enrollment middle and high schools by 25% annually for the next five years in an optimum learning environment.

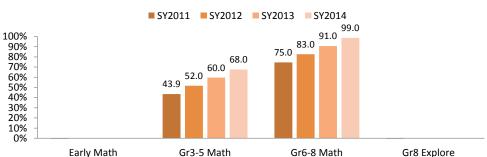
#### **Strategic Priorities**

- 1. Implement and align balanced literacy with the CCSS in grades K-6 to ensure all students are provided rigorous instruction.
- 2. Provide targeted differentiated instruction in math and science to all students using multiple structures and proven methodologies.
- 3. All members of the school community demostrate high expectations for themselves and others.

#### **School Performance Goals**

#### **Literacy Performance Goals** ■ SY2011 ■ SY2012 ■ SY2013 ■ SY2014 100% 90% 74.0 80% 66.0 54.0 52.0 60.0 70% 57.7 54.0 60% 46.0 50% 38.0 40% 30% 20% 10% Early Literacy Gr3-5 Reading Gr6-8 Reading **Gr8 Explore**

# **Math Performance Goals**





## Continuous Improvement Work Plan 2012 - 2014



#### Overview

The Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) is a stream-lined, strategic planning process for schools that also meets the state and federal requirements of a school improvement plan. The CIWP uses previous goal and priority setting completed by the schools from the Scorecard metrics, School Effectiveness Framework and Theory of Action. Please see the CIWP Planning Guide at <a href="https://www.cps.edu/CIWP">www.cps.edu/CIWP</a> 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
F. Kweku Embil	Principal
LoWanda Bell	Assistant Principal
Patricia Bell	Classroom Teacher
Nathalia Washington	Classroom Teacher
Evelyn Pettis	LSC Member
Devon Gourdine	LSC Member
Lorne Love	LSC Member
Rene Salahuddin	Classroom Teacher





# **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	SY.
Early Literacy % of students at Benchmark on DIBELS, IDEL	57.7	66.0	74.0	82.0	Early Math % of students at Benchmark on mClass	NDA			
3rd - 5th Grade									
Grade Level Performance - Reading % of students at or above grade level on Scantron/NWEA	45.8	54.0	52.0	60.0	Grade Level Performance - Math % of students at or above grade level on Scantron/NWEA	43.9	52.0	60.0	6
Keeping Pace - Reading % of students making growth targets on Scantron/NWEA	60.0	65.0	65.0	65.0	Keeping Pace - Math % of students making growth targets on Scantron/NWEA	62.4	65.0	65.0	6!
6th - 8th Grade									
Grade Level Performance - Reading % of students at or above grade level on Scantron/NWEA	30.0	38.0	46.0	54.0	<b>Grade Level Performance - Math</b> % of students at or above grade level on Scantron/NWEA	75.0	83.0	91.0	99
Keeping Pace - Reading % of students making growth targets on Scantron/NWEA	55.6	65.0	65.0	65.0	Keeping Pace - Math % of students making growth targets on Scantron/NWEA	88.9	90.0	90.0	90
8th Grade									
Explore - Reading % of students at college readiness benchmark	NDA				<b>Explore - Math</b> % of students at college readiness benchmark	NDA			

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## **Climate & Culture**

All Grades	SY2011	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal		SY2011	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal
Attendance Rate Average daily attendance rate	93.9	95.0	96.0	9730.0	Misconducts Rate of Misconducts (any) per 100	12.4	10.0	8.0	4.0

## **State Assessment**

All Grades % Meets & Exceeds	SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY2014 Goal	All Grades % Exceeds	SY2011 Score	SY2012 Goal	SY2013 Goal	SY (
ISAT - Reading % of students meeting or exceeding state standards	78.6	85.0	90.0	95.0	ISAT - Reading % of students exceeding state standards	22.2	30.0	38.0	,
ISAT - Mathematics % of students meeting or exceeding state standards	84.1	88.0	92.0	96.0	ISAT - Mathematics % of students exceeding state standards	17.5	26.0	34.0	
ISAT - Science % of students meeting or exceeding state standards	68.3	71.0	74.0	80.0	ISAT - Science % of students exceeding state standards	0.0	12.0	20.0	

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## School Effectiveness Framework

