





Charter School Application for

# Magnolia Academy of the Arts

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#### **APPLICATION COVER SHEET**

#### NAME OF PROPOSED CHARTER SCHOOL:

Magnolia Academy for the Arts

#### NAME OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION/MUNICIPALITY UNDER WHICH CHARTER WILL BE ORGANIZED OR OPERATED: <u>Magnolia School for Arts and Technology, Inc.</u>

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NAME OF PARTNER/PARENT ORGANIZATION (if any): NA

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Projected School Opening: <u>August 2014</u>

School Year Grade Levels		Total Projected Student Enrollment	Student Enrollment Capacity (if known)	
First Year	K-5	420	600	
Second Year	K-5	551	600	
Third Year	K-5	546	600	
Fourth Year	K-5	550	600	
Fifth Year	K-5	550	600	

I certify that I have the authority to submit this application and that all information contained herein is complete and accurate, realizing that any misrepresentation could result in disqualification from the application process or revocation after award. I understand that incomplete applications will not be considered. The person named as the contact person for the application is so authorized to serve as the primary contact for this application on behalf of the applicant.

Signature

School's Authorized Representative *Title* 

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### **Education Plan**

#### Section 1: Mission, Guiding Principles and Purpose

**1.A:** Provide the mission statement for the proposed charter school.

Magnolia Academy of the Arts is dedicated to improving the lives of its students by providing authentic learning experiences with special emphasis on the arts in a collaborative, nurturing environment thereby awakening students' sense of curiosity and building a foundation for success in school, at future work, and in life.

To achieve the mission, Magnolia Academy of the Arts will integrate current learning technologies into the classroom, offer authentic learning experiences that are respectful of how children learn best and integrate the arts, and offer a schedule and support activities that enable each student to achieve to his or her potential. We want our students to leave the School with a strong foundation in the skills and abilities necessary to achieve academic excellence, personal growth, and success as lifelong learners. This mission requires the support of the faculty, staff, families, and community in order to encourage and empower students to be responsible and valued citizens.

There are three key points highlighted in our mission statement:

**Improving Lives** – At Magnolia Academy of the Arts, we believe that the primary purpose of education is to improve personal well-being. Taken broadly, this can be to improve the quality of life, personal fulfillment, economic benefit, or similar pursuits. The knowledge and skills that students will take with them after leaving the School will give them the foundation for success in future education, employment, and as members of the community.

The Educate America Act of 2000 identifies the arts for the first time in federal policy as a part of the core curriculum. In addition, the No Child Left Behind Act reaffirms the arts as a core academic subject that all schools should teach and puts the arts on equal footing with the other designated core subjects. By reaffirming the vital role of the arts in education, the School will commit, through a rigorous arts curriculum, to the goals of providing a well-balanced education. Through the arts, the School will realize opportunities for students to explore and experiment with how they learn and exist within the expressive world.

Students who participate in arts learning experiences often improve their achievement in

other realms of learning and life. Studies have shown that students who participate in enrichment courses, such as the arts, result in high achievement in high school and in their post-secondary studies (Israel, 2009). In a well-documented national study using a federal database of over 25,000 middle and high school students, researchers from the University of California at Los Angeles found students with high arts involvement performed better on standardized achievement tests than students with low arts involvement (Catterall, 2002). Moreover, the high arts-involved students also watched fewer hours of TV, participated in more community service and reported less boredom in school.

However, limited funding at many schools has caused such programs to begin to disappear. In 2011, cutting or eliminating fine arts electives in middle and high schools in Broward County saved the district about \$9 million (Fitzpatrick, 2011, June 15)<sup>1</sup>.

The Magnolia Academy for the Arts believes that arts programs in school will help to catapult students to the next level of educational endeavors. We are dedicated to delivering a first class academic program that offers a unique opportunity for students to nurture their curiosity in the areas of the arts in a safe learning environment.

Our arts program will provide opportunities for students to participate in performance, public speaking, vocal, sculpting, painting, and drawing classes. The technology program will consist of computer science, computer animation, graphic design, robotics, digital photography, desktop publishing, and recycling innovation, The School will utilize a comprehensive core curriculum to provide foundational mastery of the core subject areas to include: reading, language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies to include hands-on projects through Project Based Learning in Communities of Practice.. The expectation is that all students attending the School will show significant learning gains that will meet or exceed state and district results in all core areas as measured by state assessments. This School will inspire all students to develop their creative talents which will enrich the quality of their own lives.

**Collaborative, Nurturing Environment** - Magnolia Academy of the Arts will be designed for students who want to work in a collaborative, nurturing environment and are willing to put forth the effort required to succeed. Intelligence is an important factor in how well students do, but research has shown that praising students' efforts over intelligence is far more effective (Bronson & Merryman, 2009; Dweck, 2007; Faber, 1997; Parenting Tips, 2009; Pink, 2009; Truby, 2010). We understand that children develop skills at different rates and at different times. Rather than blaming the child, we will make every effort to support children as they learn to trust themselves and others, manage conflict, and take risks. This will be evident through a school-wide behavior plan that focuses on providing a safe, respectful atmosphere where students feel supported and comfortable engaging in their education. Students who feel safe and respected are willing to work hard and are far more likely to succeed than those who

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2011-06-15/news/fl-broward-schools-budget-20110614\_1\_teacher-jobs-elementary-electives-teacher-positions</u>

have an innate intelligence but lack motivation. Engagement, motivation, and effort will be topics discussed regularly and emphasized with the staff and the students.

An important element of nurturing the academic, social, and emotional development of our students will be our relationship with their parents. Relationships with the parents will be encouraged by setting systems and processes in place to emphasize the importance of home-school communication. We hope to ensure that students are wrapped in a nurturing environment at school that is an extension of their homes.

**Success** – We believe that success comes in many forms. We intend to meet the goals, benchmarks, and standards outlined in this application, and also help each student meet his or her personal goals. Hard work and a strong work ethic will serve each student well and help them to achieve their individual successes throughout the rest of their lives.

The amount of information available in today's society is growing at an exponential rate. Productive citizens in the new economy need to be able to access information when needed and to know how to critically analyze and synthesize that information into meaningful pieces. The foundation begins with providing an out-of-the-box education where students are actively engaged in their education through a creative classroom approach that includes collaboration through Project Based Learning and integration of state-of-the-art learning technologies. Students need to be exposed to information in unique ways, such as role playing, simulations, hands-on-activities, and real world application of the information they are learning. Too often schools stifle creativity through mandated curriculum or even unintentionally through teacher suggestions (Epstein, 2008; Geist & Hohn, 2009).

1.B: Describe how the school will utilize the guiding principles found in section 1002.33(2)(a), F.S.

**1.B.1:** Meet high standards of student achievement while providing parents flexibility to choose among diverse educational opportunities within the state's public school system.

The educational program at the School will meet high standards of achievement while providing parents with flexibility to choose among diverse educational opportunities. The School will provide rigorous instruction aligned with the state standards supported by research-based curriculum. Our instructional methods will be respectful of how children learn best to ensure that the knowledge and skills required by the state standards are mastered and retained. By providing students with a creative, nurturing and collaborative environment, students will experience a high degree of success and will be able to meet their individual potentials.

Students will individually be held accountable to learning standards each year to ensure they are meeting the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS). In accordance with Senate Bill 1076, " 'Next Generation Sunshine State Standards' means the state's public K-12 curricular standards, including common core standards in English Language Arts and mathematics, adopted under s. 1003.41." Often students who are "low-performing" are labeled as such due to their lack of interest in an academic area or their inability to see the relevance of what they are learning as it relates to their daily lives. The structure and application of the School's curriculum will solve this issue for many of our students. Teachers will strive to make learning practical and relevant as students apply knowledge to the projects in which they are participating. Therefore, student engagement on a given task will be at times broad, at times deep, and always cross-curricular. This engagement coupled with an emphasis on the state standards will prepare students for success on the state assessments, including the common core assessments upon implementation.

