Suder Montessori Magnet ES (/school-plans/416) / Plan summary

2016-2018 plan summary

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Team meetings

Date	Participants	Topic

Date	Attendees	Purpose
11/04/2015	Alexander Phillips, Adrian DeLeon, Mike Cunningham, Rachael Jacobson, Karen Jones, Stephanie Essling, Brenda Howell, (Emily Fong participated via phone conference)	Review of current CIWP and process to develop new CIWP
12/02/2015	Facilitator: Alex Phillips Scribe: Karen Jones Timekeeper: Rachael Jacobson Other attendees: Robert Plonka, Emily Fong	Setting quantitative goals for 2015-2016
01/28/2016	Facilitator: Alexander Phillips Scribe: Kayla Vigil Nuguid Timekeeper: Other attendees: Michael Cunningham, Karen Jones, Rachael Jacobson, Daniel Lynch	Objective: To review new CIWP Process and set tasks and meeting dates
02/17/2016	Facilitator: Alexander Phillips	To share evidence collected for SEF and agree on ratings
03/02/2016	Michael C. Karen J. Rachael J. Jose M. Alex P. Emily F. (via phone)	To share evidence collected for SEF and agree on ratings
03/17/2016	Facilitator: Alexander Phillips	Morning CIWP parent/teacher input session
04/13/2016	Facilitator: Alexander Phillips, various parents from parent conferences	Afternoon CIWP parent/teacher input session
04/27/2016	Facilitator: Alexander Phillips, Participants: Michelle Burgess, Kat Alfonzo, Emily Fong	Evening CIWP parent/teacher input session
05/04/2016	Alexander Phillips, Karen Jones, Daniel Lynch, Jose Morales, Michelle Burgess	Synthesis of parent input and clarification of goals
05/12/2016	Facilitator: Alexander Phillips, Scribe: Kate Alfonzo, Members: Emily Fong, Bobby Plonka, Michelle Burgess	Determination of final goals for submission of goals and strategies.

School Excellence Framework

Culture of & Structure for Continuous Improvement	4 of 4 complete

Leadership & Collective Responsibility:

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

Score

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Could be stronger, is currently developing. Haven't yet found a shared vision among the collective whole (roadblocks--staff turnovers)
We are still developing the upper grades, need to cement the work that we have done
not yet achieved but developing--climate and culture team is formed but not much is shared what they are working on to whole school.
more could be done to unify school on culture of collective responsibility, still seems a bit disjointed between the levels
We feel more as a collective team
Groups are coming together to do something related to the bigger picture
Students from different grade bands are crossing into other bands to help out
Suder strength--team leaders, ILT, PPLC, etc.
When people believe in the direction and mission they are more willing to step forward and make the risk of taking the decision
Moving in the right direction, where different teams have come together to look at different things
the instructional program is still in development and currently is inconsistent across the grade-levels. EC, E1 are strong programs-E2 and E3 still under development
Need to have more cross to figure out the whole flow - school wide
Related to the vision so that it is clear to guide the program
There was a huge leap this year in clarifying where we want to go - the decision was adamant - it was strongly stated and supported
It feels like it is much more cohesive and building toward graduation
Action steps
Clarify and communicate the mission and vision (WHAT IS THE MISSION/VISION STATEMENT?)
Clarify and communicate comprehensive scope and sequence from EC to MS with focus on creating significant rituals (connect with parent and guardians) (DESCRIBE THE SCOPE AND SEQUENCE)

REFERENCE THE 5 ESSENTIALS

Guide for Leadership & Collective Responsibility

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

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

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

Instructional Leadership Team:

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

> The ILT has a regular meeting schedule and uses multiple data sources.The team has begun the work of using the problem solving process, and a next step would be to refine the use of the process and build the capacity of teacher teams to engage in the process. The ILT also needs to have a focus for meetings at the beginning of the year detailed on a calendar which coincides with the data that will be referenced.
> Action steps - summer ILT retreat with a map for meetings for the coming year.

Guide for Instructional Leadership Team

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

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

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

Professional Learning:

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

Strong safe practice. Teachers participate regularly in job embedded PL within their weekly team meetings. For example, teachers present lessons to one another during team meeting PL, as well as review of student work. Feedback is given during this time from colleagues. Teachers also devise schedules for peer observation, though this could be arranged more frequently. PL cycles should be drafted on a calendar at the beginning of the year for planning purposes. Once that is in place, a next step would be to offer opportunities to teacher to see practice in other schools.
Action steps - ILT summer plan for PD for the school year
More individualized planning around teacher needs - we want to structure it so that individual teacher's needs are being met

Guide for Professional Learning

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

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

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

Aligned Resources:

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

Score

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Principal has strategically hired teaching assistants who also have teaching certifications. These teaching assistants serve as our in house pool of qualified candidates when an opening occurs. School leadership has also supported teaching assistants in obtaining their teaching certification and has subsequently moved them into teaching positions. We also use our teaching assistants to provide small group instruction in the classroom and to provide Tier 2 or 3 interventions. This year the purchasing process was streamlined, resulting in more timely receipt of materials. Action steps - utilize PTA and LSC to establish external relationships and partnerships.

Guide for Aligned Resources

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

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

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

Curriculum:

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

Score

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Action steps - fine tune curriculum, map and assessments. More vertical alignment is necessary. Big ideas to be taught in each grade cycle should drive curriculum mapping efforts. Meaningful real world learning opportunities should be included when mapping curriculum. Last school year we began the first steps to ensuring access to our diverse learners and went to a full inclusion model. Our work in this area will continue as we persist in offering robust learning opportunities for our diverse learner and ELL populations.