Typical School	Effective School	Evidence Evaluat
Goals and theory of action		4
The school has established goals for student chievement that are aimed at making incremental rowth and narrowing of achievement gaps.  The school has a plan but may have too many ompeting priorities.	<ul> <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>	One of our goals is to become a "90/90/90" school by June 2013 Our theory of action analysis dictates that our teachers need to thoroughly understand the CCSS in order to plan for the children success in college and career. We have recently partnered with Roosevelt University to create an exemplary Balanced Literacy program. The university will provide the necessary materials, training, and coaching support for all teachers. A Balanced Literar resource room in being prepared and will be available for use be the end of the year. Parent and student libraries will be located i and outside of classrooms. There are plans for "hallbraries" from where parents can check out books.
Principal Leadership		3
Professional learning is organized through whole taff development but it is not tightly linked to what appens in teacher team meetings or 1:1 coaching ycles.  Principal monitors instructional practice for teacher evaluations.  School-wide or class specific vision is not onsistently focused on college and career readiness  Principal provides basic information for families on chool events and responds to requests for information. Families and community are engaged through occasional school-wide events such as open nouses or curriculum nights.	<ul> <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</li> </ul>	Woodlawn teachers have ample opportunities for professional development. Teachers have weekly grade level and cluster mee in addition to the weekly staff meetings. Staff meetings are designed to provide PD on an ongoing basis. The grade level and cluster meetings are designed to review data to ensure the most recent drives instruction for all students, including students with IEP's a 504 plans.  Teachers receiving PD outside the building are encouraged to shit their learning with colleagues at staff meetings and workshops.  The school's family oriented philosophy makes it easy for familie and the Woodlawn community to engage in honest discussion all the school's performance and learning goals as evidenced by monthly reports to the PAC and LSC.





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Teacher Leadership		>	3
<ul> <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>	Each teacher is invested in the success of the school through leadership in one or more areas, including (but not limited to): -ILT membership -Grade/Course team lead - RtI team -Committee chair or membership -Mentor teacher -Curriculum team -Coach -Family liaison -Data team -Bilingual lead -SIPAAA/CWIP team -Union representative -Grant writer      Each teacher has equity of voice in grade/course, ILT and whole staff meetings     Each teacher is encouraged to share learning about effective practice from PD or visits to other schools	Every teacher is a member of at least, one committee of teachers serving on all leadership teams. In addition to duties, teachers lead the school's morning rituals to affinission and vision.  Outside of their regular teaching duties, teachers particular aspect of the school. However, participation is voluntary of contribution is by choice.	their regular irm the ipate in every





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Instructional Leadership Team (ILT)		> <u>2</u>
<ul> <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>	knowledge and expertise needed to make decisions for all students and staff.  • The ILT leads the work of improving teaching and learning school-wide  • The ILT leads the school's approach to professional development – whole staff PD, teacher teams, and coaching.  • The ILT facilitates two-way communication and engages all staff in participating in decision-making that advances the school's strategic focus.  • The ILT engages in regular reflection upon its own team processes and effectiveness and takes actions to improve its functioning and progress towards school-wide goals.	Grade level teams are developing units aligned with the CCSS and
Monitoring and adjusting		
Data for district assessments is occasionally analyzed at the school level, typically when new reports are made available. Analysis may lead to instructional practice.	The school has a systematic approach to analyzing data relative to the school's theory of action on an ongoing basis—at the school level, department/grade level, and classroom level—in order to make adjustments to their focus and to target support for particular teachers and students.	The Principal, the A.P. and the Tech Coordinator collaborate to provide teachers with their data. The ILT analyzes the school-wide data and recommends the necessary adjustments. Instructional materials are aligned with standards and teachers differentiate instruction according to all students' abilities, including students with IEP's and 504 plans.





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Typical School	Effective School	Evidence Evaluat
Curriculum		> 2
naterials or by an individual teacher. Each teacher develops his/her own units of instruction or follows what is suggested by the pacing provided in instructional materials. Text used for instruction exposes some students to grade-appropriate complexity and is heavily focused on fiction. Short- and long-term plans do not consistently differentiate by learner need.	<ul> <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>	Teachers will develop units of studies aligned to the CCSS to addressential questions which will take their work to a higher level. T will unpack the standards, build high-quality rubrics, and address differentiated instruction.  Teachers will plan, teach, and evaluate lessons with a goal in min They will use effective teaching strategies that promote engaged student learning and preparethem for life as productive, contributed will a variety of interconnected ways.
Instructional materials		3
single textbook with little exposure to standards- aligned supplemental materials.	<ul> <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>	Instructional materials are aligned with standards and teacher's differentiate instruction according to all students' abilities, include students with IEP's and 504 plans.