**1.B.2:** Promote enhanced academic success and financial efficiency by aligning responsibility and accountability.

#### 1.B.2.a. Academic Success

Responsibility and accountability will be aligned to ensure academic success. The central focus of our educational program will be ensuring that students obtain the essential elements of the NGSSS, including the Common Core State Standards, through the use of Project Based Learning. Project Based Learning is defined as "a systematic teaching method that engages students in learning essential knowledge and life-enhancing skills through an extended, student-influenced inquiry process structured around complex, authentic questions and carefully designed products and tasks" (Buck Institute for Education at Boise State University). These questions focus students' work and deepen their learning by centering on significant issues, debates, questions, and/or problems. This style incorporates real-world experiences tied with a strong degree of collaboration. For example, primary-aged children might address public policy issues by discussing the question: Should the teacher allow children to have clubs during recess and exclude some children from playing? Intermediate-aged children might address public policy within a broader scope, such as, should the community require all bicycle riders to pass a bicycle safety test?<sup>2</sup>

Effective student assessment and data-driven decision making will be core components of the School's operations. Assessment is the means by which we can measure and ensure student growth. Within the educational climate that exists today, much focus is placed on statewide formal assessments. While third, fourth, and fifth graders will participate in the Florida statewide assessment program, Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) (or other common core assessment) scheduled for full transition from the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Todorov, K.R. and Brousseau, B. (1998). *Authentic Assessment of Social Studies*. Lansing, MI: Michigan State Board of Education.

Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) 2.0 to PARCC in 2013-14, it will not be the central component of instruction as it has become in some schools. Instead, the School will provide a holistic approach toward education that educates students in all areas, not just those tested on the state assessments. We intend to use a variety of assessments to help inform instruction and evaluate our performance.

#### 1.B.2.b. Financial Efficiency

Responsibility and accountability will be aligned to ensure financial efficiency. By remaining small and focused on our core mission, we believe that an excellent education can be provided at a per-pupil cost that is less than that of the local public School District.

The School will align financial accountability with its responsibility for students' academic success in the following ways:

- Hiring highly-qualified teachers and administrators who are experienced with key components of the educational model, particularly authentic learning through projectbased learning and collaboration. Research continues to demonstrate that experienced and highly-qualified teachers are the primary contributors to student achievement and success.
- Focusing every dollar on improving student achievement and ensuring student success.
- Using a cost-benefit analysis process to ensure that dollars targeted at improving student achievement actually do.
- Integrating the most appropriate learning resources and instructional software that meet the needs of the target student population.
- Conducting annual financial audits, both internally and externally to ensure all compliance with state and federal requirements.

**1.B.3:** Provide parents with sufficient information on whether their child is reading at grade level and whether the child gains at least a year's worth of learning for every year spent in the charter school.

Assessment will be an important part of the operation of the School. Through both formalized and informal assessments, student progress towards meeting the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS), including the Common Core State Standards, will be thoroughly documented.

Reading is a critical portion of every education system, and literacy and reading for information create the basic foundation for all areas of learning. Therefore, the School's educational program will utilize curricula that have substantial focus in these areas. The School will adhere to the specifications set forth by, and take full advantage of, myriad resources available from the Just Read, Florida! initiative.

Upon entering the School's program, students will be tested and placed in an appropriate initial reading level. The School will utilize Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading (FAIR) to help teachers with screening, progress monitoring, and diagnostic information that are essential to guiding instruction. The Broad Screen will be used to identify students most likely to be on or above grade level in reading by the end of the school year. The Screening tasks include an adaptive reading comprehension measure that will provide a Lexile score for each student. The FAIR tests are currently under revision by the Florida Center for Reading Research to align with the Common Core State Standards. The School will comply with the State's implementation timeline for the FAIR-CC.

Students with low performance on the Broad Screening measures will be further assessed using the Targeted Diagnostic Inventory. This Inventory includes Maze and Word Analysis. Progress monitoring tools are available to assess student progress between administrations of the Broad Screening measures in Letter Sounds, Word Analysis, Word Building, and Oral Reading Fluency. Teachers may also use the formative assessments in the Diagnostic Toolkit such as a Phonics and Sight Word Inventory, a Comprehension Strategy Inventory, and Teacher Guides for Scaffolding Comprehension in order to probe for deeper understanding of the passage.

All progress monitoring assessment data will be automatically reported to the Progress Monitoring Reporting Network (PMRN). Results from progress monitoring assessments will be reported three (3) times per year (Fall, Spring, and Summer).

An online grading system will allow parents and teachers to communicate regarding their child's progress in the content areas and on classroom projects. Our online grading system, calendars, website, and communication tools will allow us to stay in contact with our families and keep parents informed.

1.C: Describe how the school will meet the prescribed purposes for charter schools found in section 1002.33(2)(b) F.S.

#### 1.C.1: Improve student learning and academic achievement.

The educational program at the School will help all students master the NGSSS by providing rigorous instruction aligned with the state standards and supported by research-based curriculum. Our instructional methods will be respectful of how students learn best to ensure that the knowledge and skills required by the state standards are mastered and retained. By providing a unique school environment which prepares students in all subject areas with special emphasis on providing opportunities to become well versed in the arts, and thereby awakening students' sense of curiosity, students will experience a high degree of success and will be able to meet their individual potentials.

The School staff will utilize data in decision making, leading to improved student learning and academic achievement. Teachers will be selected and evaluated, in part, on their abilities to use formal and informal assessment results to make appropriate educational decisions. During the planning phase of the charter, and while developing the grade level themes, a comprehensive Standards Tracking System (STS) will be designed and developed to be used in the planning and assessment phases of instruction. This system will allow teachers to identify which specific state standards are being covered during individual projects, and afterwards, will allow the teacher to identify the mastery level of individual students in regards to each standard. These data will then be able to be extracted in such a way as to provide individual reports of student progress, class reports to support future planning for standards which have not been mastered, and administrative oversight of the progress of individual classes. This system will also identify where class interventions may be necessary or where level two or three interventions [as defined by the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) including Problem Solving/Response to Intervention (RtI) system] may be required for small groups or individual students.

The STS will be developed in conjunction with the finalization of the grade-level themes so that individual benchmarks can be identified for each theme within the scope and sequence of the curriculum. When students are not meeting the required benchmarks, they will receive focused assistance in those areas through individualized instruction and work with staff members [such as the Reading Resource Teacher, Exceptional Student Education (ESE) specialist, or with lessons prescribed by the teacher and carried out by one of the Resource Teachers]. The assessments will be developed in-house and assess the benchmarks, which will be identified in the curriculum documents.

## **1.C.2:** Increase learning opportunities for all students, with a special emphasis on low-performing students and reading.

Sometime students underperform due to their lack of interest in an academic area or their inability to see the relevance of what they are learning as it relates to their daily lives. The structure and application of the School's educational program design and curriculum will solve this issue for many of our students. Teachers will strive to make learning meaningful, practical, and relevant as students apply knowledge to the projects in which they are participating. Therefore, student achievement on a given task will be at times broad, at times deep, and always cross-curricular.

Time will be allotted for a 90-minute reading block with additional time for focused, explicit instruction for students with more intensive needs during an intervention period, as needed. Reading instruction will be targeted to students' specific areas of need as identified through both formal and informal assessment results. A system of continuous improvement and Multi-

Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)/Response to Intervention (RtI) will be used that allows teachers to

- Identify the student's specific area(s) of need
- Provide explicit instruction followed by guided and independent practice with clear, corrective feedback
- Assess to determine mastery
- Reteach as needed

Specific strategies for use with students reading below grade level may include, but are not limited to: think alouds, explicit modeling, clearly stated lesson goals and objectives, advance organizers, guided reading, and choral reading.

The School's curriculum options will address a comprehensive array of reading skills at different levels. By combining these various research-based curriculum options, the School will provide the building blocks for systematic and explicit teaching of reading skill components, while offering the wide array of skill levels necessary to accommodate all students.

The School will implement a strong MTSS including the RtI process for students who are achieving below grade level. Research-based interventions, a philosophy advocating an educational process of continuous reflection, rethinking, and restructuring of strategies, will be afforded to students. The School will have a solid MTSS School-Based Leadership Team to apply a progressive change system utilizing consensus building, infrastructure development, and implementation. The MTSS School-Based Leadership Team will be a model of consensus building, utilizing participation from all levels of its system. The system will revolve around the study and optimization of the interactions of curriculum, instruction, students, and learning environments.