Guide for Curriculum

- **Adhere to the CPS Content Frameworks (**Math (https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/curriculum/content-area-subpages/library-science/cps-virtual-library/math-content-framework---virtual-library), Science (https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/curriculum/content-area-subpages/science/cps-science-content-framework), Social Science (https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/curriculum/content-area-subpages/social-science-1/social-science-content-framework-3-0), and Literacy (https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/curriculum/content-area-subpages/literacy/cps-literacy-content-framework-2-0)) **to ensure alignment of scope and text and task complexity.**
    - Provide a range and depth to knowledge and understanding of learning experiences that are language and content rich.
- **Align units of instruction (horizontally/vertically) to scope and sequence maps and pace units and lessons appropriately.**
    - Focus so units can be adequately addressed in the time available.
    - Examine formative data to determine mastery and pace. Discuss how much time it takes to adequately address the essential elements, and the viability of documents that articulate essential content and timing of delivery (e.g. pacing guides, curriculum maps).
- **Utilize the 'big ideas' that should be taught to determine whether students are being taught the body of knowledge, the understandings and the skills expected.**
    - Identify the essential understandings – what students should learn in greater depth. In other words, know 'covering everything but learning nothing' does not work.
- **Expose and extend opportunities for all students to grade appropriate levels of text complexity in all types of texts, including informational in all content areas.**
    - Articulate language goals that are separate from and support content goals. Literacy - reading, writing and speaking are essential 'learning tools' across the curriculum (disciplinary literacy).
- **Engage all learners in content areas by fully integrating opportunities for all learners, including:**
    - Diverse learners to demonstrate core knowledge and skills.
    - English Learners to develop academic language to demonstrate mastery.
        - Use English and native language development in addition to content standards to differentiate for English learners.
        - Understand research and implement programs to develop native language literacy for English learners.
    - Advanced learners to extend core knowledge and skills.
- **Distinguish qualitatively and quantitatively between 'regular courses' and 'advanced courses' (e.g. AP (http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/home), gifted (https://docs.google.com/a/cps.edu/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=Y3BzLmVkdXxrY3xneDoyYjIlNGI4MmY3YTlxYTgz), etc.)**
- **Integrate academic and social emotional learning.**
- **Reach outside of the classroom for real world (or simulated) application. For example,**
    - Incorporate web capabilities for interactivity and information sharing.
    - Integrate field-based learning through partnerships with city institutions (e.g. museums (https://sites.google.com/a/cps.edu/kc/home/teachers/museum-resources)), colleges, universities, and community based organizations.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

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

Instructional Materials:

Materials to present learning content and what the learner uses to demonstrate are characterized by variability and flexibility. Materials are identified and adapted to increase access to learning for all students. Materials include multimedia and embedded, just-in-time supports; varied tools and supports; alternative pathways, and varied levels of support and challenge. (adapted from UDL Guidelines 2.0)

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Most classrooms through E2 are well stocked with Montessori materials. There is some need for replacement materials. We still have supplies in the Montessori storage and materials enough for 1 more EC classroom although many of those materials have been cannibalized for parts. There is a strong and developing culture of finding resources through grants, partnerships, and donations, (eg. 60 donated computers) that has been embraced by administration, teachers, and parents. Area of issue is integrating special education supports with Montessori materials.

Guide for Instructional Materials

Instructional materials (including technology) are…..

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

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

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

Rigorous Student Tasks:

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

Score

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Has been an on-going area of focus. The three year age cycle within each age band allows for finely integrated progression for students within EC, E1, E2, and MS. Teachers meet regularly to plan and update curriculum and student tasks. Some concern about cross over between gen ed and pull out special education as well as between grade bands. The mathematics program has seen a shift from computation to mental math and problem solving due to the incorporation of math talks in all grade bands.

Guide for Rigorous Student Tasks

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

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

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

Transitions, College & Career Access & Persistence:

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

Score

1 2 **3** 4

Action steps - planful transitions between grade bands with rituals and routines. We also need to do more to transition students who are new to our school to prevent disengagement or falling behind. We currently do a good job of supporting families through the high school selection and application process, providing group and individual sessions as needed. In addition to that, we offer a variety of career interest inventories and opportunities to meet people in a range of career paths.

Guide for Transitions, College & Career Access & Persistence

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

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	✓ Data on college visits and college fair information ✓ Naviance Monthly Data ✓ Scholarships earned ✓ Artifacts, plans, or timelines related to successful transitions structures ✓ To & Through data
Measures	✓ College Enrollment, Persistence, Drop Out, and Attendance Rates ✓ Early College and Career Credentials
Five Essentials	Ambitious Instruction Supportive Environment
CPS Framework for Teaching	2b. Establishing a Culture for Learning
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	C1. Creates a Culture that Supports Social Emotional Learning and Effective Effort C2. Builds a culture of high aspirations and achievement for every student.

Expectations for depth & breadth of Quality Teaching

Instruction:

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

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understanding. They promote the emergence of self-directed learners.

> ESL - standards to appear on the unit plans and executing them in instruction
> Need for consistency of utilizing the ACCESS scores in planning for instruction
> Evidence of scaffolded instruction and targeted instruction: small groups, whole groups individual teaching
> Recent push towards inclusion with higher inclusion
> Older students reinforcing to younger students
> Majority of instruction is happening in small groups

Guide for Instruction

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

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

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

Multi-Tiered System of Support:

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

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provide interventions/supports for students at risk for failure and/or truancy.

> LLI for literacy
> Tier 1: Universal SEL instruction
> SEL - more options for tier 2 and 3 with dean and counselor
> Focus area is math interventions

Guide for Multi-Tiered System of Support

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

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS

Suggested Evidence	✓ Evidence of multi-tiered system of supports (e.g. progress monitoring data, menu of available interventions in use, teacher team protocols in use) ✓ Evidence of Personal Learning Plan (PLP) implementation ✓ Integrated data system that informs instructional choices ✓ Flexible learning environments ✓ Use of student learning plans ✓ Use of competency-based assessments ✓ Use of personalized learning rubric ✓ Evidence of On Track monitoring and supports
Measures	✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth ✓ Attendance Rates ✓ Course success rates (e.g. grade distributions, pass/failure rates)
Five Essentials	Ambitious Instruction Collaborative Teachers Supportive Environment
CPS Framework for Teaching	1a. Demonstrating knowledge of content and pedagogy 1b. Demonstrating Knowledge of Students 1d. Designing Coherent Instruction 2d. Managing Student Behavior 3d. Using Assessment in Instruction 3e. Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness 4b. Maintaining Accurate Records
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	B3. MTSS Implemented Effectively in School

Balanced Assessment & Grading: Score

A balanced assessment system effectively measures the depth and breadth of student learning and monitors student progress

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

> Utilizing data charts to track kids growth (F & P)
> Need consistency in grading policies and expectations and recording and communication. There also needs to be more accuracy in grading, ensuring that tasks graded are rigorous and truly demonstrate mastery of the standard/objective. More progress monitoring assessment tools need to be utilized in order to identify a need for interventions.