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materials needed to help implement the Common Core State Standards in the upcoming school year.





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Assessment		>	2
teachers need it—or teachers inconsistently bring it to teacher team meetings. • Each grade level or course team administers the required district assessments but there may be gaps in	<ul> <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</li> </ul>	student work to monitor the learning vision. Once stud	d collected dents' needs eeds. nt program.
<ul> <li>Most assessments are designed to be identical for all students, without accommodation for learner need.</li> </ul>	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).  • Assessment accommodations and modifications are in place to ensure that students with disabilities and ELLs are able to appropriately demonstrate their knowledge and skills.	l ·	use it to drive s and 504 modified. ace to ensure lucation





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Instruction		>	3
Communication of the learning objective is	Each teacher clearly communicates with students the	While teachers use high-level questioning techniques, the	ney are still
inconsistent or lesson objectives do not consistently	standards-based learning objective, directions and	learning the significance of using Bloom's Taxonomy to	drive thinking
align to standards.	procedures, as well as the relevance of the learning.	in students, we are still in the infancy stage. During PD o	days, the ILT
<ul> <li>Questioning is more heavily aimed at assessing basic</li> </ul>	• , Each teacher uses low- and high-level questioning	leads the teachers through looking at student work from	n random
student understanding and comprehension.	techniques that promote student thinking and	classes and discussing the level of Bloom's addressed an	d whether it
<ul> <li>Sequencing of lessons in most classes is primarily</li> </ul>	understanding.	was age/grade level appropriate. Teachers also give eac	ch others
driven by the pacing suggested in instructional	• Each teacher purposefully sequences and aligns standards-	suggestions on making improvements to ensure success	for all
materials.	based objectives to build towards deep understanding and	students.	
Instruction is most often delivered whole-group	mastery of the standards.		
with few opportunities for scaffolding learning or the	• Each teacher scaffolds instruction to ensure all students,	Lessons are scaffolded to ensure students with disabiliti	es are
level of rigor is not consistently high.	including students with disabilities and English language	successful. However, teachers face enormous challenge	es in
<ul> <li>Formative assessment during instruction is used</li> </ul>	learners access complex texts and engage in complex tasks.	developing the ability (or comfort level) to group and re	group as
occasionally or inconsistently between teachers.	Each teacher regularly uses formative assessment during	necessary. Teachers tend to keep the students in the sa	me groups,
	instruction to monitor student progress and check for	seldom making changes.	
	understanding of student learning.		





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Intervention		>	2
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	<ul> <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>	During cycle/grade meetings, teachers review date determine students who are/are not progressing, who are not making adequate progress receive to support.  While we are not experts with the Rtl process, we to generate ongoing support systems to assist teathey learn to implement Rtl more effectively.  Teachers have received PD on the Rtl process. Preschers have received PD on the Rtl process. Preschers have received PD on the Rtl process. Preschers need to bring parents into the protection always prepared to bring parents into the protection of the process	e are trying achers as resently they are ocess. Also, rces other actice Rtl

#### Whole staff professional development

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- Whole staff professional development occurs regularly but is not tightly aligned to the school's priorities.
   Quality, effectiveness or relevance of profession development is not monitored. regularly but is not tightly aligned to the school's
  - Quality, effectiveness or relevance of professional
- The school has a year-long, focused plan for whole staff professional development aligned to school-wide priorities and growth goals.
- The school has a method for continually monitoring the effectiveness of all professional development (including coaching and teacher collaboration).
- School-wide structures ensure that professional development is ongoing, job-embedded and relevant to teachers.

The ILT develops a year-long focused plan for whole staff professional development aligned to school-wide priorities and growth goals and every year we divert from it. We regularly assess the effectiveness of the professional development in achieving identified learning goals, improving teaching, and assisting all students in meeting the challenging academic achievement standards. We think we have the best ideas and the best plan but something new comes up every year that forces us to make changes. It's at those times that it appears we have lost focus, however, we are reorganizing depending upon the review of data on teacher and student performance.