RtI will be implemented based on the recommendations and technical assistance information provided by the Florida Department of Education. RtI is a "systematic method for evaluating the needs of all students and for fostering positive student outcomes through carefully selected and implemented interventions."<sup>3</sup> The model uses three (3) tiers of interventions that become increasingly more focused, intense, and individualized.

Throughout the RtI process, student progress will be assessed, analyzed, and reviewed by the RtI School-Based Leadership Team. This team will include the student's teacher, an administrator or designee, an ESE teacher, and other personnel as appropriate. The team will be responsible for tracking school-wide academic growth; documenting student need, interventions, and results; making decisions about the effectiveness of instruction; making recommendations for adjustments to instruction and/or interventions; and initiating referrals for evaluation for exceptional student education instruction and/or related services.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Florida Department of Education. (2006). The response to intervention (RtI) model. Technical Assistance Paper FY2006-8: 12740, Tallahassee, Florida: Florida Department of Education.

#### **1.C.3:** Encourage the use of innovative learning methods.

While the ideas of Project Based Learning and arts and technology integration are not new, they have rarely been implemented on a consistent school-wide basis, nor implemented intensely at the elementary level anywhere else in the School District. We believe that a curriculum focused on Project Based Learning, enriched with arts and technology is an innovative concept at the elementary level.

The instructional day will reflect thematic lessons that will allow teachers to integrate the arts and/or technology into lessons allowing students to see how they can incorporate their passion for the arts and technology to help them experience success and become lifelong learners who are self-determined, poised, and skilled in a variety of areas. The School will integrate the arts and technology into core academics to promote academic achievement, thereby allowing each student to experience success.

Significant elements of our educational program include:

- An emphasis on reading and literacy
- Thematic instruction
- Differentiation
- Cooperative learning
- Individualized interventions and tutoring

Project Based Learning can be the catalyst for an engaging learning experience and create a context for a powerful learning community focused on achievement, self-mastery, and contribution to the community. Embedding instruction into real world, project-based experiences, provides students with the ability to learn more efficiently than with a typical curricular approach which segments a student's days into regimented subject area content. Much of the education system currently utilized within the United States was developed for the Industrial Era, when segmented subjects and content area may have been effective.

Students need to be prepared for success in the 21st century where creativity and the ability to think are more important than just memorizing facts and dates. Our students need to be able to look at a problem and find ways to resolve that problem by incorporating a multi-disciplinary perspective. They need to not only have the basic educational foundation with facts and knowledge, but even more importantly, students must be able to apply this knowledge and understand how to utilize tools to acquire, create, and develop a more cohesive understanding. They must also have the interpersonal skills necessary to work cooperatively with others to achieve results.

Through mini-lessons and guidance from their highly qualified teachers, students will acquire the learning objectives as outlined in the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards. Scenarios and guiding questions will be designed in such a way, and revolve around grade level themes and standards, that will ensure that students receive the necessary academic instruction through engaging learning experiences.

In the early grades, many of the projects on which students will work will be classroom focused, but as students progress through their time at our School, the questions and problems that they will solve may move beyond the walls of the School.

#### **1.C.4: Require the measurement of learning outcomes.**

Effective student assessment and data-driven decision making will be core components of the School's operations. Assessment is the means by which we can measure and ensure student growth. Within the educational climate that exists today, much focus is placed on statewide formal assessments. While third, fourth, and fifth graders will participate in the PARCC, or other state common core assessments, it will not be the central component of instruction as it has become in some schools. Instead, the School will provide a holistic approach toward education that educates students in all areas, not just those tested. We also intend to use a variety of assessments, such as FAIR (or FAIR-CC) and curriculum-based measures, to inform instruction and evaluate our performance.

#### 1.C.4.a. Formative Evaluations

Both FAIR (or FAIR-CC) and Discovery Educational Assessments (DEA) (or similar curriculum based measure) are formative assessments that will provide snapshots of student performance. The DEA assessments are state-aligned computerized adaptive tests that accurately reflect the instructional level of each student and measure growth over time. The School believes that assessment should provide students with a chance for success, students should find assessment engaging, assessment should respect regular course time, and assessments should provide useful information.

Teachers will be able to immediately adjust instruction to improve academic outcomes for whole classes, small groups, and individual students. The School will also use quizzes, tests, and classroom-based assessments to inform and improve instruction, and provide students with feedback to help them reflect on their current standing and needs to meet the expected goals. These will be developed by the teachers and aligned to the themes, projects, and inquiries selected to unify the standards and instruction. In addition, the assessments in our core content area curriculum resources, Treasures and GO Math, will be used to track and monitor student progress weekly, and determine areas of extension and remediation needed on an individual and group level.

Additionally, we will develop a Standards Tracking System (STS) that will allow teachers to identify the NGSSS, including the Common Core State Standards, that will be addressed by each student during a theme project. During the evaluation of the project, teachers will be able to identify the standards that individual students have mastered. This system will then print individual student reports which will identify standards that still need to be mastered by individual students. During the planning of future projects, the teacher will be able to focus instruction based on the skills students have yet to master. This system will provide clear documentation of classroom progress in order to identify where class interventions may be necessary or where level two or three interventions (as defined by the RtI system) may be necessary for small groups or individual students.

Informal assessments, such as the use of running records, project work, and other teacher created activities will also play a vital role in allowing the teachers to form a comprehensive understanding of student abilities.

#### 1.C.4.b. Summative Evaluations

The School will use a variety of summative evaluation techniques and instruments including state assessments, such as PARCC or other common core assessments; and end-of-chapter and end-of-unit tests in Reading, Math, Science, Health, and Writing. Rubrics will be developed and utilized to assess completion and quality of all projects in which students participate. This will assure that the students are meeting the projected goals of the projects based on the NGSSS, including the Common Core State Standards.

This assessment regimen will ensure that a comprehensive assessment system is in place to provide continuous and accurate information about students' abilities, progress, and needs. Validity and reliability will be of prime importance and evident in our student assessments.

#### 1.C.4.c. Variety of Assessments

The School will use a variety of assessments throughout the year to measure learning outcomes.

Type of Assessment	Frequency
Florida Assessments for Instruction in	fall, winter, spring
Reading (FAIR or FAIR-CC)	
Discovery Educational Assessments (DEA) or	fall, winter, spring or more frequently as
similar curriculum-based measure	needed for progress monitoring and
	benchmarking
PARCC or other common core assessments	spring
for Grades 3-5	
Quizzes, tests, and classroom-based	on-going
assessments	
Assessments in the core content area	as needed by the teacher and/or as
curriculum resources	recommended by the publisher
Informal assessments, such as running	on-going

records and other teacher created activities	
Authentic assessments, such as project work	on-going
Comprehensive English Language Learner's	annually to English Language Learners (ELL)
Assessment (CELLA)	

1.D: Describe how the charter school will fulfill, if applicable, the optional purposes of charter schools found in section 1002.33(2)(c), F.S. This section is optional.

#### 1.D.1: Create innovative measurement tools.

As mentioned above, the School will develop a Standards Tracking System (STS) that will allow teachers to identify the NGSSS, including the Common Core State Standards, that will be addressed by each student during each theme project. During the evaluation of the project, teachers will be able to identify the standards that individual students have mastered. This system will then print individual student reports which will identify standards that still need to be mastered by individual students. During the planning of future projects, the teacher will be able to focus instruction based on the skills students have yet to master. This system will also provide clear documentation of classroom progress in order to identify where class interventions may be necessary or where level two or three interventions (as defined by the MTSS/RtI system) may be necessary for small groups or individual students.

### **1.D.2:** Provide rigorous competition within the public school district to stimulate continual improvement in all public schools.

While the ideas of arts and technology integration and Project Based Learning are not new, they have rarely been implemented on a consistent school-wide basis at the elementary school level. There are currently one hundred forty-one (141) district elementary schools (grades K-5) and fifty-nine (59) charter schools serving students in grades K-5 in Broward County. The majority of these schools are using a standard school model of direct instruction. The district has four (4) elementary and one (1) middle grades Performing and Visual Arts magnet schools. None of these schools has an integrated educational program design that matches our proposal.