Guide for Balanced Assessment & Grading

- **Use multiple measures (i.e. a range of assessment types and at multiple points in time) to supplement district-centralized assessments with other formative assessments to provide a more comprehensive picture of student learning.**
- **Use screening, diagnostic, and progress monitoring assessment to correctly identify specific gaps and monitor improvement, especially for students receiving Tier 2 and 3 services, in addition to Tier 1 core instruction.** (also see *MTSS* and *Instruction*)
- **Make assessments accessible to students, including diverse learners and English Learners through employing features of** universal design (http://www.udlcenter.org/aboutudl/udlcurriculum) **and use of accommodations and, where needed, modifications.**
    - Provide accommodations in presentation (i.e. how assessment text and tasks are presented to students), response (i.e. how students provide their answers), and/or setting/timing (i.e. scheduling/location of assessment).
- **Utilize assessments that reflect the key shifts in literacy and mathematics in teacher created or selected assessments.** (see Rigorous Student Tasks)
- **Utilize assessments that measure the development of academic language for English learners.**
- **Have access to and analyze school-wide, teacher team, and classroom assessment data to determine instructional effectiveness and subsequent learning needs**
- **Improve and promote assessment literacy.**
    - Work together on building common assessments within a department, course, or grade level team.
    - Invest resources in helping teachers evaluate and improve the quality of formative assessments. For example, use the Assessment Design Toolkit (http://www.csai-online.org/spotlight/assessment-design-toolkit).
    - Use common protocols and calibrate on scoring and grading in teacher teams.
    - Analyze quality and alignment of assessments and tasks to ensure they meet the expectations of the standards and embed various levels of complexity.
- **Have a grading system that clearly, accurately, consistently, and fairly communicates learning progress and achievement to students, families, postsecondary institutions, and prospective employers.**
    - Ensure that students, families, teachers, counselors, advisors, and support specialists have the detailed information they need to make important decisions about a student's education.
    - Measure, report, and document student progress and proficiency:
        - Against a set of clearly defined cross-curricular and content-area standards and learning objectives collaboratively developed with staff.
        - Separately from work habits, character traits, and behaviors, so that educators, counselors, advisors, and support specialists can accurately determine the difference between learning needs and behavioral or work-habit needs. academic mindsets and behaviors (CCSR).
    - Ensure consistency and fairness in the assessment of learning, and assignment of scores and proficiency levels against the same learning standards, across students, teachers, assessments, learning experiences, content areas, and time.
    - Ensure grades are not used as a form of punishment, control, or compliance.

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

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

Culture for Learning:

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

> With Montessori classrooms, when well implemented the culture of learning is extremely high as evidenced by high scores on 2b domain in teaching framework for fully implemented Montessori classrooms. By strengthening the Montessori program through continued program coherence and staff development, expectations are that this will continue to improve and develop. E2 program has shown dramatic improvement with transition to full Montessori this past year.

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Guide for Culture for Learning

- **Create a culture that reflects a shared belief in the importance of learning and hard work.**
  - Use strategies to reinforce and cultivate student curiosity.
  - Make learning goals relevant to students, and inspire students to stay committed to their learning goals.
  - Consistently communicate the expectation that all students can achieve at high levels.
  - Utilize strategies to encourage daily and timely attendance.
- **Convey high learning expectations for all students and develop structures that enable practice and perseverance for each individual student.**
  - Clearly display school-wide expectations for academic and personal success throughout the building.
  - Set high expectations according to grade-appropriate learning objectives.
  - Differentiate expectations so all students stretch to not only meet but exceed personal learning goals.
  - Recognize high levels of student achievement. All students receive recognition.
  - Encourage student resilience and hard work.
  - Ensure students feel safe to share misunderstandings and struggles.
- **Encourage students to take ownership and pride in their work where students assume responsibility for high-quality work by persevering, initiating improvements, addressing critiques, making revisions, adding detail and/or helping peers.**
  - Students self-assess (e.g. checking own work before giving to teacher) to develop a reflective habit of mind essential for improvement. This ensures students take responsibility for their own learning, focuses attention on criteria for success, and increases effort and persistence.
- **Provide students frequent, informative feedback.**
  - Tell/show students what they have done well (through positive reinforcement) and what they need to do to improve, including clarifying criteria and goals.
  - Give feedback on the task, the processes used to complete the task, and on the student's ability to self-regulate their own learning.
- **Develop academic mindsets and behaviors.**
  - Teach a growth mindset that over time with effort and practice, students can learn and succeed.
  - Encourage students' sense of belonging to the school and classroom community (see Relational Trust).
  - Employ strategies including ongoing monitoring and support of students' academic behaviors.
  - Praise effort and process. For example, "Good job, that must have taken a lot of effort" instead of, "Good job. You must be really smart."

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

Evidence, Measures, and Standards	
Suggested Evidence	✓ Sample of individual student learning goals from a cross-section of teachers ✓ Also review student work evidence from Rigorous Student Tasks
Measures	✓ Five Essentials – Ambitious Instruction ✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth
Five Essentials	Ambitious Instruction Collaborative Teachers Supportive Environment
CPS Framework for Teaching	2b. Establishing a Culture for Learning
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	C1. Creates a Culture that Supports Social Emotional Learning and Effective Effort

Relational Trust:

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

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Overall committee members feel we have generally strong relational trust through conversations among families and with students. Recently released 5 Essentials survey indicates that there are some relational trust issues in the middle school.

Guide for Relational Trust

- **Develop trusting relationships with students so each student has at least one trusted adult in the school.**
  - Adults are responsible for occasional check-ins or serve as mentors.
- **Adult-student interactions are positive, caring, and respectful.**
  - Ensure a greater proportion of interactions are positive (as opposed to corrective) between staff and student consistently school-wide.
- **Student interactions are mutually supportive and respectful, with strong norms for positive behavior.**
  - Create opportunities for students to build positive relationships with peers.
  - Create opportunities for older students to mentor younger students.
- **Understand diversity and its impact on student learning; recognize and integrate the learning opportunities that come from a diverse community.**
  - Create opportunities for students to learn about the community they serve (e.g. culture and neighborhoods).
  - Have mutual respect for individual differences (e.g. gender, race, culture, etc.) at all levels of the school—student-student; adult-student; adult-adult and overall norms for tolerance.
  - Provide training to engage diverse families and communities.
- **Support and respect one another, personally and professionally (Teacher-Teacher Trust, Teacher-Principal Trust)**
  - Respect other teachers who take the lead in school improvement efforts.
  - Respect colleagues who are experts at their craft.
  - Exchanges are marked by genuinely listening to what each person has to say and by taking these views into account in subsequent actions. Even when people disagree, individuals can still feel valued if others respect their opinions.
  - Personal regard springs from a collective willingness to extend beyond the formal requirements of a job definition or a union contract (e.g. openness or reaching out to others).
- **Utilize relationships as a means of deterring truant behavior brought on by unspoken hurdles a child may be facing.**

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

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

Student Voice, Engagement, & Civic Life:

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

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Before and after school: After School All Stars, Music House, Right Club
During school: extensive arts partnerships - Arts Excelling rating (CYSO, drum class, 6 professional concerts in the school, trip to symphony, middle school city trips
High rating on recent 5 Essentials regarding the rigor of courses and academic expectations.

