



Laura S Ward Elementary School / Plan summary

## 2018-2020 plan summary

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## School Excellence Framework

Culture of & Structure for Continuous Improvement

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### Leadership & Collective Responsibility:

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

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Ward's shared vision is that STEM education is imperative to move forward in the 21st century standards such as empowering students to become creative risk takers, innovative thinkers and problem solvers. We enrich the student's by empowering and encouraging the use of academic vocabulary. We will ensure every student will become technologically savvy and will be able to compete nationally and globally. Current administration has shared this vision with all staff who motivates all students to reach their fullest potential. The 2016-2017 Five Essentials survey indicated that Laura Ward is partially organized, however, during this time Ward was in process of acquiring a permanent principal. This year, 2017-2018, Ward has a stable and committed administration who sets high expectations for all staff. Collaboration with teachers and is done on a weekly basis through classroom observations and weekly grade level meetings, and bi-weekly meeting with all staff members.

### Guide for Leadership & Collective Responsibility

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

Evidence, Measures, and Standards

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

### Instructional Leadership Team:

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

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Our ILT meets bi-weekly to analyze data based on BOY/ MOY DIBELS, TRC, MCLASS, and NWEA data. The Team also analyzes attendance, on-track, and discipline data. We analyzed the current NWEA data and determined our growth projections for the 2017-2018 year is the 30th percentile for reading and math. All teachers have implemented the Network 5 Literacy and Math Pacing guide. Administration monitors the utilization of the pacing guide based on lesson plans and classroom pop-ins. Immediate feedback is provided to teachers with follow-ups. All classrooms are required to utilize Compass Learning as a to fill-in the instructional gaps for 45 minutes a day.

### Guide for Instructional Leadership Team

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

### Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ ILT Effectiveness Rubric Score</li> <li>✓ ILT artifacts (e.g. agenda, calendar, protocols, minutes)</li> <li>✓ Evidence that work of ILT has contributed to positive outcomes for students and staff</li> <li>✓ Teacher team agendas/minutes reflective of ILT focus</li> </ul>
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Five Essentials: Instructional Leadership</li> </ul>
Five Essentials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effective Leaders</li> <li>Collaborative Teachers</li> </ul>
MTSS Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Shared Leadership, Evaluation of MTSS</a></li> <li><a href="#">4a. Reflecting on Teaching &amp; Learning</a></li> <li><a href="#">4d. Growing and Developing Professionally</a></li> <li><a href="#">4e. Demonstrating Professionalism</a></li> </ul>
CPS Framework for Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A1. Assesses the Current State of School Performance and Develops a CIWP</li> <li>A2. Implements Data Driven Decision Making and Data Driven Instruction</li> </ul>
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A1. Assesses the Current State of School Performance and Develops a CIWP</li> <li>A2. Implements Data Driven Decision Making and Data Driven Instruction</li> </ul>
NOW WHAT? MATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">Instructional Leadership Team Planning Tools</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">PLC and Mentoring Coaching Resources</a></li> </ul>

**Professional Learning:**

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

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We need to increase the knowledge base of all teachers and support the implementation of their new knowledge into Lesson Plans/classroom. We will review the School's PD Plan and pole teachers to assess future Professional Development needs. Create a research team in order to identify potential subject matter to further increase best practices. This year 2017-2018 teachers attended the CPS Summits for Literacy and Math. Teachers who attended held Professional Development session for all teachers to share their knowledge. STEM Coaches have provided PD for teachers this year. To further assist in the Growth and development of teachers, we have implemented Teacher Peer observations. Teachers have also attended Network 5 PD for Literacy and Math. New teachers will participate in 90 hours of STEM training over the next 2 years.

**Guide for Professional Learning**

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

**Evidence, Measures, and Standards**

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ School's PD Plan – review for goal alignment – does the plan advance the school's improvement agenda?</li> <li>✓ PD agendas, PD feedback surveys</li> <li>✓ Teacher practice improving on the Framework for Teaching (e.g. Basic&gt;Proficient, Proficient&gt;Distinguished)</li> </ul>
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth</li> <li>✓ Five Essentials: Collaborative Teachers</li> </ul>
Five Essentials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effective Leaders</li> <li>Collaborative Teachers</li> </ul>
MTSS Framework	<a href="#">Shared Leadership, Curriculum &amp; Instruction</a>
CPS Framework for Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">4a. Reflecting on Teaching &amp; Learning</a></li> <li><a href="#">4d. Growing and Developing Professionally</a></li> <li><a href="#">4e. Demonstrating Professionalism</a></li> </ul>
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>82. Observes and Evaluates Staff and Gives Feedback to Staff</li> <li>86. Professional Development Provided for Staff</li> </ul>
NOW WHAT? MATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">Teaching the Teachers</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Making Better Use of Research</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Upcoming Professional Learning Opportunities</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Framework for Teaching PD Modules</a></li> </ul>

### Aligned Resources:

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

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We partner with the Erie Westside Health Center to provide physical and mental health wellness services for students. We have also partnered with the InnerVision International, Inc. to provide social and emotional curriculum that cultivates student leadership skills, character development, and life management skills. The school website and Class Dojo page provides the community with timely informational of events, communication with staff, Parent portal, and effective strategies to support their child (ren). This year, we have implemented a Parent Room which is utilized on a daily basis by parents who want to access Parent Portal and to aide them with job searches resources to enhance parenting skills. Parent Volunteers support the instructional programs, recess, entry, dismissal, and lunch.

### 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	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Schedules</li> <li>✓ Teacher retention rates</li> <li>✓ Staff exit interviews/surveys (data on reasons for leaving school or district)</li> </ul>
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Candidate interview protocol documents</li> <li>✓ List of community-based organizations that partner with the school and description of services</li> <li>✓ Evidence of effectiveness of the services that community-based organizations provide</li> <li>✓ Budget analysis and CIWP</li> </ul>
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Five Essentials</li> </ul>
Five Essentials	Effective Leaders, Collaborative Teachers
MTSS Framework	<a href="#">Shared Leadership, Curriculum &amp; Instruction, Family &amp; Community Engagement</a>
CPS Framework for Teaching	<a href="#">4a. Reflecting on Teaching &amp; Learning</a> <a href="#">4e. Demonstrating Professionalism</a>
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	A3. Allocates Resources to Support Student Learning, Prioritizing Time B4. Hires and Retains Highly Effective Teachers
NOW WHAT? MATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">Aligning Resources with Priorities: Focusing on What Matters Most</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Instructional Supports</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Strategic Source Vendor List</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">CPS Instructional Time Guidelines: Elementary School Overview</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">CPS Instructional Time Guidelines: High School Overview</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">CPS Instructional Block Guidance: K-2 Literacy</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">CPS Instructional Block Toolkits: Math</a></li> </ul>

Expectations for depth & breadth of Student Learning

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### Curriculum:

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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.

SQRP for 2016-2017 indicated that 4% of students meet their growth targets in reading and 3% in math. We are committed to adopting unified curricula across grade bands that support STEM habits. We have implemented the Network 5 Literacy and Math Pacing guide to have a comprehensive and collective curriculum throughout the school that is on grade level. Teachers are required to provide small group instruction on a weekly basis. Teachers meet and collaborate during grade level meetings and preparation periods to discuss and share examples of rigorous student work. Compass Learning is utilized throughout the school day and during Intervention time forty-five minutes a day. These interventions will help to meet our new NWEA target goals of 30% growth in reading and math. Additionally, Ward offers extended learning opportunities via after school programs.