We believe that a curriculum focused on arts and technology delivered primarily through Project Based Learning is an innovative concept. We also believe that by embedding core academic, arts, and technology instruction into real world, project-based experiences, students will be able to learn more efficiently than with a typical curricular approach which segments students' days into regimented subject area content.

#### 1.D.3: Expand the capacity of the public school system.

The school will expand the capacity of the public school system by offering parents and students an additional educational option beyond their neighborhood school.

**1.D.4:** Mitigate the education impact created by the development of new residential dwelling units.

Broward County is the sixth (6<sup>th)</sup> largest school district in the country and provides service to over 258,000 students. The county is steadily growing and the start-up of this School will help to support the district's goal of providing parents with educational options. In addition, the School will help to alleviate some of the district's financial strain that can be caused by necessitating additional staff and or facilities to accommodate the development of new residential units.

**1.D.5:** Create new professional opportunities for teachers, including ownership of the learning program at the school site.

Teacher and staff quality, experience, and preparation are critical to students' and the School's initial and ongoing success. The School recognizes that

[t]he purpose of the professional development system is to increase student achievement, enhance classroom instructional strategies that promote rigor and relevance throughout the curriculum, and prepare students for continuing education and the workforce. The system of professional development must align to the standards adopted by the state and support the framework for standards adopted by the National Staff Development Council (s. 1012.98, F.S.).

Professional development will be extensive, ongoing, focused, and innovative; incorporating evidenced-based strategies and resources proven to be successful with our target population. Teachers will work together in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to develop modules and activities focused on the use of Project Based Learning, literacy, cooperative learning, integration of the arts and technology into instruction, familiarity with a variety of learning activities to engage students in higher-order competencies, differentiation of instruction, coaching and mentoring, team teaching, and development and use of assessments to establish uniform coverage and external evaluations.

The School will use a blended model of professional development to deliver and support relevant learning opportunities for teachers, as well as all staff. The professional development modules are:

- Evidence-based and targeted for success;
- Job-embedded for direct application and improved performance;
- Aligned to the innovative instructional programs of the School; and
- Synchronous and asynchronous for efficient use of time.

Teacher empowerment is an important component of the School's instructional design. Teachers will be seen as professionals who are the experts. We do not believe that education can be a scripted experience whereby lessons can be prescribed. Teachers need to use assessments and observations to determine student abilities, interests, and prior knowledge and then design appropriate lessons for that particular group of students. Teachers will have the authority to plan lessons within the general themes set within the school curriculum, so long as they align the goals and objectives of individual projects with state standards. Teachers will be grouped together in grade level teams both physically and organizationally. This will allow teachers to work together to plan projects and meet the needs of their students.

Additionally, teachers will have a voice in the administration and leadership of the School through the School Advisory Council. When teachers are held accountable for their students' instruction and have the ability to make decisions in their students' best interest, phenomenal things are possible.

#### SECTION 2: TARGET POPULATION AND STUDENT BODY

#### 2.A. Describe the anticipated target population to be served.

• If applicable, applicants should describe if they will target, in accordance with the law, certain populations defined in section 1002.33(10)(e), F.S.

The Magnolia School for the Arts and Technology will be an elementary school with an emphasis on the arts and technology. The School will target students interested in utilizing their creativity and ingenuity to express themselves while enhancing their level of academic achievement. Broward County is a truly diverse, multi-ethnic community and it is fully expected that the school population will be reflective of the community it seeks to serve, allowing great opportunity for students to express themselves and share their cultural beliefs through the arts and technology. The School will focus its recruiting efforts on parents, with children eligible to enter grades K-5, who desire a rigorous education with authentic learning experiences in a collaborative and nurturing environment.

The character traits of students who will excel at our School are students who:

- 1. Are able or willing to look at tasks in creative or unique ways (problem solving)
- 2. Are active learners with a need for kinesthetic learning experiences in addition to auditory/visual learning experiences
- 3. Prefer to work with others cooperatively and in teams rather than completing a majority of classwork alone
- 4. Are able to rise to the challenge of ambiguity and energized by the possibility of multiple "right" answers
- 5. Have supportive families who are willing to commit to ensuring that students are present at school and complete their homework
- 6. Are willing to put forth effort into their own education
- 7. Work well, or show a propensity to work well, with other students
- 8. Generally are well behaved and do not allow behavior to interfere with their own learning or that of their fellow classmates

While recruitment efforts will be focused, it is important to note that the School will accept all eligible students who reside in the School District. The School will adhere to the antidiscrimination provisions of s.1000.05, Florida Statutes and will be open to all elementary school-aged children who reside in the school district. The School will seek a racially and ethnically diverse population and will offer consistent quality at all levels. The School is expected to have an English Language Learner (ELL) and Exceptional Student population representative of the surrounding schools and community. Every applicant will be given equal opportunity to apply for enrollment at the School, excluding students who have been dismissed and/or expelled from a public or private school or have received referral to participate in an alternative education problem due to disciplinary problems. The open enrollment policy will comply with section 1002.33, Florida Statute.

Research has demonstrated that when students are held to high expectations, they rise to meet those standards. Parents will be made aware of the School's expectations during their initial tour and meeting with school staff members prior to applying for admission. The mission of the School, the academic focus, and daily schedule will be made clear to parents. From that point, parents must choose whether the School is the right fit for their child(ren) and family.

2.B. Provide the following projection for each year of proposed operation: the grades that the school will serve, the projected number of students to be served in each grade, the number of students expected in each class, and the total number of students enrolled.

The number of students in each class will align with Florida's class size requirements.

The enrollment forecasts, tables, and budgets included with this application are all consistent with class size requirements found in the Constitutional Amendment regarding Class Size Reduction. The School will comply with Class Size Reduction from the onset of operations. The School's student/teacher ratio will not exceed Florida's class size requirements.

Enrollment Projections					
Grades	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Kindergarten	90	90	90	90	90
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	90	90	90	90	90
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	54	90	90	90	90
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	54	90	90	90	90
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	66	92	93	95	95
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	66	99	93	95	95
Total	420	551	546	550	550
Enrollment					

Our target enrollment for the first five (5) years of the School is listed below.

### **2.C.** Provide a description of how the student population projections were developed.

Consideration was given to areas of need within the School District when determining enrollment projections. We have reviewed demographic maps of the county that address population density and households with children (See Attachment A).

The purpose of Magnolia Academy of the Arts will be distinctly different from other district options and will offer families an additional choice in elementary schooling that will be the best match for their children. The combination of Project Based Learning, arts and technology integration, and a high degree of parent involvement will make the Magnolia Academy of the Arts a unique option for parents in Broward County. This challenging and hands-on program is not generally available in most traditional elementary school settings. There are currently one hundred forty-one (141) district elementary schools (grades K-5) and fifty-nine (59) charter schools serving students in grades K-5. The majority of these schools are using a standard school model of direct instruction. Very few of these schools have an integrated educational program design that matches our proposal.

The enrollment ramp-up schedule is based on a review of enrollment patterns at similar schools and local demographic research. We understand the importance of enrollment related to the financial viability of the School and we are confident that we will have the appropriate resources to meet our enrollment projections. We will also create contingency plans to anticipate the possibility that enrollment will not meet our projections in a given period.

#### Section 3: Educational Program Design

### 3.A: Describe the school's daily schedule and annual calendar, including the annual number of days and hours of instructional time.

#### 3.A.i. Calendar

The School will follow the same annual calendar as the local School District regarding which days schools are in session. However, the School will determine its own hours of operation and will meet or exceed the statutorily required instructional hours (s. 1011.61, Florida Statutes). School will begin at 8:10 AM and students will be dismissed at 2:40 PM, allowing for 380 minutes each day.

Additionally, the School may offer additional instructional time through the use of extended school days, summer school, or classes on weekends if there is a need to do so based on the needs of the students and the School's academic performance.