Guide for Student Voice, Engagement, & Civic Life

Students…

- **Have equitable access to a wide range of extracurricular and enrichment opportunities that build leadership, nurture talents and interests, and increase attendance and engagement with the school.**
  - Student needs, interest, and input are solicited for student programming.
  - Impact and quality of extracurricular and enrichment activities are measured regularly.
- **Have equitable access to rigorous courses/programming (e.g. AP, IB, magnet, dual credit, CTE).**
  - Student needs, interest, and input are solicited for student programming.
- **Have a choice.**
  - Respectful student questioning and inquiry is embraced. Students choose issues of concern, research topics relevant to their lives, and develop their own plans to address them.
  - Learning activities are personalized to match students' needs and interests, and students are involved in decisions that affect their learning.

- **Have a voice and take informed action.**
  - Students are included in key conversations about their learning experience and work with the principal and staff to identify issues and implement solutions. (e.g. student voice committee).
  - Students initiate and lead some school improvement initiatives.
  - Students participate in democratic decision-making at the school level.
  - Students identify and research issues of relevance and work together to propose/advocate for solutions.
- **Connect to decision-makers.**
  - Students learn about the structures and roles of government and civil society. They learn how to engage with elected officials and decision makers, and learn they have power and practice using it.
  - Students learn about issues and candidates, prepare voter education materials and get involved.
  - All eligible students are asked to register to vote.
- **Make positive contributions to the school and community.**
  - Civic engagement is the project of entire school. Teachers and school staff collaborate across disciplines and grade levels to align and embed civic skills and content in curriculum.
  - Curriculum based projects, including service learning experiences, are present in various disciplines, and link students to community resources and partners.
  - Incorporate writing for audience beyond the teacher (presentation based learning).
- **Learn to evaluate and consider multiple viewpoints by discussing current and controversial topics.**
- **Consider how people in a democratic society effect change.**
- **Consider their roles and responsibilities as a member of the community.**
- **In high school, students are enrolled in Civics courses.**

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

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

Safety & Order:

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

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> As a result of feedback from teachers, there was a clarified process for behavior referrals. Student arrival is a strength, admitting students ten minutes prior to start time to attend the daily Peace Circle. We need to continue the work of teaching and modeling active supervision for ALL staff members. Areas for focus include dismissal and recess and after school programs outside.

Guide for Safety & Order

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

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

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

Restorative Approaches to Discipline:

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

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> Hiring of Dean of Students and Community. Extensive restorative practices in handling discipline. According to Dashboard data: approx 85% of a responses to students behavior issues are classified as restorative. Proactive work with freeing counselor role and counseling groups and counselor led classes.

Guide for Restorative Approaches to Discipline

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

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

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

Parent Partnership:

Score

1 2 **3** 4

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

> Multiple opportunities for parents to get involved, (eg. parent run library, Peace Circle, Peace Garden, soiree projects, PTA, field trips, etc.) Vibrant PTA and LSC.

Guide for Parent Partnership

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

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

Suggested Evidence	✓ Examples of communication methods and content ✓ Participation rates for Parent University, events, parent council(s), report card pick-up, survey completion, Parent Portal, etc. ✓ Outreach efforts ✓ Documentation of responsiveness to Parent Support Center concerns raised ✓ Event agendas, flyers ✓ Fundraising activities and amounts (if applicable) ✓ How does the school honor and reflect the diversity of families including language and culture?
Measures	✓ Five Essentials Score – Involved Families ✓ My Voice, My School Survey scores – outreach to parents; parent-teacher trust
Five Essentials	Involved Families
CPS Framework for Teaching	2c. Managing Classroom Procedures 4c. Communicating with Families
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	D1. Engages Families

School Excellence Framework Priorities

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

| 3 | Expectations for Quality & Character of School Life: Restorative Approaches to Discipline | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | ⊘ |

| 3 | Expectations for Quality & Character of School Life: Safety & Order | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | ⊘ |

Goals

Required metrics (Elementary)   18 of 18 complete

	2014-2015 Actual	2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Goal	2017-2018 Goal
National School Growth Percentile - Reading				
For the SQR of 2016 our students achieved in the 90th percentile for reading growth. We believe that we can sustain that rate of growth given that last year was our first year as full Montessori implementation for grades 4-8. We have kept the vast majority of the staff members from last year and expect their effectiveness will only increase with a second year of implementation of the Montessori program.	48.00	11.00	91.00	91.00
National School Growth Percentile - Math				
For the SQR of 2016 our students achieved in the 89th percentile in math growth. We believe that we can sustain that rate of growth given that last year was our first year as full Montessori implementation for grades 4-8. We have kept the vast majority of the staff members from last year and expect their effectiveness will only increase with a second year of implementation of the Montessori program. In particular, Montessori math instruction is often the most challenging for teachers to learn, but also provides the most profound learning for students when delivered by a proficient Montessori instructor.	33.00	6.00	91.00	91.00
% of Students Meeting/Exceeding National Ave Growth Norms				
Given that last year we made significant programmatic and staffing changes - implementation of a traditional Montessori program for grades 4-8, full inclusion as default special education model, hiring of teachers better trained and more aligned to Montessori philosophy - as well as a investment in a greater awareness of the requirements of the MAP, we expect to continue our progress from last year where 64.6% of students were meeting or exceeding the national average growth norms, (per our 2016 SQR).	50.20	(Blank)	70.00	75.00
African-American Growth Percentile - Reading				
For the SQR of 2016 our students achieved in the 93rd percentile for African-American reading growth. We believe that we can sustain that rate of growth given that last year was our first year as full Montessori implementation for grades 4-8. We have kept the vast majority of the staff members from last year and expect their effectiveness will only increase with a second year of implementation of the Montessori program. Additionally, we are going work this year to specifically address issues of equity in education.	31.00	7.00	91.00	91.00
Hispanic Growth Percentile - Reading				
For the SQR of 2016 our students achieved in the 70th percentile for Hispanic reading growth. This was a lower growth percentile than other subgroups. However, we believe that by being more intentional in identifying students and implementing strategies, we can support Hispanic students to grow at a level comparable to their fellow students. We have kept the vast majority of the staff members from last year and expect their effectiveness will only increase with a second year of implementation of the Montessori program. Additionally, we are going work this year to specifically address issues of equity in education.	(Blank)	(Blank)	91.00	91.00
English Learner Growth Percentile - Reading				
We did not receive a score for our EL growth percentile as our program was not large enough to register a score. However, we believe that we can support all of our students to grow at comparable growth levels. We have kept the vast majority of the staff members from last year and expect their effectiveness will only increase with a second year of implementation of the Montessori program. Additionally, we are going work this year to specifically address issues of equity in education.	(Blank)	(Blank)	91.00	91.00