### Guide for Curriculum

- - **Align units of instruction (horizontally/vertically) to scope and sequence maps and pace units and lessons appropriately.**
  - Focus so units can be adequately addressed in the time available.
  - Examine formative data to determine mastery and pace. Discuss how much time it takes to adequately address the essential elements, and the viability of documents that articulate essential content and timing of delivery (e.g. pacing guides, curriculum maps).
- **Utilize the ‘big ideas’ that should be taught to determine whether students are being taught the body of knowledge, the understandings and the skills expected.**
  - Identify the essential understandings – what students should learn in greater depth. In other words, know ‘covering everything but learning nothing’ does not work.
- **Expose and extend opportunities for all students to grade appropriate levels of text complexity in all types of texts, including informational in all content areas.**
  - Articulate language goals that are separate from and support content goals. Literacy - reading, writing and speaking are essential ‘learning tools’ across the curriculum (disciplinary literacy).
- **Engage all learners in content areas by fully integrating opportunities for all learners, including:**
  - Diverse learners to demonstrate core knowledge and skills.
  - English Learners to develop academic language to demonstrate mastery.
    - Use English and native language development standards in addition to content standards to differentiate instruction and assessments for English learners, to ensure meaningful access to content, regardless of English language proficiency.
    - Understand research and implement programs to develop native language literacy for English learners.
  - Advanced learners to extend core knowledge and skills.
- **Integrate academic and social emotional learning.**
- **Connection to real world, authentic application of learning. For example,**
  - Provide opportunities for meaningful project-based learning.
  - Integrate field-based learning through partnerships with city institutions (e.g. museums), colleges, universities, and community based organizations.
- - Curriculum is culturally relevant/sustaining and provides opportunities to explore and celebrate students’ communities, culture, history, and language.
  - Curriculum is tailored to the strengths, needs, and interests of each student.

## Evidence, Measures, and Standards

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

### 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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Technology is integrated in all lessons and skills (1-1), using Chromebooks, Dells, IPADS, Smartboards, and ELMO. Teachers use technology to promote HOTS, creative thinking, and problem solving (research and discuss). Compass Learning and IXL are used to support ELA and Math for all learners. Go Math is used for Math instruction and helps to differentiate mathematics instruction in small groups. Chicago Runs provided tracking for increased P.E. Minutes. We have countless number of curriculum books in all subject areas to help differentiate instruction.

## Guide for Instructional Materials

### Instructional materials (including technology) are.....

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



## Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Cross-section of materials from a variety of content areas and grade levels</li> <li>✓ Evidence of scaffolding and differentiation for all students to access the content/skills</li> <li>✓ Description of materials in curriculum and/or lesson plans</li> <li>✓ Presence of varied texts, supplementary media (e.g. videos)</li> </ul>
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth</li> </ul>
Five Essentials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ambitious Instruction</li> <li>Supportive Environment</li> </ul>
MTSS Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curriculum &amp; Instruction</li> </ul>
CPS Framework for Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Demonstrating Knowledge of Content and Pedagogy</li> <li>1b. Demonstrating Knowledge of Students</li> <li>1c. Selecting Learning Objectives</li> <li>1d. Designing Coherent Instruction</li> </ul>
CPS Performance Standards for School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A3. Allocates Resources to Support Student Learning, Prioritizing Time</li> </ul>
NOW WHAT? MATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">Universal Design for Learning Guidelines 2.0</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">UDL PD Modules</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">CPS Integrated Library System (S.O.A.R.)</a></li> </ul>

### 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)

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REACH is implemented with fidelity (according to the school-wide REACH calendar) constructive and relative feedback is offered via formal and informal observations and reflections for all staff. Though not a requirement, TAT's are offered feedback using the CPS Framework for Teaching. Daily and informal pop-ins are initiated for all teaching staff (including ancillary teaching staff) and a structured feedback tool aligned to STEM habits and the CPS Framework for Teaching is shared with teachers to provide feedback for areas of successes and growth. Teachers and administration collaborate during common planning times to examine student artifacts. This year teachers are required to bring rigorous student work samples to grade level meetings for feedback. Problem Based Learning (PBL) with aligned Problem-Based Assessments (PBA), has provided students with STEM challenges that require problem solving to open ended solutions. Kagan Strategies promote student-centered approach to high quality engagement - observed during Reach and informal pop-ins. Close reading and complex texts that require students to provide evidence from the text as support - walk throughs. However, with all this in place, our teachers still need on-going professional development in the area of Rigorous Instructional methods.

### Guide for Rigorous Student Tasks

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



## Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Cross-section of student work from a variety of content areas</li> <li>✓ Observation of student learning (e.g. learning walks/walkthroughs)</li> <li>✓ Focus group(s) and discussions with students</li> </ul>
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ SGRP Attainment and Growth</li> </ul>
Five Essentials	Ambitious Instruction
MTSS Framework	Shared Leadership, Curriculum & Instruction
CPS Framework for Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1d. Designing Coherent Instruction</li> <li>2b. Establishing a Culture for Learning</li> <li>3b. Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques</li> <li>3c. Engaging Students in Learning</li> </ul>
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	81. Implements Curricular Scope and Sequence and Reviews Instructional Practices
NOW WHAT? MATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">Teaching for Robust Understanding in Mathematics (TRU Math)</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Math Practices: What to Look For (Observation Tool)</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Checking In: Do Classroom Assignments Reflect Today's Higher Standards?</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Student Work Protocol (SQIP)</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Slice Protocol – Looking at Student Work</a></li> </ul>

### Transitions, College & Career Access & Persistence:

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

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All staff will participate in planning and implementation of developing meaningful pathways to post-secondary destinations. Students are exposed to STEM careers in the classrooms and required to research a STEM career of their choice and identify the characteristics of the career and why they might aspire to chose that career.

### Guide for Transitions, College & Career Access & Persistence

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

- Selecting colleges with the best institutional graduation rates for their level of qualifications. (Students of all qualification levels are more likely to graduate from college if they attend a postsecondary institution with high graduation rates)
- Researching/comparing options including short and long-term financial outcomes, comparing college graduation rates, and other statistics to narrow down options.
- Researching living wage options such as an apprenticeship or certification programs for students who wish to work after high school and/or want to delay college.
- Applying to multiple colleges—generally three or more.
- Navigating financial aid and capitalizing on grant and scholarship opportunities.
- Equipping students and families with persistence strategies. (College Persistence Toolkit)
- Help families learn about existing CTE career pathways, apprenticeships/pre-apprenticeship programs