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Grade-level and/or course teams		> 2
• Teachers meet regularly but it is focused on a mix of activities—planning, professional development, and data analysis—that may change from week to week. • Teachers do not have a regular opportunity to discuss progress monitoring data to track effectiveness of student intervention. • Ownership for student learning results lies primarily with individual teachers. • Planning typically takes place with general education teachers only. Special education, bilingual or other specialists typically plan and meet separately or only join the group occasionally. • There are meeting agendas, but no clear protocols or norms for discussion.	<ul> <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>	Cycle/Grade meetings are held weekly. While we try to have the meetings focus on data analysis, it becomes difficult. Aside from Pl days, this is the only time teachers have for collaboration, outside of the weekly staff meeting. The ILT meets on Tuesdays to review dat and plan for the cycle/grade meetings. The ILT is comprised of teacher leaders from both primary and intermediate cycles, therefore information is easily conveyed.  Cycle/Grade meetings are either provided with an agenda or an assignment.  Planning outside of the ILT meeting typically takes place with gener education teachers only because we have only one special educatio teacher. The special education teacher is on the ILT meeting and
Instructional coaching		works closely with teachers but due to scheduling conflicts, cycle/grade meetings aren't always feasible.
Coaching typically takes place through informal associations or is only focused on a smaller group of teachers. Formal support for new teachers comes from district-sponsored induction. Professional development decisions are not	<ul> <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> </ul>	Instructional coaching has proven to be one of our greatest weaknesses. The ILT supports the idea of coaching to facilitate and guide PD for our teachers. We understand coaching builds collectiv leadership and continuously improve teacher instructional capacity and student learning.
systematized and left to teacher initiative/discretion.  • Teachers occasionally receive quality feedback to support individual growth.  • Peer observation and cross-classroom visitation happens occasionally, but not as an integral part of the school's plan for professional learning.	<ul> <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>	The ILT is committed to making the necessary modifications required in order to be successful to coaching in the 2012-2013 school year.  Due to the size of our population, every staff member wears numerous hats. As a result, the needs of our teachers vary greatly As a team, we recognize the importance of addressing those needs differently. We plan to consider their data and the learning needs of their students.





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High expectations & College-going culture		3
Some staff members reinforce expectations for all students to aspire to college and career ready standards, or expectations are only reinforced for some students.	students to aspire to college and career-ready standards.  The school has developed and is executing an intentional plan to build and maintain a college-going culture.  Every student has opportunities for authentic leadership and student voice	We have begun implementation of the CCSS and have engaged teachers in PD's on unpacking the standards.  We, the staff at WCS, focus on forming identity. We know if we gi students a solid foundation they will prosper in the future. We hel students see themselves as college and career ready individuals. Velach students that hard work and success are directly linked.  WCS has Career Day every fall (in lieu of Halloween costumes). The students come dressed as a person of a certain career and must be
Relationships		> 3
<ul> <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>	deeply and supports them in achieving their goals <ul><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></ul>	As educational leaders, we harness the power of identity and motivation, as well as peer relationships and family support. Using the developmental approach, we understand how teachers approach their work is as important at what they do. As a result, interact with students during instructional time, extracurricular activities, and special events. By thinking broadly and deeply about how development shapes thoughts and behaviors, we can support students at all stages of learning.
Behavior& Safety		3
school wide norms.	<ul> <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>	We have a tiered approach that is consistent with Uniform Discipli Code.  We encourage positive behavior through the use of "Gotchas".  "Gotchas" are a small sheet of paper that students are given when they are caught utilizing appropriate behavior. In each class, the student with the most "Gotchas" is rewarded during the Morning
		Unity Circle with a small token/gift. At the end of the year, the