Diverse Learner Growth Percentile - Reading

For the SQR of 2016 our students achieved in the 99th percentile for diverse learner reading growth. We believe that we can sustain that rate of growth given that last year was our first year as full Montessori implementation for grades 4-8. Additionally we implemented full inclusion as a platform for supporting students with IEPs. We have kept the vast majority of the staff members from last year and expect their effectiveness will only increase with a second year of implementation of the Montessori program and of the full inclusion setting. Additionally, we are going work this year to specifically address issues of equity in education.	1.00	1.00	91.00	91.00

African-American Growth Percentile - Math

For the SQR of 2016 our students achieved in the 94th percentile for African-American math growth. We believe that we can sustain that rate of growth given that last year was our first year as full Montessori implementation for grades 4-8. We have kept the vast majority of the staff members from last year and expect their effectiveness will only increase with a second year of implementation of the Montessori program. In particular, Montessori math instruction is often the most challenging for teachers to learn, but also provides the most profound learning for students when delivered by a proficient Montessori instructor. Additionally, we are going work this year to specifically address issues of equity in education.	24.00	3.00	91.00	91.00

Hispanic Growth Percentile - Math

For the SQR of 2016 our students achieved in the 73rd percentile for Hispanic math growth. This was a lower growth percentile than other subgroups. However, we believe that by being more intentional in identifying students and implementing strategies, we can support Hispanic students to grow at a level comparable to their fellow students. We have kept the vast majority of the staff members from last year and expect their effectiveness will only increase with a second year of implementation of the Montessori program. In particular, Montessori math instruction is often the most challenging for teachers to learn, but also provides the most profound learning for students when delivered by a proficient Montessori instructor. Additionally, we are going work this year to specifically address issues of equity in education.	(Blank)	(Blank)	91.00	91.00

English Learner Growth Percentile - Math

We did not receive a score for our EL growth percentile as our program was not large enough to register a score. However, we believe that we can support all of our students to grow at comparable growth levels. We have kept the vast majority of the staff members from last year and expect their effectiveness will only increase with a second year of implementation of the Montessori program. In particular, Montessori math instruction is often the most challenging for teachers to learn, but also provides the most profound learning for students when delivered by a proficient Montessori instructor. Additionally, we are going work this year to specifically address issues of equity in education.	(Blank)	(Blank)	91.00	91.00

Diverse Learner Growth Percentile - Math

For the SQR of 2016 our students achieved in the 97th percentile for diverse learner math growth. We believe that we can sustain that rate of growth given that last year was our first year as full Montessori implementation for grades 4-8. Additionally we implemented full inclusion as a platform for supporting students with IEPs. We have kept the vast majority of the staff members from last year and expect their effectiveness will only increase with a second year of implementation of the Montessori program and of the full inclusion setting. Additionally, we are going work this year to specifically address issues of equity in education.	2.00	1.00	91.00	91.00

National School Attainment Percentile - Reading (Grades 3-8)

For the SQR of 2016 our students achieved in the 59th percentile for reading attainment. We believe that we can increase that level of attainment given that last year was our first year as full Montessori implementation for grades 4-8. We have kept the vast majority of the staff members from last year and expect their effectiveness will only increase with a second year of implementation of the Montessori program. We do have concerns in that we have admitted nearly 50 new students in grades 1-8 and we are not as proficient in their attainment abilities and what an appropriate aspirational attainment is for those students.	61.00	44.00	70.00	75.00

National School Attainment Percentile - Math (Grades 3-8)

For the SQR of 2016 our students achieved in the 38th percentile for mathematics attainment. We believe that we can increase that level of attainment given that last year was our first year as full Montessori implementation for grades 4-8. We have kept the vast majority of the staff members from last year and expect their effectiveness will only increase with a second year of implementation of the Montessori program. We do have concerns in that we have admitted nearly 50 new students in grades 1-8 and we are not as proficient in their attainment abilities and what an appropriate aspirational attainment is for those students.	40.00	19.00	50.00	55.00

National School Attainment Percentile - Reading (Grade 2)

For the SQR of 2016 our second grade students achieved in the 75th percentile for reading attainment. We believe that we can increase that level of attainment as this year's second graders have previously demonstrated a higher level of achievement. Also, as this will be the second year for each student in 2nd grade with the same teacher, we believe that this will provide a more focused and informed educational planning for each 2nd grade student.	88.00	64.00	85.00	90.00

National School Attainment Percentile - Math (Grade 2)

For the SQR of 2016 our second grade students achieved in the 73rd percentile for mathematics attainment. We believe that we can increase that level of attainment as this year's second graders have previously demonstrated a higher level of achievement. Also, as this will be the second year for each student in 2nd grade with the same teacher, we believe that this will provide a more focused and informed educational planning for each 2nd grade student.	57.00	34.00	85.00	90.00

% of Students Making Sufficient Annual Progress on ACCESS

For the SQR of 2016 35.7% our ACCESS tested students made their targeted progress. This year will be the second year of our ELL interventionist in working with these students. We anticipate greater effectiveness of her work as she develops increased familiarity and as the systems we have put in place in the general education classrooms take effect. For example, we have made sure that students with EL needs are with certified ESL teachers. There are other structural and instructional changes that we anticipate will lead to at least 50% of our students making targeted progress.	60.00	53.30	50.00	55.00

Average Daily Attendance Rate

For the SQR of 2016 we had an attendance rate of 95.5. We believe with greater monitoring, awareness, and interventions we can move the rate back above 96%. We have freed the counselor position from the case management responsibilities that will allow our counselor to focus more on the interventions needed to support students who have poor attendance.	96.10	96.10	96.00	96.50