## Evidence, Measures, and Standards

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

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

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Evidence in the core instructional program and elements of STEM that are woven throughout the instructional program here at the school. In primary grades, we observe Balanced Literacy and small group instruction that provides a differentiated approach to address the needs of individual learners - groups are flexible as progress monitoring data is gathered. Teachers support each other within and across grade bands. According to SQRP Laura Ward has a rigorous instructional program that challenges all learners. Several teachers have conducted peer observations with feedback for teachers within their grade band to impact instructional practices - peer feedback sheets. Learning walks were conducted during Teacher Team meetings to share how vocabulary can be rigorous but integrated on a daily basis - Teacher Team agenda. During REACH observations teachers used questioning and thinking techniques to deepen student understanding then reflected on the same in their post conferences - see REACH. Teachers use the Webb's Depth of Knowledge Levels in all classrooms to categorize tasks and increase and challenge students thinking. Teachers were observed using low- and high-level, open-ended, and developmentally appropriate questions to challenge students - observed during daily walks, REACH, and transitional periods. Students have been observed supporting their peers in classrooms, Problem Based Learning, ELA, challenges, math talks, and social sciences - redirecting and clarifying. Teachers proactively address misconceptions in their lesson plans across all subject areas- lesson plans. Lesson plans, units of study, STEM Scopes, and Challenges are differentiated to scaffold learning to engage all learners. Students are provided with equity of voice using KAGAN strategies - encourages respect and responsibility. The Innovation and Science Labs require that students develop and support their claims - this is carried across all subjects - posted projects. Students' work is displayed throughout the building and on-line, with evidence of their thinking. For example, in mathematics students must write out their solutions with an explanation. In reading, cite what evidence in the text supports their final response. Student notebooks contain copious notes provided by teachers as they are being prepared for college and careers. Teachers have been observed during REACH using internal assessments - written/oral - to monitor progress and check for understanding. ELA/Math tracking google doc provides teachers, ILT and administration an immediate at student progress to determine if additional student interventions or teacher support is required.

### Guide for Instruction

- **Plan a range of effective pedagogical approaches suitable to student learning of the content/skills taught and anticipate student misconceptions.**
- **Effectively communicate with students.**

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

## Evidence, Measures, and Standards

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

### Balanced Assessment & Grading:

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

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This year we have acquired the curriculum Measuring Up to help with authentic differentiated assessments. Although teachers are currently using effective assessments, all teachers will maintain assessments to monitor student growth and mastery.

### Guide for Balanced Assessment & Grading

- **Use multiple measures (i.e. a range of assessment types and at multiple points in time) to supplement district-centralized assessments with other formative assessments to provide a more comprehensive picture of student learning.**
- **Use screening, diagnostic, and progress monitoring assessment to correctly identify specific gaps and monitor improvement, especially for students receiving Tier 2 and 3 services, in addition to Tier 1 core instruction. (also see *MTSS and Instruction*)**
- **Make assessments accessible to students, including diverse learners and English Learners through employing features of universal design and use of accommodations and, where needed, modifications.**

- Provide accommodations in presentation (i.e. how assessment text and tasks are presented to students), response (i.e. how students provide their answers), and/or setting/timing (i.e. scheduling/location of assessment).
- **Utilize assessments that reflect the key shifts in literacy and mathematics in teacher created or selected assessments.** (see Rigorous Student Tasks)
- **Utilize assessments that measure the development of academic language for English learners.**
- **Have access to and analyze school-wide, teacher team, and classroom assessment data to determine instructional effectiveness and subsequent learning needs**
- **Improve and promote assessment literacy.**
  - Work together on building common assessments within a department, course, or grade level team.
  - Invest resources in helping teachers evaluate and improve the quality of formative assessments. For example, use the Assessment Design Toolkit.
  - Use common protocols and calibrate on scoring and grading in teacher teams.
  - Analyze quality and alignment of assessments and tasks to ensure they meet the expectations of the standards and embed various levels of complexity.
- **Have a grading system that clearly, accurately, consistently, and fairly communicates learning progress and achievement to students, families, postsecondary institutions, and prospective employers.**
  - Ensure that students, families, teachers, counselors, advisors, and support specialists have the detailed information they need to make important decisions about a student's education.
  - Measure, report, and document student progress and proficiency:
    - Against a set of clearly defined cross-curricular and content-area standards and learning objectives collaboratively developed with staff.
    - Separately from work habits, character traits, and behaviors, so that educators, counselors, advisors, and support specialists can accurately determine the difference between learning needs and behavioral or work-habit needs. academic mindsets and behaviors (CCSR).
  - Ensure consistency and fairness in the assessment of learning, and assignment of scores and proficiency levels against the same learning standards, across students, teachers, assessments, learning experiences, content areas, and time.
  - Ensure grades are not used as a form of punishment, control, or compliance.

## Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Examples of a variety of teacher created and teacher selected assessments</li> <li>✓ Units and lesson plans with formative and summative assessments embedded in a long term plan</li> <li>✓ Evidence of assessment data analysis for the purpose of planning</li> <li>✓ Assessment calendar</li> <li>✓ Exemplar of gradebooks</li> <li>✓ School's grading policy</li> <li>✓ Grade distribution reports (course success rates)</li> </ul>
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ SGRP Attainment and Growth</li> </ul>
Five Essentials	Ambitious Instruction
MTSS Framework	<a href="#">Curriculum &amp; Instruction</a> <a href="#">1.c. Selecting Learning Objectives</a> <a href="#">1.d. Designing Student Assessment</a>
CPS Framework for Teaching	<a href="#">2.g. Using Assessment in Instruction</a> <a href="#">4.a. Reflecting on Teaching &amp; Learning</a> <a href="#">4.b. Maintaining Accurate Records</a>
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	81. Implements Curricular Scope and Sequence and Reviews Instructional Practices
<b>Now What? Materials to Support Improvement Planning</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">CPS Balanced Assessment Framework &amp; Assessment Models</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Assessment Design Toolkit</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Teacher Made Assessment Basics</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Grading principals and guidelines</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Great Schools Partnership –Grading + Reporting</a></li> </ul>

### Multi-Tiered System of Supports:

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

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One of our goals is maximize the use of the CPS MTSS protocol to track the tier 2 and 3 student behaviors in grades k-8th and track academic deficits for students in Tiers 2 and 3 in grades k-8 so that students in tier 2 and 3 will get the SEL and academic supports needed.

The protocol will guide the development of student Personal Learning Plans which will outline the appropriate SEL and academic interventions needed. Personal Learning Plans (PLP) will be developed by the MTSS team and teachers. Based on PLC, teachers will create small groups with instructional strategies based on need. The MTSS team will meet every three weeks to review student academic data to assess interventions (with feedback from teachers) and their effectiveness and make modifications as needed.

The school counselor provides weekly SEL supports in all classroom as well as teachers provide Second Step lessons on a daily basis. If we implement and use the CPS MTSS protocol with fidelity, teachers consistently, with fidelity, teach Second Step with weekly help from the counselor, our students will gradually regulate their own behaviors. In addition, student academic growth will improve. We will be hiring a second counselor in the upcoming 2018-2019 school year to further support the emotional learning of our Tier 2 and 3 students.

SQRP data for ELA and math attainment levels for grades third through eighth was used to provide instructional placement for students. Growth is monitored by using Compass Learning, NWEA MOY data, and standardized based assessments. We use DASH board to track student attendance with follow-up from the Attendance Team. On Track data for attendance is monitored daily. Grades from DASH board is analyzed monthly. Phone calls are made to parent/guardian to schedule conferences for those families whose children are at risk for failure and truancy. The administration team monitors grades using IMPACT. Some students in grades 3 and 6 participate in after school reading and math activities to increase academic performance. NWEA data provided teachers with a baseline for initial groupings to close the achievement gap for ELA and mathematics.