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<ul> <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>	Parent orientation provides families with the school's vision, the School Report Card data and initiatives for the upcoming school of the Annual School Expo exposes families to information about Special Education and Options for Knowledge.  At Open House, teachers provide parents with the expectations of their class and grade, as well as CPS policies that may affect their child. Teachers receive expectations of what should be covered a make it part of their explanations/presentations.
<ul> <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>	WCS families understand they are an integral part of our school, as much as we are a part of their lives. We invite parents in daily not just for activities. A monthly calendar goes home on the first of every month. Parents also receive reminders during the mont for specific activities. Parents volunteer throughout the building various roles and classrooms. They come in for various types of assistance as well: filling out applications, faxing information, far
	> 3
<ul> <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>	WCS welcomes parents at all times. Parents understand our environment, the village. They, as well as their children, are part the village. We encourage parents to participate at all levels.  At WCS, we try to emphasize the positive to parents. We have dedicated every third Thursday of every month Parent Night. We invite parents in to play educational games. Every month has a different theme and activities are centered around that theme.
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Typical School	Effective School	Evidence Eva	luatio
Specialized support		>	2
the school building/typical school hours.	<ul> <li>School staff conducts intensive outreach to families in need of specialized support through home visits and collaboration with social services agencies.</li> </ul>	Woodlawn Community School has partnered with Woodlaw Community Services Corporation to help parents access soci services available in the community. Our "Coffee, Cake and of monthly meetings provide important information about hea social services for parents.	ial Chat"
College & Career Exploration and election		>	2
	<ul> <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>	Woodlawn's other motto is: "Every Maroon; Everyday; Colle Bound." Teachers engage students in focu sing on going to college at every opportunity. Part of the 6th Rites of Passage requires that students are able to access sel enrollment schools.	n Grade
Academic Planning		>	2
for some students. Information and opportunities to explore paths of interest are limited.  • The school encourages high performing students to plan on taking advanced courses.	preparation, participation, and performance in their college and career aspirations and goals through a rigorous academic program and access to information and opportunities.  • (HS only) The school regularly evaluates rigorous course-taking and performance patterns (e.g., AP) and removes barriers to access.	In our ongoing effort to expose our students to college infor during the 2012-2013 school year, WCS will implement Colle in the Spring. Each class will have a college they choose as a and they will learn facts about that college. Any adult can as question about that school and the students will have to known answers. The week will include various games and contests. Woodlawn's other motto is: "Every Maroon; Everyday; Colle Bound."	ege We class sk any ow the
Enrichment & Extracurricular Engagement		·>	2
scope or students may not be purposefully involved in	extracurricular and enrichment opportunities that build	WCS is limited in extracurricular activies outside of After-Sch However, students participate in band, dance, and drummin activities.	





#### School Effectiveness Framework

Typical S	chool	Effective School	Evidence	Evaluation
College & Career Assessn	nents		>	2
Students do not participate ready assessments	in college and career	The school promotes preparation, participation, and performance in college and career assessments.	WCS promotes excellence in student work. We engage focusing on life goals and careers throughout the school	
College & Career Admissions	and Affordability		>	3
Students in 11th and 12th g information on college option aid.	· ·	• The school provides students and families with comprehensive information about college options and costs (HS only) The school ensures that students and families have an early and ongoing understanding of the college and career application and admission processes, including information on financial aid and scholarship eligibility.	•	ning to middle s and parents The Expo has
Transitions			·>	3
Transitions between key grawith the required minimum p		<ul> <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>	Woodlawn works to ensure effective transitions to the level. Pre-K students regularly visit kindergarten as part up to kindergarten transition. We consider ALL grades a grades. Starting in May 2012 all students transition to tonce a week to "experience" the next level work. Wood leadership role in the National Rites of Passage Institut guidance and consultative services to schools.	t of the step as benchmark the next grade dlawn plays a





#### School Effectiveness Framework

**Instructions:** Evaluate your school from 1-4 on each of the Effective Practices of the School Effectiveness Framework in the drop down box under "Evaluation". Cite evidence from observations, any available data, surveys, etc. NOTE: 2= Typical School and 4 = Effective School **TIP: When entering text, press Alt + Enter to start a new paragraph.** 