#### 3.A.ii. Schedule / Instructional Time

While the exact time schedules will be determined and set during the planning and implementation phase over the next year, we are considering something similar to the following schedule:

Daily Stude	ent Schedule				
Classes start at 8:10 (Drop-off between 8:00 and 8:10)					
Grades K-2	Grades 3-5				
8:10 – 9:40 First Block (Reading – Word Work,	8:10 – 8:40 Specials: PE, Art, Music				
Vocabulary, Whole Group Mini Lesson, Small					
Groups)					
9:40 – 9:55 Read Aloud With Accountable Talk	8:40 – 10:10 First Block (Reading – Word Work,				
	Vocabulary, Whole Group Mini Lesson, Small				
	Groups)				
10:00 – 11:30 Second Block (Math – Whole	10:10 – 10:25 Read Aloud With Accountable Talk				
Group Mini-lesson and small groups instruction)					
11:30 – 12:00 Third Block (Science, Social	10:25 –11:25 Second Block (Math – Whole Group,				
Studies, Health)	Mini-lesson, and small group instruction)				
12:00 – 12:30 Lunch II	11:25- 11:55 Lunch I				
12:30 – 1:00 Third Block Continued (Science,	11:55 – 12:25 Second Block Continued (Math)				
Social Studies, Health, Spanish)					
1:00 – 2:00 Fourth Block (Writer's Workshop)	12:25 – 1:25 Third Block (Writer's Workshop)				
2:00 – 2:40 Specials: PE, Art, Music	1:25 –2:40 Fourth Block (Science, Social Studies,				
	Health, Spanish)				
2:40 Dismissal (Pick u	2:40 Dismissal (Pick up between 2:40-3:00)				

This schedule is a general guideline that will be used when developing the master schedule. Key points that will be taken into consideration when scheduling instructional time are:

- Uninterrupted blocks for reading and math of at least ninety (90) minutes (during which time these subject areas will be the primary focus, within the context of the overall projects currently being completed by the class).
- Language arts (reading, writing, speaking, and listening) and math will be integrated throughout science and social studies themes to provide for additional instruction and application of key skills.
- Class schedules will be optimized for the use of a reading resource teacher (so that the resource teacher can work with as many students as possible).
- Creative / constructive play and expression are essential in the development of children, and, therefore, recess time will be built into the day, preferably breaking apart the two main academic blocks.

Given the philosophy of the School with the intention to incorporate interdisciplinary approaches to instruction, we do not believe a rigid class schedule to be in the best interest of the educational approach. However, we acknowledge the statutory requirements to provide specific amount of instruction in specific areas. The Table below indicates the dedicated core instructional minutes that will be provided throughout each day, as well as a breakdown of the specialists who will work with each class of students throughout the week. We will work with the School District staff to ensure accuracy and compliance with state reporting.

Instructional Minutes						
	Kindergarten	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
	<b>Dedicated Co</b>	re Academ	ic Instructi	onal Minute	es - Daily	
Language Arts Instruction	120	120	110	100	90	90
Math	90	90	90	90	90	90
Instruction						
	Weekly M	inutes with	Specialists	s (Per Class	room)	
Reading Resource Teacher	90	90	60	45	30	30
Physical Education Resource Teacher	150	150	150	150	150	150
Art Resource Teacher	45	45	45	45	45	45
Music Resource Teacher	45	45	45	45	45	45

#### 3.B: Describe the proposed charter school's educational program.

Much of the education system currently utilized within the United States was developed for the Industrial Era, when segmenting subjects and content areas may have been effective. However, we are now preparing students for a new world, where creativity and the ability to think and solve problems are more important than segmented pieces of information. Many of the jobs for which we have been preparing students do not even exist today. Our students need to be able to look at a problem and find ways to resolve that problem by incorporating a multi-disciplinary perspective. They need to not only have the basic educational foundation with facts and knowledge, but even more importantly, students must be able to apply this knowledge and understand how to utilize tools to acquire, create, and develop a more cohesive understanding. They must also have the interpersonal skills necessary to work cooperatively with others to achieve results.

Unfortunately, many arts and technology programs are sidelined in an educational landscape of shrinking budgets. School officials across the country are forced to eliminate arts and technology programs to appropriate funds to purchase tools to help students attain the federal and state benchmarks, leaving students unfulfilled in areas outside of the day-to-day academics. In 2011, cutting or eliminating fine arts electives in Broward County saved the district about \$9 million (Fitzpatrick, 2011, June 15)<sup>4</sup>. For this reason, The Magnolia Academy for the Arts will employ multiple research-based approaches, in support of the educational mission, to deliver a quality curriculum that will prepare students to reach their maximum potential in all subject areas with special emphasis in the arts. It is a priority of the School to practice methods based on sound research by developing learning communities that will allow students to work in groups with students that share similar interests.

The School will employ an instructional model that will allow students to develop and apply the skills needed for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The educational program at the School has four (4) critical elements that will provide students with a foundation for success at school, future work, and in life: authentic learning with an emphasis on the arts, collaboration, a nurturing environment, and technology skills.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> <u>http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2011-06-15/news/fl-broward-schools-budget-20110614\_1\_teacher-jobs-elementary-electives-teacher-positions</u>



#### 3.B.i. Authentic Learning

Authentic learning experiences will take place at the School through the use of thematic, Project Based Learning; and the integration of community resources. Many traditional schools engage students in learning experiences that are contrived to teach specific knowledge or skills. Students rarely have opportunities to ask and answer honest questions about the world around them. Their curiosity is often required to follow the same order as the Table of Contents in their math, science, and social studies textbooks. They "learn" about the world by reading a book or article, or listening to the teacher or watching a video.

Authentic learning is defined as "...whole-task experiences based on real life (work) tasks that integrate skills, knowledge attitude and social context. Instruction is organized around the whole task, usually in an easy to difficult progression, which 'scaffolds' learning support from 'lots to little' as learners progress" (Gram Consulting, n.d.). The main authentic learning approach at the School will be Project Based Learning (PBL) with arts and technology integration. Students will be actively engaged in various projects and educational pursuits, while at the same time learning the essential knowledge and skills as outlined in the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards. Students will use community resources as their "learning labs" and/or use the results of their knowledge to effect change in their School and/or local community.

We believe strongly in the ideals of Project Based Learning. Possibly the most extensive definition of Project Based Learning is that presented by the Buck Institute for Education which focused on Project Based Learning for the 21st century. Project Based Learning is defined as "a systematic teaching method that engages students in learning essential knowledge and life-

enhancing skills through an extended, student-influenced inquiry process structured around complex, authentic questions and carefully designed products and tasks." The model, borrowed from their website (http://www.bie.org/about/what\_is\_pbl/) is as follows:

- 1. Is organized around an open-ended Driving Question or Challenge. These questions or challenges focus students' work and deepen their learning by centering on significant issues, debates, questions, and/or problems.
- 2. Creates a need to know essential content and skills. Typical projects (and most instruction) begin by presenting students with knowledge and concepts and then, once learned, give them the opportunity to apply them. PBL begins with the vision of an end product or presentation which requires learning specific knowledge and concepts, thus creating a context and reason to learn and understand the information and concepts.
- 3. Requires inquiry to learn and/or create something new. Not all learning has to be based on inquiry, but some should. This inquiry should lead students to construct something new an idea, an interpretation, or a new way of displaying what they have learned.
- 4. Requires critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, and various forms of communication. Students need to do much more than remember information—they need to use higher-order thinking skills. They also have to learn to work as a team and contribute to a group effort. They must listen to others and make their own ideas clear when speaking, be able to read a variety of material, write or otherwise express themselves in various modes, and make effective presentations. These skills, competencies and habits of mind are often known as "21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills".
- 5. Allows some degree of student voice and choice. Students learn to work independently and take responsibility when they are asked to make choices. The opportunity to make choices, and to express their learning in their own voice, also helps to increase students' educational engagement.
- 6. Incorporates feedback and revision. Students use peer critique to improve their work to create higher quality products.
- 7. Results in a publicly presented product or performance. What you know is demonstrated by what you do, and what you do must be open to public scrutiny and critique.