## Guide for Multi-Tiered System of Supports

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

## Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Evidence of multi-tiered system of supports (e.g. progress monitoring data, menu of available interventions in use, teacher team protocols in use)</li> <li>✓ Evidence of Personal Learning Plan (PLP) implementation</li> <li>✓ Integrated data system that informs instructional choices</li> <li>✓ Flexible learning environments</li> <li>✓ Use of student learning plans</li> <li>✓ Use of competency-based assessments</li> <li>✓ Use of personalized learning rubric</li> <li>✓ Evidence of On Track monitoring and supports</li> </ul>
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ SQRP Attainment and Growth</li> <li>✓ Attendance Rates</li> <li>✓ Course success rates (e.g. grade distributions, pass/failure rates)</li> </ul>
Five Essentials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ambitious Instruction</li> <li>Collaborative Teachers</li> <li>Supportive Environment</li> </ul>
CPS Framework for Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">1a. Demonstrating knowledge of content and pedagogy</a></li> <li><a href="#">1b. Demonstrating Knowledge of Students</a></li> <li><a href="#">1d. Designing Coherent Instruction</a></li> <li><a href="#">2d. Managing Student Behavior</a></li> <li><a href="#">3d. Using Assessment in Instruction</a></li> <li><a href="#">3e. Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness</a></li> <li><a href="#">4b. Maintaining Accurate Records</a></li> </ul>
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	B3. MTSS Implemented Effectively in School

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**Culture for Learning:**

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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.

The school promotes high expectation for all students and teachers. Teachers build strong relationships with students that creates well-managed classrooms and students and teachers feel respected. Students are encouraged to have positive interactions with each other that promotes learning. All teachers use strategies to cultivate student curiosity and encourage resilience. Students are taught to self assess to encourage habits of mind. Teachers use the Gradual Release of Responsibility to model their thinking. We are on the right track and need to continue to strengthen in the areas of displaying school-wide expectations for academic and personal success and making sure students feel safe to share misunderstandings and struggles. In an effort to further increase rigor of instructional activities, two of our teachers provided Professional Development in Literacy. Webb's Depth of Knowledge (DOK) was shared with teachers and discussed. We do recognize students for academic and behavioral achievements; however, we will work to improve the means for celebrating student work. Teachers are developing a high expectation for all students. Student work is displayed outside every classroom.

Guide for Culture for Learning

- **Create a culture that reflects a shared belief in the importance of learning and hard work.**
  - Use strategies to reinforce and cultivate student curiosity.
  - Make learning goals relevant to students, and inspire students to stay committed to their learning goals.
  - Consistently communicate the expectation that all students can achieve at high levels.
  - Utilize strategies to encourage daily and timely attendance.
- **Convey high learning expectations for all students and develop structures that enable practice and perseverance for each individual student.**
  - Clearly display school-wide expectations for academic and personal success throughout the building.
  - Set high expectations according to grade-appropriate learning objectives.
  - Differentiate expectations so all students stretch to not only meet but exceed personal learning goals.
  - Recognize high levels of student achievement. All students receive recognition.
  - Encourage student resilience and hard work.
  - Ensure students feel safe to share misunderstandings and struggles.
- **Encourage students to take ownership and pride in their work where students assume responsibility for high-quality work by persevering, initiating improvements, addressing critiques, making revisions, adding detail and/or helping peers.**



- Students self-assess (e.g. checking own work before giving to teacher) to develop a reflective habit of mind essential for improvement. This ensures students take responsibility for their own learning, focuses attention on criteria for success, and increases effort and persistence.
- **Provide students frequent, informative feedback.**
  - Tell/show students what they have done well (through positive reinforcement) and what they need to do to improve, including clarifying criteria and goals.
  - Give feedback on the task, the processes used to complete the task, and on the student's ability to self-regulate their own learning.
- **Develop academic mindsets and behaviors.**
  - Teach a growth mindset that over time with effort and practice, students can learn and succeed.
  - Encourage students' sense of belonging to the school and classroom community (see Relational Trust).
  - Employ strategies including ongoing monitoring and support of students' academic behaviors.
  - Praise effort and process. For example, "Good job, that must have taken a lot of effort" instead of, "Good job. You must be really smart."

## Evidence, Measures, and Standards

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

### Relational Trust:

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

Score

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The Five Essentials Survey suggest that Ward needs improvement in the area of trust. Laura Ward is improving on the interactions between teacher to teacher and student to student relationships. Teachers are encouraged to use Restorative Practices when faced with conflict among students instead of punitive resolutions.

### Guide for Relational Trust

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

## Evidence, Measures, and Standards



EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	✓ Five Essentials/My Voice, My School Survey ✓ School Climate Standards Self-Assessment
Measures	✓ Five Essentials
Five Essentials	Collaborative Teachers Supportive Environment
MTSS Framework	<a href="#">Shared Leadership, Family &amp; Community Engagement</a>
CPS Framework for Teaching	<a href="#">1b. Demonstrating Knowledge of Students</a> <a href="#">2a. Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport</a>
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
Now WHAT? Materials to Support Improvement Planning	
✓	<a href="#">Social Emotional Learning Supports (cps.edu/SEL)</a>
✓	<a href="#">Trust in Schools: A Core Resource for School Reform (ASCD)</a>
✓	<a href="#">Creating a School Community (ASCD)</a>

### Student Voice, Engagement, & Civic Life:

Score

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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The Boys basketball teams participated in a limited season. Students participate in the Kitchen and Community Garden. Some teachers have open talk to gain insight from students about ways to improve the school -again it's informal with limited change. The Five Essentials indicated a very Supportive Environment. However, how do we create a formal or informal forum where students can share their ideas to improve the school environment. Ward provides students with exposure to wide range of activities outside of the school. Grades PreK-3rd grade visited Legoland Discovery Center, 4th - 8th grade went to the Martin Luther King Skating Rink and participated in STEM activities. Students in grades 6th through 8th attended the movie Black Panther to encourage Black pride. Ward has initiated a school wide Black History Challenge and assembly. Students are encouraged to research and create artifacts that celebrate African Americans and their contributions to society. We are on the right track in this area. Teachers are encouraged to discuss topics related to college and career choices within the classroom. One goal for Ward is to have students review their own NWEA data to assess their academic performance and make mindful goals to further increase their growth in math and reading.