Typical School	Effective School	Evidence Evaluati
Use of Discretionary Resources		3
<ul> <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>	School actively identifies and pursues opportunities to for	We allocate most of our descretionary funds to reduce class sizes and for extended days to close student performance gaps.  WCS currently has ten ongoing partnerships covering health and nutritional programs to personal growth and finacial planning for students and parents. A GED program will start in July 2012.
Building a Team		3
<ul> <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>	staff capacity and scheduling priorities.  • School actively works to build a pool of potential staff members through internships and part-time work.  • A multistep interview process includes a protocol for questioning and classroom lesson demonstrations to assess candidate expertise, philosophy and commitment.	Woodlawn uses the Habermann Interview Protocol in the hiring process. The Principal is certified in the protocol and regularly applies it in searching for teachers who would advocate for stude academic and personal social growth. Teachers and parent teams to interview applicants and make recommendations to the Princip All teachers participate in one leadership role or another by taking turns weekly to lead the morning ritual.  Grade level teams and clusters meet weekly to review student wo and plan strategies for advancing school goals.
Use of Time		
<ul> <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>	School designs a "right fit" schedule based on student needs and school-wide growth goals. The school schedule allows for regular, meaningful collaboration in teacher teams. Struggling students receive structured intervention in dedicated blocks.	Our school design is based on the number of required minutes for Language Arts and Math. The other subjects/activities are schedu according to time available, prep schedules, lunch and recess.

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#### 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

Woodlawn Community School's Africa-centered curriculum, utilizes innovative, instructional best practices to set high expectations for academic and social behaviors to achieve self-identity and educational excellence to enable students to become powerful, courageous and independent thinkers who are capable of creating healthy and purposeful lives as global citizens.WSC aims to be a 90/90/90 school by September 2013 and will increase our children's access to selective enrollment middle and high schools by 25% annually for the next five years in an optimum learning environment.

Strate	Strategic Priorities								
#	Priority Description: Write in the description of your priority.	Rationale: Write in your rationale (see instructions for guiding questions).							
1	Implement and align balanced literacy with the CCSS in grades K-6 to ensure all students are provided rigorous instruction.	Over the years, our school reading scores have generally trended upwards but breaking the 90% ceiling has been a challenge. Based on various research studies, we have concluded that we are static because our children are not being taught to read challenging texts that promote deep thinking. We are, therefore, becoming a Balanced Literacy school with the support of UIC's School of Education to fully implement a reading curriculum that is aligned to the CCSS. We will emphasize Reading comprehension, Writing, Speaking and Listening, Language (conventions and vocabulary) by stressing foundational skills for the lower grades. This will mean that our teachers will not only teach different content, but they will be able to teach in different ways.							
2	Provide targeted differentiated instruction in math and science to all students using multiple structures and proven methodologies.	School data analysis reveals a performance gap in the levels of math instruction in the school. Children entering third grade show a lack of understanding of basic math facts. As a result, by the the time they reach third grade they are far behind their grade level in math. The problem is compounded as they reach 4th grade where test scores severely drop from previous year's levels. High performing students consistently drop from Exceeds to Meets.  Woodlawn has partnered with the Everyday Math revision team leader Dr. Andy Carter, to pilot the 4th edition of the math course. Selected teachers are sampling sections of the new edition team-teaching and watching demonstrations on how to teach the subject.							

	All members of the school community demostrate high expectations for themselves and	Woodlawn's school culture has centered around the belief that our children must know
	others.	and appreicate their heritage. We have generally maintained and sustained this belief in
		the school but the Rites of Passage is only implemented in the 6th grade. It is time to
		extend the Rites to the rest of the school as it is becoming clear that the 6th grade Rites is
3		in danger of becoming an event rather than a process of socialization. This is not the
		intended mission and vision of the school's founders. The Afrocentric Leadership Team is
		working finalizing the curriculum. Please see attached document.
4	Optional	
5	Optional	

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## Strategic Priority 1

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Strategic	<b>Priority</b>	/ Description	
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#### Rationale