My Voice, My School 5 Essentials Survey

For the SQR of 2016 we received a score of "organized". We believe that we can achieve a score of "highly organized". We know the area we need to focus on are student relationships and leadership.	*(Blank)*	*(Blank)*	*(Blank)*	*(Blank)*

Custom metrics   0 of 0 complete

	2014-2015 Actual	2015-2016 Actual	2016-2017 Goal	2017-2018 Goal

Strategies

Strategy 1

If we do...	...then we see...	...which leads to...
create an equitable, inclusive Montessori environment	a school community which appreciates diversity and internalizes a growth mindset	curious, motivated collaborative students who show pride in their final products and who value all learners

Tags:
Collective responsibility, Cultural language, Cultural awareness

Area(s) of focus:
1

Action step ❓	Responsible ❓	Timeframe ❓	Evidence for status ❓	Status
Implement equity and excellence in education study groups among staff	Assistant Principal	Sep 6, 2016 to Jun 22, 2018	Meeting agendas and attendance rosters	On-Track

Culturally relevant programming

Action step	Responsible	Timeframe	Evidence for status	Status
Pairing of new parents with returning parent mentors.	PTA	Aug 15, 2017 to Jun 15, 2018	Chart of pairings, new and veteran pairing survey results	Not started

Family and Community Engagement, Collective responsibility

Action step	Responsible	Timeframe	Evidence for status	Status
Develop a vibrant alumni community through the scheduling of two alumni days each year in which alumni return to share their guidance with students and the development of an alumni council.	Counselor	Aug 29, 2016 to Jun 22, 2018	Agenda for alumni days / up-to-date database of alumni contact information / Membership of alumni council and meeting agendas	On-Track

Alumni

Action step	Responsible	Timeframe	Evidence for status	Status
Greater and codified leadership opportunities for students and families (such as student ambassadors)	Counselor	Jan 9, 2017 to Jun 16, 2017	Handbook of student and family leadership opportunities including description of roles and responsibilities.	Not started

Family and Community Engagement, Culturally relevant programming, Student ownership

Action step	Responsible	Timeframe	Evidence for status	Status
Review and revise vision and mission	Vision & Mission Committee Chair from the CIWP Committee	Jan 9, 2017 to Jun 16, 2017	Written document with updated vision and mission	Not started

School climate, Core values, Mission and vision

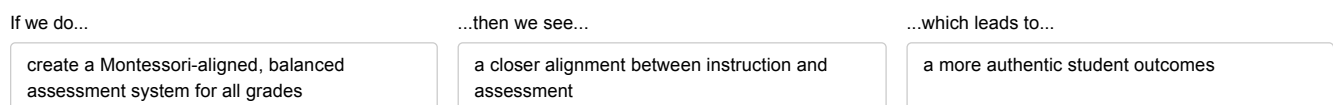| Action step	Responsible	Timeframe	Evidence for status	Status
Diversity Parent Group Book Study Group	Michelle Burgess	Oct 12, 2016 to May 12, 2017	Meeting Agenda and Attendance roster	On-Track

Family and Community Engagement

Action step	Responsible	Timeframe	Evidence for status	Status
Provide professional development for all staff members on concept of the growth mindset.	Assistant Principal	Aug 21, 2017 to Jun 15, 2018	Meeting agenda, attendance roster	Not started

Balanced grading and assessment, Student centered, Professional developoment

Strategy 2

If we do...	...then we see...	...which leads to...
create a Montessori-aligned, balanced assessment system for all grades	a closer alignment between instruction and assessment	a more authentic student outcomes

Tags:
Academic gain, Assessment design, Montessori curriculum

Area(s) of focus:
2

Action step ❓	Responsible ❓	Timeframe ❓	Evidence for status ❓	Status

Action step	Responsible	Timeframe	Evidence for status	Status
Develop requirements and criteria for porfolios that will be collected each year and passed on to the next grade level, with student reflection	ILT and grade level teams	Apr 6, 2017 to Jun 20, 2017	Portfolio requirement documentation	Not started

Assessment design, Student portfolio

Action step	Responsible	Timeframe	Evidence for status	Status
Clarify major assessments and projects - make sure they are diverse and holistic, based on the backwards design model (essential questions, inquiry, project-based learning)	ILT and grade level teams	Nov 7, 2016 to Apr 6, 2017	Map of major assessments and projects linked to standards for academic, social and emotional growth, Montessori framework and CCSS	Not started

Project based learning, Critical thinking

Action step	Responsible	Timeframe	Evidence for status	Status
Select, create/modify, and implement a Montessori aligned assessment and record keeping system	ILT and grade level teams	May 26, 2017 to Jun 22, 2018	One teacher from each cycle level piloting in year one, all staff using system in year two	Not started

Assessment, Assessment design

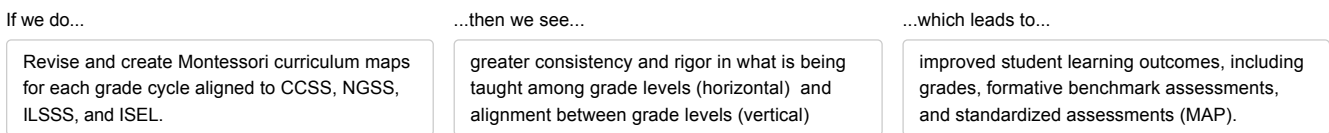| Action step	Responsible	Timeframe	Evidence for status	Status
Establishment of criteria for and subsequent use of scientific journals across grade levels	ILT and grade level teams	Jun 21, 2017 to Aug 31, 2017	Publication of requirements and evidence of use in classrooms based on standards and Montessori framework	Not started

Project-based learning, Reflection, Critical thinking

Action step	Responsible	Timeframe	Evidence for status	Status
Develop and implement cycle of student monitoring, reflection, and goal setting	ILT and grade level teams	Nov 7, 2016 to Jun 21, 2018	Common rubrics, goal setting templates, and classroom observations	Not started

Reflection, Student portfolio, Student led conferences, Student reflection, Critical thinking

Strategy 3

If we do...	...then we see...	...which leads to...
Revise and create Montessori curriculum maps for each grade cycle aligned to CCSS, NGSS, ILSSS, and ISEL.	greater consistency and rigor in what is being taught among grade levels (horizontal) and alignment between grade levels (vertical)	improved student learning outcomes, including grades, formative benchmark assessments, and standardized assessments (MAP).