### Guide for Student Voice, Engagement, & Civic Life

#### Study politics

- Teachers teach about the structure and function of government as well as local, national, and international political structures and power dynamics.
- Teachers invite students to reflect on their own role in the political landscape, engage in analyses of power, and identify strategies they can use to utilize civic power as an individual and as a member of a community.
- **Become informed voters and participants in the electoral process**
  - Students learn about the history and structures of the local and national voting process and ballot issues and candidates.
  - The school supports non-partisan engagement in all parts of the electoral process, including voter education, voter mobilization and registration.
  - There are a variety of school/classroom activities or simulations that support student voter preparation and participation in the electoral process.
- **Engage in discussions about current and controversial issues.**
  - Students prepare for discussions, learn about issues that matter to them through deliberation, evaluate evidence from a range of sources, consider competing views, develop arguments, and deepen their viewpoints.
  - With teachers' support, students learn how to engage in and lead respectful and productive democratic discussions where everyone expresses their viewpoints, shares evidence, and listens to one another.
  - Teachers teach how to find different points of view online and instruct how to engage in respectful, informed, and productive online dialogue.
- **Explore their identities and beliefs**
  - Teachers design learning experiences that enable students to explore how their identities influence their lived experiences and their perspectives.
  - Students are encouraged to learn about and understand the perspectives of those who have different identities and beliefs.
  - School staff reflect on their own identities and consider how that impacts their role and support of teaching and learning with youth.
- **Exercise student voice**
  - Students can participate on multiple decision/policy making bodies and their perspectives are regularly included in decisions at their school.
  - Student Voice Committee represents the diversity of the school, addresses school-based issues, and regularly gathers input from their peers to inform and impact school policy and decisions.
  - Teachers respond to and integrate students' lived experiences, perspectives, and interests in class.
  - Authentically **interact with civics leaders**
  - Students learn about community, city, state, and national civic leaders and their roles in civil society.
  - School staff support engagement with civic leaders by inviting them into classrooms/the school and identifying face-to-face or online avenues for students to share their feedback and perspectives with civic leaders.
- **Engage with their community**
  - Students complete at least 2 service learning projects before graduation in which they gain exposure to civic organizations, leaders, and careers. Students gain tools to work cooperatively in partnership with peers, community members, and organizations to advance a specific cause
- **Take informed action** where they work together to propose and advocate for solutions.
  - Students research and analyze issues that matter to them, identify root causes, develop a theory of action, determine relevant audiences, outline specific goals, implement a response, and reflect before, during and after experiences.
  - Students use social and digital platforms to raise awareness about issues, produce and circulate multimedia content, and mobilize involvement.
- Experience a **Schoolwide civics cultur**

- School leaders articulate a commitment to and vision for the importance of civic learning; students are civic leaders in the school.
- Schools integrate civic learning across the curriculum, including projects that address relevant issues in their schools and communities.
- School staff have professional development, collaboration time, and curriculum resources to infuse civic learning across disciplines.
- Systems and structures exist where students are invited to participate in shaping school's policies, goals, instruction, and climate.

## Evidence, Measures, and Standards

Evidence, Measures, and Standards	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CIVICS Student Survey completion rates and results</li> <li>• Artifacts from student-run organizations and events (including SVCs)</li> <li>• Meeting minutes/agendas that include student participation</li> <li>• Policies regarding student engagement in decision making</li> <li>• Service learning reports and/or reflections of SL projects</li> <li>• Unit and curriculum maps, rubrics, assessment artifacts</li> <li>• Evidence of student work</li> <li>• Democracy School recognition</li> </ul>
Measures	✓ Five Essentials – Supporting Environment
Five Essentials	Supportive Environment
MTSS Framework	Curriculum & Instruction, Family & Community Engagement
CPS Framework for Teaching	2a. Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport 2c. Engaging Students in Learning
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	D3. Utilize Feedback from Multiple Stakeholders for School Improvement
Content Standards	Illinois Social Science Standards, Illinois Social Emotional Learning Standards, CCSS ELA/MSL Standards

### Safety & Order:

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

### Score

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Ward has three security staff who are strategically placed on each floor of the building. Ward has practiced at least 5 safety evacuation drills this year. The school has a daily exit and entry plan. All Ward teachers work as a team to maintain a safe and orderly school environment. The school Climate team meets bi-weekly to review and discuss strategies that impact the safety and security of the school. They developed a schedule to hold Peace Circles for those students who are in conflict with each other and a disciplinary rubric to be used by teachers when referring students for Restorative conversations. Students are encouraged to adhere to the schools PBIS expectations. We are consistently developing our interactions between staff and teacher to student relationships to create a highly respectful culture that will have a positive impact on students academic and emotional well-being.

### Guide for Safety & Order

- **Ensure students and adults feel physically, socially, intellectually, and emotionally safe throughout the school.**
- **Provide clear procedures for reporting and responding to safety concerns.**
- **Manage efficient and orderly transitions between activities.**
  - Manage classroom routines and procedures to maximize instructional time.
  - Orchestrate the environment so students contribute to the management of classroom routines (e.g. transitions) without disruption of learning).
  - Arrival, dismissal, and other school-wide transitions are safe, efficient, and orderly.
- **Provide a framework for positive behavior throughout the school based on shared values and expectations.**
  - Have shared expectations for positive behavior. (See Restorative Approaches to Discipline)
- **Teach, model, and reinforce (by all staff members) clear behavior expectations for all areas of the school.**
  - All adults use active supervision (move, scan, and interact) in all settings.
- **Have a voice and take informed action.**
  - Students are included in key conversations about their learning experience and work with the principal and staff to identify issues and implement solutions. (e.g. student voice committee).
  - Students initiate and lead some school improvement initiatives.
  - Students participate in democratic decision-making at the school level.
  - Students identify and research issues of relevance and work together to propose/advocate for solutions.
- **Emphasize proactive, instructive, and restorative approaches to student behavior and minimize punitive consequences through policies and procedures. (See Restorative Approaches to Discipline)**
  - Adults correct misbehavior in ways that reinforce established expectations and cause minimal disruption to learning.
- **Clarify criteria for office referrals versus classroom managed behavior.**

## Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ MVMS score – “Safety”</li> <li>✓ % of teachers proficient or distinguished in 2c (Management of Transitions) on the Framework for Teaching?</li> <li>✓ Examples of teacher practice improving in Domain 2 of the Framework for Teaching.</li> <li>✓ School Climate Standards Rubric/Assessment</li> </ul>
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Five Essentials – Supportive Environment score</li> <li>✓ My Voice, My School Survey “Safety” score</li> </ul>
Five Essentials	Supportive Environment
MTSS Framework	Curriculum & Instruction
CPS Framework for Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2a. Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport</li> <li>2c. Managing Classroom Procedures</li> <li>2d. Managing Student Behavior</li> </ul>
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	A4. Creates a Safe, Clean and Orderly Learning Environment
NOW WHAT? MATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">Social Emotional Learning Supports (cps.edu/pdf)</a></li> </ul>

### Restorative Approaches to Discipline:

Score

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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.

Ward is working to lower the number of students who receive in-school or out of school suspensions by Restorative strategies. We have a system of incentives (PBIS) that helps our teachers teach our students to be responsible and caring individuals. Teachers and staff communicate with parents whenever there is a needed to address any misconducts that disrupt instruction. We need to be more consistent at implementing CHAMPS in each classroom. Ward's discipline referrals are handled with Restorative Practices. All classrooms have an hour of Social and Emotional Learning daily that provides students with strategies and skills for positive interactions with their peers. We have implemented a weekly Peace Circles for students who consistently are in conflict with each other so they will be equipped with the strategies to make responsible decisions. We have a Dean of Students who cultivates positive relationships with all students and practices Restorative strategies and activities with students.