Authentic learning experiences will also be provided to students through a partnership with the Parker Playhouse, managed by the Broward Center of the Performing Arts where students will participate in supplemental classes and professional mentoring workshops with art professionals. The Parker Playhouse opened in 1967 and was one of Fort Lauderdale's first venues. This 1,167-seat fully equipped theater plays an important role in the community by serving as a vibrant part of the area. Parker Playhouse helps fuel economic development while also bringing the community together with performances, activities and educational programming.

The School will work closely with the Parker Playhouse Education Coordinator, Kelly Armstead. Ms. Armstead has worked with the Parker Playhouse for over six (6) years, overseeing all aspects of providing stellar school arts education experiences for students in grades Pre K – 12. She will serve as an advisor to the governing board of our School and support the School's efforts to provide real-life experiences in the arts. Students will be given the opportunity to attend performances and participate in workshops hosted by performing art professionals. Students will work with mentors and experience behind the scene tours, which will provide them with first-hand knowledge of the roles and responsibilities of hosting a performance as well as incorporating technology.

#### 3.B.ii. Collaboration

Authentic learning will be supported at the School by collaboration among students and among teachers. As described above, in a Project Based Learning model, students will work on teams and contribute to a group effort to master educational content and standards. They must listen to others and make their own ideas clear when speaking, be able to read a variety of material, write or otherwise express themselves in various modes, and make effective presentations. Depending on the unit of study and the project, students may be asked to collaborate with same-age peers in their class or in another class, with older or younger students in another grade, or with members of the local community.

Another key component in the design of the School both physically and operationally will be the use of collaborative grade level teams. Our staff will be structured in such a way as to support professional collegiality in working with students. While classroom placement will be done relatively traditionally for an elementary school (students will have a single generalist homeroom teacher from whom they will receive the majority of their instruction), grade level classes will be physically adjoined and teacher collaboration / team teaching will be required.

Adjoining classrooms will be included in the design of the facility, which will make it easy for teachers and students to collaborate. Teachers will work together to plan projects and lessons, thus allowing classes to work together. Teachers will be able to team teach, consequently building on the strengths and interests of each team member. They will be better able to implement flexible groupings of students to focus on students who may need targeted instruction or support. This will also encourage unity within the professional learning community.

#### 3.B.iii. Nurturing Environment

Authentic learning and collaboration will be supported by a nurturing environment for our students. A nurturing environment will support children's social and emotional development, which is essential to academic success.

Social and emotional development in young children has to do with *how young children feel about themselves* (such as confident, always scared, eager to learn, proud of their culture, afraid of being wrong), *how they behave* (such as constantly fighting, easily upset, able to deal with conflict), and *how they relate to others*, especially people who

matter to them (for example, parents, teachers, and friends) (Knitzer & Lefkowitz, 2005).

We understand that children develop these skills at different rates and at different times. Every effort will be made to support children as they learn to trust themselves and others, manage conflict, and take risks. This will be evident through a school-wide behavior plan that focuses on providing a safe, respectful atmosphere where students feel supported and comfortable engaging in their education.

An important element of nurturing the social and emotional development of our students will be our relationship with their parents. Relationships with the parents will be encouraged by setting systems in place to emphasize the importance of home-school communication. We hope to ensure that students are wrapped in a nurturing environment at school that is an extension of their home. Research has identified that focusing on social development and the emotional needs is especially important with younger students (Goleman, 2006; Neuharth-Pritchett, 2006; Swick & Brown, 1999).

#### 3.B.iv. Foundation for Success

The foundation of our School will be preparing students for success in school, at work, and in life. This foundation will include instruction that is based on Florida's Next Generation Sunshine State Standards delivered through multi-media tools such as interactive whiteboards, computers, and e-books.

In order to prepare students to be successful both in school and beyond, they must possess the technology skills to acquire information and communicate effectively with others. The Partnership for Twenty-First Century Skills<sup>5</sup> identifies information, media, and technology (IMT) skills as a key component of their framework.

In addition, the International Society for Technology in Education has identified six (6) technology standards specifically for students (<u>http://www.iste.org/standards/nets-for-students/nets-student-standards-2007.aspx</u>). These include:

- Students demonstrate creative thinking, construct knowledge, and develop innovative products and processes using technology.
- Students use digital media and environments to communicate and work collaboratively, including at a distance, to support individual learning and contribute to the learning of others.
- Students apply digital tools to gather, evaluate, and use information.
- Students use critical thinking skills to plan and conduct research, manage projects, solve problems, and make informed decisions using appropriate digital tools and resources.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <u>http://www.p21.org/index.php?option=com\_content&task=view&id=254&Itemid=120</u>

- Students understand human, cultural, and societal issues related to technology and practice legal and ethical behavior.
- Students demonstrate a sound understanding of technology concepts, systems, and operations.

Students at our School will use technology as a tool to access, evaluate, and express information. Attention to the development of these skills is grounded in our commitment to an academic foundation based on the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards including the Common Core State Standards (NGSSS) (as defined by Senate Bill 1076) as technology is infused throughout. Examples include:

- LA.1.6.4.1: The student will use appropriate available technology resources (e.g., writing tools, digital cameras, drawing tools) to present thoughts, ideas, and stories.
- SC.4.E.6.5: Investigate how technology and tools help to extend the ability of humans to observe very small things and very large things.
- SS.3.A.1.2: Utilize technology resources to gather information from primary and secondary sources.
- MU.5.H.2.2: Describe how technology has changed the way audiences experience music.
- PE.2.C.1.3: Utilize technology to enhance experiences in physical education.

It is expected that students will develop increasingly sophisticated technology skills resulting in students in the upper grades using technology to a higher degree than students in lower grades. For example, technology use with students in the primary grades may include basic computer operations, using search tools, using digital cameras, and becoming comfortable with the interactive whiteboard. Students in the intermediate grades may create multi-media presentations, improve keyboarding skills, create and use databases, and use technology to communicate with people locally, state-wide, and across the nation.

#### 3.B.v. Tying the Model Together

While the ideas of Project Based Learning and arts and technology integration are not new, they have rarely been implemented on a consistent school-wide basis at the elementary level. We believe that a curriculum focused on Project Based Learning, enriched with arts and technology, in a collaborative and nurturing environment is an innovative concept at the elementary level. We also believe that by embedding instruction into real world, project-based experiences, students will be able to learn more efficiently than with a typical curricular approach which segments students' days into regimented subject area content.

The flexibility in the School's daily schedule and a professional development focus on team teaching and planning will allow for in-depth project-based activities and teaching across the curriculum. Teachers will work closely together and coordinate thematic units and projects to ensure that teaching activities and the integration of arts and technology resources support student success in all content areas.

Students will be posed with problems and guiding questions which they must solve, and, along the way through mini-lessons and guidance from their highly qualified teachers, students will acquire the learning objectives as outlined in the NGSSS, including the Common Core State Standards. The problems and questions will revolve around grade level themes that will ensure students receive the academic instruction necessary for success at each grade level. Many of the same instructional tools utilized at many schools will be imbedded into the curriculum. For example, many teachers use a variety of reading strategies including Choral Reading, Cloze Reading, Silent Reading with a Clear Task, Echo Reading/Alternate Reading, Partner Reading, etc. All of these types of reading strategies will be used; however, they will be applied within an over-arching theme that gives the students a purpose for learning, which is something they need to accomplish as a result of using the reading strategies.

In the early grades, many of the projects on which students will work will be classroom focused, but as students progress through their time at the School, the questions and problems that they will solve may move beyond the walls of our School. For example, in fourth grade, the social studies curriculum focuses on Florida government and how citizens can influence the public sphere, while part of the Science curriculum focuses on human and animal effects on the environment and the use of natural resources. It is conceivable that the teacher could combine these areas along with the reading stories: *The Power of Oil, Adelina's Whales, At Home in the Coral Reef*, and *Exploring the Undersea Territory*. Combining these areas along with events in the news (such as the British Petroleum Oil crisis or the National Debt Ceiling Debate), the teacher could present the problem to the students such as: "What effect will the oil spill have on Florida and what can we (and other citizens) do to help?" As part of this lesson, students could be studying current events, modern research resources, natural resources, the effects of humans on the environment, citizen involvement, Florida geography, etc. The teacher could build in mini-lessons from math about volume, comparing large numbers, and geometry as well as other essential fourth grade math standards.