Tags:
Curriculum Design, Montessori curriculum, Curriculum mapping, Critical thinking

Area(s) of focus:

Action step ❓	Responsible ❓	Timeframe ❓	Evidence for status ❓	Status
Clearly define developmentally appropriate curriculum maps for mathematics, literacy, science, social science, practical life, computer science, fine arts, physical education, within each grade band that align horizontally and vertically.	ILT and grade level teams	Jun 21, 2017 to Jun 21, 2018	Completed curriculum maps	Not started

Curriculum Design, Montessori curriculum, Curriculum mapping

Strategy 4

If we do...

Develop a comprehensive MTSS system

...then we see...

An increase in meeting students' academic and socio-emotional needs

...which leads to...

meeting and/or exceeding each student's growth projection per MAP and decreasing each student's behavioral referrals.

Tags:
Differentiated instruction, Student support, Lli, Alternatives to suspension

Area(s) of focus:

Action step ❓	Responsible ❓	Timeframe ❓	Evidence for status ❓	Status
Create MTSS system that includes clear procedures for both academic and social/emotional supports.	Psychologist, social worker, counselor and ILT and grade level teams	Jan 1, 2017 to Jun 23, 2017	MTSS handbook that includes procedures and resources	Not started

MTSS

Strategy 5

If we do...

develop a frequent and comprehensive school-family communication system

...then we see...

parents feeling valued and are more invested in the school

...which leads to...

higher family attendance at school functions such as parent conferences, PTA meetings, and volunteering.

Tags:
Parental involvement, Parent partnerships, Culturally relevant programming

Area(s) of focus:

Action step ❓	Responsible ❓	Timeframe ❓	Evidence for status ❓	Status
Develop a comprehensive school-home communication plan (including web site, newsletters, phone blasts, teacher blogs, yearly calendar of events in advance with clearly defined role for PTA)	Principal & LSC	Jan 1, 2017 to Jun 23, 2017	Communication plan	Not started

School and home

Implement 2x year family surveys (to gain information on programming needs, strengths and challenges of the school, etc.)	Principal & LSC	Jan 1, 2017 to Jun 22, 2018	results of surveys	Not started

Family and Community Engagement

Implement room parents for every classroom to support classrooms in regular functions of the class	Principal & PTA	Aug 20, 2017 to Jun 22, 2018	List of room parents	Not started

Family and Community Engagement

Draft a map of parent education events and information sessions	Principal & PTA	Sep 5, 2016 to Jun 22, 2018	Calendar of events posted on the website	On-Track

Family and Community Engagement

Action Plan

District priority and action step	Responsible	Start	End	Status
✚ Implement equity and excellence in education study groups among staff Tags: Collective responsibility, Cultural language, Cultural awareness, Culturally relevant programming	Assistant Principal	Sep 6, 2016	Jun 22, 2018	On-Track
✚ Pairing of new parents with returning parent mentors. Tags: Collective responsibility, Cultural language, Cultural awareness, Family and Community Engagement, Collective responsibility	PTA	Aug 15, 2017	Jun 15, 2018	Not started
✚ Develop a vibrant alumni community through the scheduling of two alumni days each year in which alumni return to share their guidance with students and the development of an alumni council. Tags: Collective responsibility, Cultural language, Cultural awareness, Alumni	Counselor	Aug 29, 2016	Jun 22, 2018	On-Track
✚ Greater and codified leadership opportunities for students and families (such as student ambassadors) Tags: Collective responsibility, Cultural language, Cultural awareness, Family and Community Engagement, Culturally relevant programming, Student ownership	Counselor	Jan 9, 2017	Jun 16, 2017	Not started
✚ Review and revise vision and mission Tags: Collective responsibility, Cultural language, Cultural awareness, School climate, Core values, Mission and vision	Vision & Mission Committee Chair from the CIWP Committee	Jan 9, 2017	Jun 16, 2017	Not started
✚ Diversity Parent Group Book Study Group Tags: Collective responsibility, Cultural language, Cultural awareness, Family and Community Engagement	Michelle Burgess	Oct 12, 2016	May 12, 2017	On-Track
✚ Provide professional development for all staff members on concept of the growth mindset. Tags: Collective responsibility, Cultural language, Cultural awareness, Balanced grading and assessment, Student centered, Professional developoment	Assistant Principal	Aug 21, 2017	Jun 15, 2018	Not started
✚ Develop requirements and criteria for porfolios that will be collected each year and passed on to the next grade level, with student reflection Tags: Academic gain, Assessment design, Montessori curriculum, Assessment design, Student portfolio	ILT and grade level teams	Apr 6, 2017	Jun 20, 2017	Not started
✚ Clarify major assessments and projects - make sure they are diverse and holistic, based on the backwards design model (essential questions, inquiry, project-based learning) Tags: Academic gain, Assessment design, Montessori curriculum, Project based learning, Critical thinking	ILT and grade level teams	Nov 7, 2016	Apr 6, 2017	Not started
✚ Select, create/modify, and implement a Montessori aligned assessment and record keeping system Tags: Academic gain, Assessment design, Montessori curriculum, Assessment, Assessment design	ILT and grade level teams	May 26, 2017	Jun 22, 2018	Not started
✚ Establishment of criteria for and subsequent use of scientific journals across grade levels Tags: Academic gain, Assessment design, Montessori curriculum, Project-based learning, Reflection, Critical thinking	ILT and grade level teams	Jun 21, 2017	Aug 31, 2017	Not started
✚ Develop and implement cycle of student monitoring, reflection, and goal setting Tags: Academic gain, Assessment design, Montessori curriculum, Reflection, Student portfolio, Student led conferences, Student reflection, Critical thinking	ILT and grade level teams	Nov 7, 2016	Jun 21, 2018	Not started
✚ Clearly define developmentally appropriate curriculum maps for mathematics, literacy, science, social science, practical life, computer science, fine arts, physical education, within each grade band that align horizontally and vertically. Tags: Curriculum Design, Montessori curriculum, Curriculum mapping, Critical thinking, Curriculum Design, Montessori curriculum, Curriculum mapping	ILT and grade level teams	Jun 21, 2017	Jun 21, 2018	Not started