### Guide for Restorative Approaches to Discipline

- **PROACTIVE - Reinforce positive student behavior with clear expectations, routines, and procedures.**
  - A team meets regularly to organize systems that support a restorative environment.
  - Develop, reinforce, and model shared agreements and clear, positively stated expectations.
  - Well-managed routines and transitions maximize instructional time.
  - Engage families as partners.
  - Contact families frequently to inform them of positive student behavior and progress.
  - Vary acknowledgements and provide both short and long term opportunities for reinforcement for all students.
- **INSTRUCTIVE - Integrate universal SEL skills instruction and core content.**
  - Intentionally teach competencies outlined in SEL Standards. Use discipline as opportunity to teach these skills.
  - Use a Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) for social, emotional, and behavioral growth.
    - Use data to determine which behaviors should be retaught or more heavily reinforced.
  - Explicitly teach expected behavior and positively reinforce consistently school-wide.
  - Avoid power struggles with students by offering choices. Redirect students privately and respectfully.
- **RESTORATIVE - Employ a discipline system that guides students to take ownership, resolve conflict, and learn from their actions.**
  - Support all staff to engage in restorative conversations and respond to behavior incidents in ways that de-escalate conflict, reteach expectations, build social & emotional skills, repair relationships, and cause minimal disruption to learning.
  - Support staff in understanding the impact of trauma on student behaviors and using trauma-sensitive approaches to discipline.
  - Identify clear disciplinary procedures for classroom-managed behaviors and office-managed behaviors. Develop a continuum of interventions and logical consequences that address the root cause of behavior and align to MTSS processes.
  - Ensure discipline systems minimize the use of punitive responses, including removing students from the classroom or school community.
  - Respond equitably to students in all subgroups. Implement processes that address and meet the needs of students who are impacted by behavior incidents.
  - Designate an administrator, such as a dean or restorative practices coordinator, responsible for leading centrally-managed response to behaviors using consistent, restorative processes.
  - Provide opportunities for students to take responsibility for repairing harm caused by their actions, generate solutions, and resolve conflicts with peers or staff.

### Evidence, Measures, and Standards

EVIDENCE, MEASURES, AND STANDARDS	
Suggested	✓ Misconduct data (Dashboard)
Evidence	✓ My Voice, My School survey responses
Measures	✓ Five Essentials – Supportive Environment
Five Essentials	Supportive Environment
MTSS Framework	<a href="#">Curriculum &amp; Instruction, Family &amp; Community Engagement</a>
CPS Framework for Teaching	<a href="#">2a. Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport</a> <a href="#">2d. Managing Student Behavior</a> <a href="#">4c. Communicating with Families</a>
CPS Performance Standards for School Leaders	C3. Staff/Student Behavior Aligned to Mission and Vision of School
NOW WHAT? MATERIALS TO SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANNING	
✓	<a href="#">CPS Restorative Practice Guide &amp; Toolkit</a>
✓	<a href="#">Guideline for Effective Discipline</a>

### Parent and Family Partnership:

Score

1 2 3 4

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

The LSC holds meetings one time a month. Only about 10% of parents of parents participate. Open House was conducted during Teacher Conferences with 70% participation of our parents attended the conferences. We currently have two parents who are in the process of volunteering. All parents have the opportunity to volunteer after completing CPS background check. We are holding a school-wide Parent Meeting on March 5, 2018 to discuss job resources, student academic performance, and bullying. Dwayne Bryant from InnerVision International will be there discuss Social Media and how it affects students social and emotional growth.

### Guide for Parent and Family Partnership

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

### Evidence, Measures, and Standards

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

School Excellence Framework Priorities

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

Goals

Required metrics (Elementary)

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	2016-2017 Actual	2017-2018 Actual	2017-2018 SQRP Goal	2018-2019 SQRP Goal	2019-2020 SQRP Goal
<b>National School Growth Percentile - Reading</b>					
<p>Based on our 2016-2017 NWEA reading data, the 30th percentile is a reasonable goal for EOY 2018. Teachers have focused on small group instruction in order to help students reach their NWEA EOY goals. In addition, all students are exposed to grade level instruction via the Newwork 5 Scope and Sequence which we believe will aid in some students reaching and exceeding EOY attainment. Our goal is to continuously make academic gains each year and close the achievement gap with teacher professional learning which will includes rigorous instruction. After receiving final SQRP data for 2018 in which Ward school reading growth is the 71st percentile; we are adjusting our goal from 50th percentile to 76 percentile.</p>	99.00	4.00	30.00	76.00	76.00
<b>National School Growth Percentile - Math</b>					
<p>Our EOY 2017 data suggest that much improvement is needed in math. We have set a reasonable goal of 30th percentile. Teachers have focused on small group instruction, Compass Learning during Intervention hour, and all teachers are using the Network 5.Scope and Sequence. Our goal is to continuously make academic gains each year and close the achievement gap with teacher professional learning which will includes rigorous instruction. After receiving final SQRP data for 2018 in which Ward school math growth is the 99th percentile; we are adjusting our goal from 50th percentile to 81st percentile.</p>	55.00	3.00	30.00	81.00	81.00
<b>% of Students Meeting/Exceeding National Ave Growth Norms</b>					
<p>Based on our 2017 EOY percentile of 36.6 percent, our goals indicates that we will make continuous academic improvements and gains through rigorous instruction, small group instruction, consistent assessments and analyzing of the assessment data to adjust instruction. In addition, administration will rigidly monitor instruction, grade book, and assessments throughout the year. After receiving final SQRP data for 2018 in which Ward School % of students meeting/exceeding national average growth norms is the 59.9%; we will keep our goal of 65% of students meeting/exceeding national average growth norms.</p>	59.50	36.30	50.00	65.00	65.00
<b>African-American Growth Percentile - Reading</b>					
<p>Our 2017-2018 SQRP Report indicates African-American growth percentile in reading was in the 4th percentile. We have set a modest goals for the next three years with a 10 percentage point increase for the next three years. We will practice utilizing a trans-disciplinary (ELA, Math, Science, and Social Science) approach so as to increase the students' level of cognitive engagement. After receiving final SQRP data for 2018 in which Ward School's African-American Growth Percentile for reading is the 75th percentile; we are adjusting our goal from 50th percentile to 65th percentile.</p>	99.00	4.00	30.00	65.00	65.00
<b>Hispanic Growth Percentile - Reading</b>					
<p>Our 2017-2018 SQRP report does not indicate any growth percentile for this group. However, our Hispanic population continues to grow and we will meet the demands of this population by providing our teachers with staff development to help them serve language-minority students more effectively.</p>	(Blank)	(Blank)	30.00	43.00	43.00
<b>English Learner Growth Percentile - Reading</b>					
<p>Based on the population of our Hispanic Students, we do not have enough data to qualify for SQRP.</p>	(Blank)	(Blank)	35.00	35.00	35.00
<b>Diverse Learner Growth Percentile - Reading</b>					

Our 2017 SQRP indicates a 1st percentile. Our goals for the next three years includes a 10 percent increase each year. Students with IEP's will be monitored with fidelity and instructional goals will be outlined in lesson plans and monitored by administration. Our case manager will push-in classrooms as indicated in student IEP's. Our New MTSS protocols will be in place and used with fidelity. After receiving final SQRP data for 2018 in which Ward School's Diverse Learner Growth Percentile for reading is the 81st percentile; we are adjusting our goal from 50th percentile to 65th percentile.

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#### African-American Growth Percentile - Math

Our 2017-2018 SQRP Report indicates African-American growth percentile in reading was in the 3rd percentile. We have set modest goals for the next three years with 10 percentage point increase. We will practice utilizing a trans-disciplinary (ELA, Math, Science, and Social Science, STEM) approach so as to increase the students' level of cognitive engagement. In addition, students will be provided with high quality instruction. After receiving final SQRP data for 2018 in which Ward School's African-American Growth Percentile for math is the 80th percentile; we are adjusting our goal from 50th percentile to 81st percentile.

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#### Hispanic Growth Percentile - Math

Our 2017-2018 SQRP report does not indicate any growth percentile for this group. However, our Hispanic population continues to grow and we will meet the demands of this population by providing our teachers with staff development to help them serve language-minority students more effectively.