As students research the issue using a variety of resources including books, magazines, the internet, and experts to learn the background that they need, develop their plan, and conduct their project, they will be utilizing many interdisciplinary skills. Through the use of mini-lessons, the teacher will be able to specifically teach some or all of the following NGSSS to help students accomplish their project.

Identify physical features of Florida.
Explain how weather impacts Florida.
Interpret political and physical maps using map elements (title, compass rose, cardinal directions, intermediate directions, symbols, legend, scale, longitude, atitude).
Explain Florida's role in the national and international economy and conditions that attract businesses to the state.
Discuss public issues in Florida that impact the daily lives of its citizens.
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SS.4.C.2.2	Identify ways citizens work together to influence government and help solve
	community and state problems.
SC.4.N.1.1	Raise questions about the natural world, use appropriate reference materials that
	support understanding to obtain information (identifying the source), conduct
	both individual and team investigations through free exploration and systematic
	investigations, and generate appropriate explanations based on those
	explorations.
SC.4.N.1.3	Explain that science does not always follow a rigidly defined method ("the
	scientific method") but that science does involve the use of observations and
	empirical evidence.
SC.4.E.6.3	Recognize that humans need resources found on Earth and that these are either
	renewable or nonrenewable.
SC.4.E.6.6	Identify resources available in Florida (water, phosphate, oil, limestone, silicon,
	wind, and solar energy).
SC.4.L.17.4	Recognize ways plants and animals, including humans, can impact the
	environment.
MA.4.A.1.2	Multiply multi-digit whole numbers through four digits fluently, demonstrating
	understanding of the standard algorithm, and checking for reasonableness of
	results, including solving real-world problems.
MA.4.A.2.1	Use decimals through the thousandths place to name numbers between whole
	numbers.
MA.4.A.4.1	Generate algebraic rules and use all four operations to describe patterns,
	including nonnumeric growing or repeating patterns.
MA.4.A.4.2	Describe mathematics relationships using expressions, equations, and visual
	representations.
MA.4.A.4.3	Recognize and write algebraic expressions for functions with two operations.
MA.4.A.6.5	Relate halves, fourths, tenths, and hundredths to decimals and percents.
MA.4.A.6.6	Estimate and describe reasonableness of estimates; determine the
	appropriateness of an estimate versus an exact answer.
MA.4.G.5.3	Identify and build a three-dimensional object from a two-dimensional
	representation of that object and vice versa.

Furthermore, students can demonstrate what they've learned in a variety of ways that integrate arts skills.

VA.4.S.1.1	Manipulate tools and materials to achieve diverse effects in personal works of art.
VA4.s.1.2	Explore and use media, technology, and other art resources to express ideas
	visually.
VA.4.S.3.1	Experiment with various materials, tools, techniques, and processes to achieve a
	variety of results in two- and/or three-dimensional artworks.
VA.4.F.3.2	Collaborate with peers in the art room to achieve a common art goal.

Students' final projects might include posters to inform the community about the impact of oils spills on Florida habitats or what to do if an animal endangered by the oil spill is found, create three-dimensional maps to show the area impacted by the oil spill, or create a collage that illustrates the effect of the oil spill.

The list above specifies the standards from Math, Science, Social Studies, and Visual Art which could be specifically taught as part of engaging students within the current events related to the oil spill or the Debt Ceiling Crisis. Language Arts was intentionally omitted from this list as we recognize that reading instruction is the primary focus of primary education, and statutorily of charter schools, and therefore, we wish to address Language Arts as both embedded within the thematic instruction and separately to address individual student needs.

EJ Hirsh (2010) writes that "to be fully literate is to have the communicative powers of language at your command--to read, write, listen and speak with understanding." This sentiment provides the framework for the Language Arts instruction and central core concepts of our School. In order to truly learn and be able to apply the standards of the Language Arts curriculum, students need a realistic purpose and audience for applying the standards. In the example above, students could apply language skills and learning to their project through writing letters to their elected representatives, writing and producing public service announcements, interviewing experts in the field, creating print materials to distribute, etc. Their reading skills will be enhanced as they read real world documentation about the oil spill, the legislative sessions regarding banning offshore drilling, and more. This real life application of their learning will motivate and engage students to more effectively apply and retain the essential knowledge and skills they are learning. Language Arts will be infused in all projects at the School.

#### 3.C: Describe the research base for the educational program.

#### 3.C.i. Project Based Learning

A growing body of academic research supports the use of Project Based Learning (PBL) as a way to engage students, motivate students to learn, cut absenteeism, boost cooperative learning, and raise academic achievement. Research studies have demonstrated that PBL can:

- be more effective than traditional instruction in increasing academic achievement on annual state-administered assessment tests (Geier et al., 2008);
- be more effective than traditional instruction for teaching mathematics, science, and social science (Boaler, 1997; Mergendoller, 2007; Walker & Leary, 2008);
- be more effective than traditional instruction for long-term retention, skill development and satisfaction of students and teachers (Strobel & van Barneveld, 2008);
- be more effective than traditional instruction for preparing students to integrate and explain concepts (Capon & Kuhn, 2004);
- improve students' mastery of 21st-century skills (Hmelo, 1998);
- be especially effective with lower-achieving students (Lynch et al., 2005); and,
- provide an effective model for whole school reform (National Clearinghouse for Comprehensive School Reform, 2004).

#### 3.C.ii. Grade Level Teams

The School plans to use Professional Learning Communities as a component of the overall educational model and design. We believe that the collaboration, creativity, and sense of community in this model is how people learn best and is very similar to how the students will learn with Project Based Learning.

A Professional Learning Community (PLC) can contribute to instructional improvement and school reform (Annenberg, n.d.; Little, 2003). PLCs can be most effective when their purpose is to enhance teacher effectiveness for the ultimate benefit of students (Stoll et al., 2006). By participating in PLCs, teachers may experience a variety of benefits that contribute to improved student achievement, including:

- Reduction of isolation
- Increased commitment to the mission and goals of the school
- Shared responsibility for student success
- Greater job satisfaction and higher morale
- Lower rates of absenteeism (Hord, 1997)

PLCs often are defined by the presence of certain characteristics (Stoll et al., 2006). Researchers have attempted to identify characteristics in PLCs that are operating smoothly, such as supportive and shared leadership, belief that the school is a learning community, shared vision, focus on student achievement, continuous inquiry and reflective dialogue, collaboration, and participants' perceptions about those characteristics (Hord & Rutherford, 1998; Huffman, 2000; Thompson et al., 2004).

Researchers also have considered characteristics in schools at different stages of PLC development as in the following examples:

- Three themes, proactive administrator and teacher leadership, purposeful decision making, and job-embedded professional development, distinguish more advanced PLCs from less developed ones (Huffman et al., 2001).
- A strong vision that is connected to student learning and continuous improvement is found in more developed PLCs (Bolam et al., 2005). Shared vision is evident in more established PLCs (Huffman, 2003).
- Shared leadership structures, including opportunities to build teacher leadership capacity, are more evident in schools that have more developed PLCs (Moller, 2006). However, it should be noted that structures for shared leadership are emerging in less developed PLCs.

Improvement in student performance is at the center of PLC work. Several studies have evaluated this relationship.

Researchers (Hughes & Kritsonis, 2007) selected a sample of schools from a database of schools with staff who had attended PLC workshops and that were implementing PLCs. The mean length of time that sample schools (n=64) reported functioning as a PLC was two and one half (2.5) years. During a three-year period, 90.6 percent of these schools

reported an increase in standardized math scores; 81.3 percent reported an increase in English/language arts scores between five (5) points and twenty-six (26) points.