District priority and action step	Responsible	Start	End	Status
✚ Create MTSS system that includes clear procedures for both academic and social/emotional supports. Tags: Differentiated instruction, Student support, Lli, Alternatives to suspension, MTSS	Psychologist, social worker, counselor and ILT and grade level teams	Jan 1, 2017	Jun 23, 2017	Not started
✚ Develop a comprehensive school-home communication plan (including web site, newsletters, phone blasts, teacher blogs, yearly calendar of events in advance with clearly defined role for PTA) Tags: Parental involvement, Parent partnerships, Culturally relevant programming, School and home	Principal & LSC	Jan 1, 2017	Jun 23, 2017	Not started
✚ Implement 2x year family surveys (to gain information on programming needs, strengths and challenges of the school, etc.) Tags: Parental involvement, Parent partnerships, Culturally relevant programming, Family and Community Engagement	Principal & LSC	Jan 1, 2017	Jun 22, 2018	Not started
✚ Implement room parents for every classroom to support classrooms in regular functions of the class Tags: Parental involvement, Parent partnerships, Culturally relevant programming, Family and Community Engagement	Principal & PTA	Aug 20, 2017	Jun 22, 2018	Not started
✚ Draft a map of parent education events and information sessions Tags: Parental involvement, Parent partnerships, Culturally relevant programming, Family and Community Engagement	Principal & PTA	Sep 5, 2016	Jun 22, 2018	On-Track

Fund Compliance

Supplemental General State Aid(SGSA)

☑ My school receives SGSA funds

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

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

NCLB Program

◉ NCLB Schoolwide Program

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

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

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

○ Non-title school that does not receive any Title funds

Parent Involvement in Targeted Assistance and Schoolwide Programs

☑ I verify that the statement below is correct

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

Parent Plan

Parent Involvement Policy   Complete

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

> This will be accomplished through regular PAC meetings.

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

> Annual and Organizational meetings for 2016-17 school year are scheduled for October 6, 2016. One meeting with proceed the other. Meeting dates and information will be posted on the school website, sent home in backpack mail, as well as emailed.

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

> We will provide parents with information about the Title 1 program through backpack mail and emails as well as in our family handbook and website.

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

> The PAC has scheduled monthly meetings. We will schedule additional meetings as necessary.

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

> Student progress reports for NWEA MAP assessments are sent home along with report cards at the appropriate time during the year. When we receive information on PARCC results, we will distribute it to parents.

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

> At this time, all teachers are highly qualified. If this changes the appropriate letters will be sent home.

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

> Title 1 parents will invited to the PAC meetings and/or parent workshops where academic achievement will be discussed.

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

> PAC is researching parent education programs. Currently we are developing a parent library where parents can take books that will assist them with the education of their children.

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

> Time will be devoted on teacher professional development days to effective communication with parents.

Schools will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First involvement, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, public preschool, and other programs, to further encourage and support parents in more fully participating in their children's education. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

> If these programs become available, we will integrate them into the program.

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

Information will be posted on the school website, sent home in backpack mail, as well as emailed. Staff is available to letters and materials as needed.

Policy Implementation Activities

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

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

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

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

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

n/a

Parent Compact   Complete

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

Suder Montessori Magnet School is dedicated to ensuring successful, nurturing, and enriching experiences for all children. Dedicated instructional leaders, Montessori and state-certified teachers, as well as specialists share and unyielding belief that all children are capable and deserving of an exemplary public education. Suder Montessori is the heart of the community, opening its doors and embracing all who come to learn. Children are recognized and supported as individuals and encouraged to flourish in all their accomplishments.

Suder Montessori Magnet School Seeks to provide a rigorous academic education using Montessori methods and materials. Each classroom is provided with materials carefully designed to demonstrate academic concepts through independent learning and creative problem-solving. Suder teachers are certified by the American Montessori Society as well as by the State of Illinois. Many teachers hold advanced teaching degrees. Suder's curriculum is further enhanced by a special emphasis on developing student skills in reading comprehension and writing.

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

Suder follows the CPS schedule of parent teacher conferences. For the 2016-2017 the dates are Nov 9, 2016 and April 19, 2017.

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

Suder uses the CPS parent portal that provides parents on-line access to their child's grades. Additionally Suder follows the CPS schedule of sending home 4 progress reports throughout the year.

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

Suder publishes staff email addresses on the school website. Parents may schedule meetings with staff before or after school. The school holds various parent engagement events that facilitate parent-staff communication such as open house or Taste of Suder.

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

Suder holds regularly scheduled parent observation days. Parents may serve on various school committees (library, Peace Garden, PTA, LSC, etc). This year we have developed and are expanding our room parent roles.

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

Parents are expected to support children in coming to school, ensuring that they have been fed and slept well. Parents should support students in completion of homework and read to their children at least 20 minutes a night.

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

Parents have a role in school-wide decisions through the LSC and in the educational development of their children through consultation with their child's teacher.

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

Students will come to school each day and fully participate in their work. Students will complete their work and reflect on their progress on a weekly basis.

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

We continue to use parent involvement funds to develop our parent lending library. We have titles on Montessori and instruction, and on raising heathy and happy children. We expect to expand into speaker series and work on relationships and structures for an equitable and just school community.

Allocate your Mandated Title 1 Parent Involvement Funds to support your Parent Involvement Program.

Account(s)	Description	Allocation	

51130, 52130	**Teacher Presenter/ESP Extended Day** For Teacher presenter, ESP Extended Day, please remember to put money on the benefits line. Non-Instructional pay rate applies.	$ 0	.00
53405	**Supplies** In addition to supplies for parent program, please use this account to also purchase books for parents only. Use this account for equipment with a per unit cost of less than $500.	$ 1600	.00
53205	**Refreshments** Allocation CAN NOT EXCEED 25% of the Parent Budget. Refreshments must be used for Title 1 PAC meetings, trainings and workshops.	$ 0	.00
54125	**Consultants** For Parent Training Only. Consultant must have a CPS vendor number and paid with a Purchase Order after service is rendered (NO CHECKS ARE ALLOWED)	$ 0	.00
54505	**Admission and Registration Fees, Subscriptions and memberships** For Parents use only.	$ 0	.00
54205	**Travel** Buses for Parents use. Overnight Conference travel- schoolsmust follow the CPS Tracel Policy. The CPS Parent Overnight Travel Approval Form and Conference Travel Form must be completed.	$ 0	.00
54565	**Reimbursements** Allocation CAN NOT EXCEED 25% OF THE Parent Budget. All Parent Reimbursements related to Title 1 Parent Involvement must be paid from this account. Receipts must be clear unaltered and itemized. School must keep all receipts.	$ 0	.00
53510	**Postage** Must be used for parent involvement programs only.	$ 0	.00
53306	**Software** Must be educational and for parent use only.	$ 0	.00
55005	**Furniture and Equipment** Must have a parent room or a secure place to keep furniture/equipment. Cannot be placed in the main office or where staff and students have access too. To by used only by parents.	$ 0	.00