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50.00

50.00

#### English Learner Growth Percentile - Math

Based on the population of our Hispanic Students, we do not have enough data to qualify for SQRP.

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30.00

50.00

50.00

#### Diverse Learner Growth Percentile - Math

Our 2017 SQRP indicates a 1st percentile. Our goals for the next three years includes a 10 percent increase for each year. Students with IEP's will be monitored with fidelity and instructional goals will be outlined in lesson plans and monitored by administration. Our case manager will push-in classrooms as indicated in student IEP's. After receiving final SQRP data for 2018 in which Ward School's Diverse Learner Growth Percentile for math is the 76th percentile; we are adjusting our goal from 50th percentile to 70th percentile.

85.00

1.00

30.00

70.00

70.00

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

Ward scored in the 22nd percentile in 2017-2018 per SQRP. We have set a reasonable goal of 30th percentile for EOY 2018 with a 10 percent increase for the 2019-2020 school year. We anticipate continuous academic growth through high quality lesson planning, rigorous instruction, gradual release model to ensure learning, small group instruction, ongoing assessments, and analyzing assessment data to make adjustments in instruction.

59.00

22.00

30.00

27.00

27.00

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

Ward scored in the 13th percentile in 2017-2018 per SQRP. We have set a reasonable goal of 30th percentile for EOY 2018 with a 10 percent increase for the 2019-2020 school year. We anticipate continuous academic growth through high quality lesson planning, rigorous instruction, gradual release model to ensure learning, small group instruction, ongoing assessments, and analyzing assessment data to make adjustments in instruction.

41.00

13.00

30.00

26.00

26.00

#### National School Attainment Percentile - Reading (Grade 2)

We have set a reasonable goal of 40th percentile for EOY 2018. EOY DIBELS data indicates that our students in grade 2 are making substantial gains in reading.

16.00

1.00

40.00

11.00

11.00

#### National School Attainment Percentile - Math (Grade 2)



We have set a reasonable goal of 40th percentile for EOY 2018. EOY DIBELS data indicates that our students in grade 2 are making substantial gains in math.

13.00

1.00

40.00

22.00

22.00

**% of Students Making Sufficient Annual Progress on ACCESS**

2017 SQRP N/A

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1.00

2.00

2.00

**Average Daily Attendance Rate**

Ward's 2017-2018 SQRP attendance data was 91.6 percent. Based on hour current school year date, Ward is trending at the 95th percentile and we anticipate finishing the year in the 95th percentile. Ward has implemented attendance incentives which has produced positive results for the 2017-2018 school year and we will continue to improve our current incentives in order to reach our goal of 96 percent for the next three years.

96.40

91.60

95.00

96.00

96.00

**My Voice, My School 5 Essentials Survey**

Our 2017-2018 SQRP indicated Partially Organized. Our goal is to move to Organized for the 2018-2019 school year.

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Custom metrics

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2016-2017 Actual	2017-2018 Actual	2017-2018 SQRP Goal	2018-2019 SQRP Goal	2019-2020 SQRP Goal
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**Strategies**

**Strategy 1**

If we do...

The MTSS team will use the CPS MTSS Problem-Solving Process Team Protocol with fidelity throughout the academic school year to track and address tier 2 and 3 student behavior and academic challenges in grade k-8 so students will consistently receive the SEL and academic supports needed.

...then we see...

The MTSS team will meet every three weeks to define student academic and behavioral problem areas and create and monitor Personal Learning Plans/Interventions. Students will be identified early in the school year. Students will be progress monitored bi-week to determine if students are meeting their goals identified in the PLP. Modification to interventions will be made when needed.

...which leads to...

Students receiving the academic and behavioral supports needed throughout the school year which will lead to 70% of students identified will meet or exceed their NWEA goals in reading and math while 50% gradually learning how to regulate their own behaviors.

Tags:

Tier 2 & 3, Academic interventions, Accommodations, Tier 2 instruction, Action plan, Mtss logging tool, Mtss interventions

Area(s) of focus:

2

Action step

MTSS team along with classroom teachers will create a year long calendar to meet and discuss student Personal Learning Plans/Goals: plan implementation, assessmenst, address any next steps, lesson plans. Team will use the MTSS Support Services.

Responsible

MTSS Team, Classroom Teachers, Administration, Case Manager, Counselor

Timeframe

Jun 14, 2018 to May 24, 2019

Status

Not started

**Individualized educational plans, Grade level team meetings, Behavioral interventions**

**Strategy 2**

If we do...

Develop a Professional Development plan to

...then we see...

Teachers developing and using new pedagogic

...which leads to...

Ward reaching the academic goals of 30%-50%

improve teacher practice in the following areas: CPS MTSS Protocol, Classroom Management, Rigorous Instruction, Small Group Instruction, and Social and Emotional Learning.

approaches in their classrooms and students developing critical thinking skills, learning real world applications to solve problems, using evidence to defend findings while demonstrating their learning.

for the next three years in reading and math.

Tags:

Class management, Rigorous student tasks, Behavior mtss, Achievement rigor, Academic behaviors, 1 guided reading, Administrative monitoring and support

Area(s) of focus:

1

Action step

Monitor teacher lesson plans weekly and provide feedback to ensure purposeful lessons are in alignment with Professional Development, new teacher knowledge, and Network 5 Scope and Sequence.

Responsible

Administration, Instructional Leadership team, Teacher team members, ILT

Timeframe

Aug 27, 2018 to Jun 17, 2019

Status

Not started

**Lesson planning, Instruction planning, Lesson planning, strategies, common core state standards, student data analysis**

Strategy 3

If we do...

Develop high quality rigorous instruction that also includes STEM based instruction

...then we see...

Students who become critical thinkers who can analyze arguments, weigh evidence, distinguish between facts and opinions, develop their own arguments and defend them and be able to communicate their ideas and demonstrate their learning.

...which leads to...

Students continually reaching their academic goals in reading and math which leads to Ward reaching its academic growth as outlined in our goals of 30% increase in reading and math for the 2018-2019 school year and progressing toward our 2019-2020 goal of 50% increase in the reading and math.

Tags:

Balanced literacy, Effective instruction, Lesson plan, Instructional planning, Academic goals, Rigorous student task, Assessment data analysis, Stem literacy and learning

Area(s) of focus:

1

Action step

Examine student work/task during grade level meeting, monitor teacher lesson plans weekly and provide feedback to ensure purposeful lessons are in alignment with Network Scope and Sequence and student rigorous task

Responsible

Administration, Instructional Leadership team, Teacher team members

Timeframe

Aug 27, 2018 to Jun 17, 2019

Status

Not started

**Authentic tasks, Rigorous instruction, Professional development plan, Rigorous student tasks, Administrative monitoring and support**

Action Plan

Strategy 1

NOT STARTED

MTSS team along with classroom teachers will create a year long calendar to meet and discuss student Personal Learning Plans/Goals: plan implementation, assessment, address any next steps, lesson plans. Team will use the MTSS Support Services."

Jun 14, 2018 to May 24, 2019 - MTSS Team, Classroom Teachers, Administration, Case Manager, Counselor

Status history

NOT STARTED

May 20, 2018

**Evidence**

MTSS team meetings are progressing as planned. Students Personal Learning Plans are created and implemented with fidelity. REACH observations, classroom pop-ins

Strategy 2

NOT STARTED

Monitor teacher lesson plans weekly and provide feedback to ensure purposeful lessons are in alignment with Professional Development, new teacher knowledge, and Network 5 Scope and Sequence."