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Provide professional development in balanced literacy for all instructional staff through Roosevelt University to support literacy instruction with a focus on read-alouds and mini-lessons.	Professional Development	All	Roosevelt University Staff, ILT & Principal	Summer 2012	Quarter 2	On-Track	Teachers have received PDs on mini-lessons and read alouds from Roosevelt University staff in August and reviewed on 1/2-day PD . Classroom coaching is being provided as well.
Provide professional development in balanced literacy for all instructional staff through Roosevelt University to support literacy instruction with a focus on read-alouds and mini-lessons with a focus on Guided Reading and Writer's Workshop.	Instruction	All	Principal, ILT & Teaching Staff	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	On-Track	Roosevelt University staff will continue to provide classroom coaching support to all teachers. School master schedule revised to accommodate Primary reading block.
Increase the amount of books in classroom libraries and in our Leveled Reading book room with an emphasis on nonfiction texts to meet all student interest needs, including students with IEP's, as well as improve access to text variety and complexity.	Instructional Materials	All	Principal & ILT	Quarter 1	Quarter 4	On-Track	Roosevely t University has provided all classrooms with extra reading/letracy maetrials for use in the "hallbraries" and in classrooms.in
Use the RtI model to identify students in all grade levels in need of additional support based on Progress Monitoring.	Instruction	All	All Staff & RtI Interventionist	On-going	On-going	On-Track	Students were placed in tiers in September. Student placement was revised to reflect NWEA data.
Purchase and implement BAS to be used as a Progress Monitoring tool.	Instructional Materials	Other student group	Principal, ILT & Teaching Staff	On-going	On-going	Postponed	The use of BAS is under review. The ILT is discussing strategies due to the NWEA< REACH <trc &="" data.<="" dibbles="" td=""></trc>
Create and maintain data walls to monitor student progress from DIBELS and NWEA.	Instructional Materials	All	Principal, ILT & Teaching Staff	On-going	On-going	Behind	Teachers and parents have access to their data through parent portal and on displayin the classrooms.
Unpack and implement CCSS through planning and assessment design during Grade/Cycle Level & ILT Meetings.	Instruction	All	Principal, ILT & Teaching Staff	On-going	On-going	On-Track	CCSS has been implemented. Teachers continue to meet to plan lessons during grade cycle meetings.

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Increase opportunities for coaching in all classrooms in order to provide more focused support for varied student learning needs, including students with IEP's.	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Principal & ILT	On-going	On-going	On-Track	Coaching began in the Primary (K-3). With planning and consistent coverage Upper Grades will begin in December.





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Map and align curriculum to CCSS.	Instruction	All	Principal, ILT & Teaching Staff	Summer 2012	On-going		
Use the RtI model to identify students in all grade levels in need of additional support based on Progress Monitoring.	Instruction	All	Principal, ILT & Teaching Staff	On-going	On-going		
Increase opportunities for coaching in all classrooms in order to provide more focused support for varied student learning needs, including students with IEP's.	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Principal & ILT	On-going	On-going		
Training teachers to independently analyze data to drive instruction.	Professional Development	All	Principal & ILT	On-going	On-going		
Create and maintain data walls to monitor student progress from NWEA.	Instructional Materials	All	Principal, ILT & Teaching Staff	On-going	On-going		
Provide professional development in data analysis for all instructional staff.	ILT/ Teacher Teams	All	Principal & ILT	On-going	On-going		
Provide professional development to increase opportunities for all teaching staff to align student IEP goals to the CCSS.	Professional Development	Students With Disabilities	ILT	On-going	On-going		

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## Strategic Priority 3

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Continue to provide students opportunities for enrichment through art programs including band, african drumming & dance, agriculture, and cultural history.	After School/ Extended Day	Other student group	Resource Coordinator & Assistant Principal	On-going	On-going		
Improve website design to improve two-way communication with familites and communities.	Equipment/ Technology	Other student group	Technology Coordinator & Principal	Summer 2012	Summer 2012		
Implement the Rites of Passage across the school.	Instruction	All	Principal, ILT & Teaching Staff	On-going	On-going		
Implement the Virtues of Ma'at and Nguzo Nane to raise the expectations of student behavior.	Instruction	All	Principal, ILT & Teaching Staff	On-going	On-going		
Continue to integrate monthly family themed nights to make all families feel welcome and engage them actively in the life of the school.	Parental Involvement	All	Principal, ILT & Teaching Staff	On-going	On-going		
Encourage families to be strong partners in their child(ren) learning with regular communication and participation.	Parental Involvement	All	Principal, ILT & Teaching Staff	On-going	On-going		
Students and staff establish and maintain a safe, welcoming school environment.	Other	All	Principal, ILT & Teaching Staff	On-going	On-going		
Build and sustain partnerships with community organizations and cultural institutions.	Other	All	All stakeholders	On-going	On-going		

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Strategic Priority 3				





## 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





## Strategic Priority 5

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