Aug 27, 2018 to Jun 17, 2019 - Administration, Instructional Leadership team, Teacher team members, ILT

Status history



May 20

NOT STARTED

May 20, 2018

**Evidence**

Lesson Plan review, REACH Observations, Classroom Pop-ins

Strategy 3

NOT STARTED

Examine student work/task during grade level meting, monitor teacher lesson plans weekly and provide feedback to ensure purposeful lessons are in alignment with Network Scope and Sequence and student rigorous task"

Aug 27, 2018 to Jun 17, 2019 - Administration, Instructional Leadership team, Teacher team members

Status history



May 20

NOT STARTED

May 20, 2018

**Evidence**

Lesson Plan review, REACH Observations

Fund Compliance

Supplemental General State Aid(SGSA)

My school receives SGSA funds

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

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

# ESSA Program

## ESSA Schoolwide Program

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

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

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

Non-title school that does not receive any Title funds

## Parent Involvement in Targeted Assistance and Schoolwide Programs

I verify that the statement below is correct

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 continues a legislative commitment to parental involvement. Central features of prior reauthorizations, such as school-parent compacts, parent involvement policies, and the parent involvement funding formula remain unaltered. However, the ESSA reauthorization represents a notable shift in the role of parental involvement in the schools. It includes new provisions increasing parental notification requirements, parental selection of educational options, and parental involvement in governance. It envisions parents as informed and empowered decision makers in their children's education.

### Parent and Family Plan

#### Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Complete

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

Administrators collaborated with the PAC Chair to review ESSA policy and guidelines.

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

Notices were sent home about the date and time of the PAC meeting. At the next PAC organizational meeting, we will again review and revise the ESSA guidelines.

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

At our PAC meeting, parents were provided with information about curriculum and assessments used to measure their child's progress. Administration has welcomed all parent suggestions regarding the education of their children. Any parent suggestions we receive that is in line with Ward's vision and mission and that will help to reach our academic goals, we will make an effort to add these suggestions into our school culture.

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.

NWEA scores are reported to parents at end of each academic year. In addition, On-Track reports are sent home for parental review two times a year. Teachers will provide parents with on-going assessment data.

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.

All the staff at Ward are "highly qualified" for the positions they are staffed for.

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

Notices will be sent home to inform parents about the dates and times of future PAC meetings. We will also send home flyers to announce parental involvement meetings.

Schools will provide information, resources, materials and training, including literacy training and technology, as appropriate, to assist parents and family

members in working with their children to improve their academic achievement, and to encourage increased parental involvement. Please describe how this will be accomplished.

Ward will invite vendors to the school during Report Card Pick-up to inform parents about supplemental programs that will help their child improve their academic performance. The school will also host Literacy Night where parents will receive training on how to work with their children on homework, literacy and math skills. Parents received 16 hours of Non-Violent Parenting. Parents learned how to address child stress stages, including behaviors and neurological development. Parents learned the impact of media age and appropriate discipline actions along with toxic stress and how to counter it. Non-violent Parenting Training will continue for SY2018-2019.

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

Staff will receive Professional Development in the areas of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) to acquire knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage student's emotions. Ward will also host Literacy Night. Teachers and vendors will hold small parent group sessions so parents will acquire the knowledge to help their children with homework and how to build reading and math skills.

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

Pre-School teachers will arrange a Parent Meeting to inform parents of the different programs that will encourage and support parents and families to participate in their child's education. Pre-School parents will also be invited to the Literacy Night.

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

The school will send out flyers and letters to inform parents of any and all programs, meetings and other activities in English and Spanish. All school information will be posted on the school's website in an understandable format and language.

Policy Implementation Activities

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

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

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

The school will evaluate the Parent and Family Engagement Policy for effectiveness and make improvements as necessary.

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

All boxes are checked.

School-Parent Compact

Complete

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

Our Mission:  
At Laura Ward STEM School we are working to develop emerging professionals who are:  
confident  
well-rounded  
tech savvy  
creative  
critical thinkers  
responsible citizens  
In order to be productive members of society

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

Parent-teacher conferences are held two times a year per CPS calendar. We invite parents to have individual conferences with teachers throughout the year. In case of emergency, the administration or the Dean of Students will meet with parents if the teachers is not available.

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

Teachers will initiate contact with parents as soon as they know which students will be in their classroom for the school year. Teachers will also send home bi-weekly progress reports and On-Track reports will be sent home two times a year. Teachers will also communicate with parents through Parent Portal, classroom newsletters, and the school website.

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

Parents will be given a Welcome Letter at the beginning of the school year with introductions, contact information and accessibility to staff. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with teachers before school at 7:30 a.m, after school, and during teacher preparation periods as not to disrupt instruction.

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

Parents can volunteer at the school per CPS Parent Volunteer policy. Parents are always welcome to come and observe in their child's classroom with prior notice. Parents will receive information regarding LSC meetings.

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

Teachers will communicate with parents through classroom newsletters and Parent Portal. Our Attendance Initiatives are communicated to parents through quarterly flyers. Parents receive daily phone calls when students are excessively absent.

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

Parents will have the opportunity to make decisions during PAC and LSC meetings.

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 self reflect and set goals after receiving their on On-Track informational letters. Students will be required to write their academic goals each quarter. We value and honor student voices and we give them an opportunity to use their voices concerning their academic achievement.

**Parent Budget**

**Complete**

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

Our goal is to continue to increase parent engagement by welcoming parents into the school and giving them the responsibility of organizing and maintaining the parent room. We also promote parental professional development by encouraging parents to attend conferences, retreats, and participate in workshops that are hosted in the parent room. Other goals for increasing parent engagement include engaging our parents in the volunteer process, so they can collaborate with teachers in an effort to bolster student achievement.

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

Account(s)	Description	Allocation		
51130, 52130	<b>Teacher Presenter/ESP Extended Day</b> For Teacher presenter, ESP Extended Day, please remember to put money on the benefits line. Non-Instructional pay rate applies.	\$	Amount	.00
53405	<b>Supplies</b> 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.	\$	400	.00
53205	<b>Refreshments</b> Allocation CAN NOT EXCEED 25% of the Parent Budget. Refreshments must be used for Title 1 PAC meetings, trainings and workshops.	\$	Amount	.00

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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)

\$	500	.00
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54505      **Admission and Registration Fees, Subscriptions and memberships**  
For Parents use only.

\$	Amount	.00
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<p>54205</p>**Travel**  
Buses for Parents use. Overnight Conference travel- schools must follow the CPS Travel Policy. The CPS Parent Overnight Travel Approval Form and Conference Travel Form must be completed.

\$	2071	.00
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<p>54565</p>**Reimbursements**  
Allocation CAN NOT EXCEED 25% OF THE Parent Budget. All Parent Reimbursements related to Title 1 parent and family engagement must be paid from this account. Receipts must be clear unaltered and itemized. School must keep all receipts.

\$	200	.00
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<p>53510</p>**Postage**  
Must be used for parent and family engagement programs only.

\$	Amount	.00
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53306      **Software**  
Must be educational and for parent use only.

\$	Amount	.00
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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.

\$	Amount	.00
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