- Case studies of three elementary schools showed that, during a five-year period, students from minority and low-income families improved their scores on state achievement tests from less than 50 percent proficient to seventy-five percent (75%) proficient. Strahan (2003) conducted interviews to examine the role of a collaborative professional culture on instructional improvement and found that working collaboratively in PLCs was a foundational characteristic of these schools.
- Using multiple sources of data from a four-year evaluation of PLCs in an urban district, Supovitz (2002) found that an explicit focus on instructional improvement is necessary for PLCs to have a positive impact on improving teaching and learning. Without such focus, PLCs may have a positive effect on culture and teachers' feelings of well-being, but not necessarily on student achievement. Researchers found similar results in another large urban district (Supovitz & Christman, 2003).
- Louis and Marks (1998) found that when a school is organized into a professional community, the following occurs:
  - o Teachers set higher expectations for student achievement.
  - Students can count on the help of their teachers and peers in achieving ambitious learning goals.
  - o The quality of classroom pedagogy is considerably higher.
  - o Achievement levels are significantly higher.

#### 3.C.iii. Brain-based Learning

Teachers will integrate the principles of brain-based learning throughout instruction. According to Madrazo and Motz (2005), brain-based learning is the use of "research in neuroscience on how the brain works to gain an understanding of how students learn and develop in a classroom." Brain-compatible instruction is education that is specifically tailored to reflect current knowledge of how the brain processes and utilizes knowledge. The underlying rationale behind the value of brain-based learning is that neural connections in the brain, those connections that represent the formation of knowledge, are dynamically created and modified throughout a person's lifetime (Berger, 2005). This potential for continual growth in response to new information is critical to the efforts of modern educators to advance the concept and value of lifelong learning. Madrazo and Motz (2005) described this trait of plasticity in the working functions of the brain as the fundamental advantage in enhancing the retention and recall of knowledge, the common goal of both the educator and the learner. Banikowski and Mehring (1999) stated succinctly that "for educators, memory is the only evidence that something or anything has been learned." Tapping into the power of memory must become a priority for educators.

Duman (2010) demonstrated that brain-based learning (BBL) significantly increased the students' academic achievement when compared to traditional teaching method. Brain-based learning made similar positive contributions to the academic achievement of the students with

different learning styles and made positive contributions to the achievement both in the integrated whole-class activities and teaching activities individualized according to different learning styles.

The findings from Duman concur with the literature (Bowman, 2003; Brodnax, 2004; Caine and Caine, 1994; Caine, 2000; Caulfield, Kidd & Kocher 2000; Cengelci, 2005; Erlauer, 2003; Getz, 2003; Jeffrey, 2004; Jensen and Dabney, 2000; Özden and Gültekin, 2008; Wagmeister and Shifrin, 2000; Wortock, 2002).

To increase the academic achievement levels of students with different learning styles at the same level, the design of the learning-teaching processes and environments should be modeled based on BBL. When the planning, presentation, and application of the lesson are in compliance with the working principles of the brain, positive contributions can be made to students' motivation, attitudes, and academic achievement (Godwin, 2000; Jensen, 2008; Kotulak, 1997; Sousa, 2006; Wolfe, 2002; Zadina, 2004; Zull, 2002).

Marzano, Pickering, and Pollock (2001) identified nine categories of research-based instructional strategies in their meta-analyses of prior research studies. While Marzano, et al. (2001) cited general research support bases for the positive effects of identified strategies on student achievement, they also noted specific brain-based research support for the strategies. Identifying similarities and differences is a core strategy for initial processing of information (Gentner & Markman, 1994; Markman & Gentner, 1993a, 1993b; Medin, Goldstone, & Markman, 1995). The strategy of summarizing and note-taking supports the natural plasticity and pruning functions of the brain as it selects information to both cross-code into memory (Kintsch, 1979; van Dijk, 1980), and personalize into meaningful chunks of content for deeper understanding (Anderson & Armbruster, 1986; Denner, 1986; Einstein, Morris, & Smith, 1985). Homework and practice are clear examples that support the memory enhancing strategy of rehearsal, while the strategy of cooperative learning naturally increases episodic intensity in learning new information. The use of nonlinguistic representations is a strategy that addresses key visual elements in different learning styles and modalities, and supports dual-coding of various stimuli to increase neural activity (Paivio, 1969, 1971, 1990; Gerlic & Jausovec, 1999). Setting objectives and providing feedback helps students to develop their own metacognitive abilities and a general awareness of both what they are learning—and how they are learning it. The strategy of generating and testing hypotheses supports research in both inductive and deductive thinking as actions that inherently trigger connections with prior knowledge (Holland, Holyoak, Nisbett, & Thagard, 1986). Finally, using cues, questions, and advance organizers helps students develop greater interest by encouraging deeper connections to presented information, and supports the tendency of the brain to organize knowledge for long-term storage and recall (Alexander & Judy, 1988; Alexander, Kulikowich, & Schulze, 1994; Risner, Nicholson, & Webb, 1994). The strategies identified by Marzano, et al. (2001) can form a working framework for instructional delivery that is strongly supported by current brain-based research.

Clearly, educators must become aware of how the brain processes and retains information to maximize their teaching efficiency. They must choose to use brain-based strategies in instruction—it is not an automatic process. Wolfe (2001) stated that the brain is "an essential element in the foundation on which we should base our educational decisions." Teachers must augment the presentation of content with modified instructional delivery that addresses the widest breadth of learning styles and processing pathways of memory. While no lesson can incorporate every possible method of presentation or activity, each lesson can capitalize on a variety of brain-based instructional techniques to ever nurture the development of a rich learning environment. Banikowski and Mehring (1999) concluded that "the ultimate goal of teaching techniques for enhancing memory is to allow students to control their learning."

Modern educators have embraced the concept that while teaching may still be an art, it must be based on science. Through the overall merging of instructional techniques with brain-based research data, we have the best means to maximize student achievement and ensure their ultimate success.

#### 3.C.iv. Arts Education

Art education is an important part of public education. Through art, a wide range of important skills can be taught to students. Unfortunately, when school budgets need to be trimmed, the arts are usually the first things to be cut. Art advocates feel strongly that the benefits students receive from art are too great to be overlooked.

a. Higher Graduation Rates

Between 2006 and 2008, the Center for Arts Education in New York City (CAE) conducted a study examining the connection between art education and graduation rates. Their findings demonstrated that the schools with the most access to art education also had the highest graduation rates. The CAE study suggested that the schools that placed in the top third of graduation rates offered students ample opportunity for art education, while the schools that offered their students little or no art education had the greatest dropout rates.

b. Brain Development

Art education can play a positive role in brain development. In a 2008 study organized by Michael Gazzaniga, in cooperation with the Dana Consortium, found that new neural networks were established within the brain whenever children were involved in creating art, music, dance or theatrical performances. The study concluded that arts education caused the brain to focus on specific areas of learning, which improved the overall thinking skills of students.

c. Improved Test Scores

Around the country, many schools have found correlations between involvement in the arts and higher test scores. The College Board (2005) has found that students who take art

classes have higher overall SAT scores than students who do not participate in arts programs. In Colorado, studies demonstrated that students who were involved in art classes had higher test scores on state assessments (Colorado Department of Education, 2006).

## d. Critical Thinking Skills

Art can improve a child's critical thinking skills in several ways: students learn to solve problems using individualized solutions; they learn to ask questions and to give answers based upon both factual information and aesthetic opinions; and, they use abstract thought to problem solve. Employers need workers who are able to think outside the box. Having advanced critical thinking skills can help students find successful careers after they graduate.

## e. Self Expression

Art is beneficial to an individual's self-esteem. Unfortunately some students are unsuccessful in the academic content areas. Art classes offer students the opportunity to find ways to express their emotions and personality. Involvement in the arts can motivate students who are otherwise unwilling to learn. A foundation in arts education can teach students how to give and take constructive feedback, which improves their social skills.

To a large extent, changes in the national education policy environment over the last decade have shaped the landscape for arts learning in the schools today. When *Eloquent Evidence* was published in 1995 by Elizabeth Murfee, *Arts at the Core of Learning* provided a fitting subtitle. A year earlier, Congress had enacted the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, which identified the arts for the first time in federal policy as a part of the core curriculum. This public acknowledgement of the arts as "core" to education was a meaningful step. In one sense, it came to symbolize what *Eloquent Evidence* later described as "a growing consensus among policy makers and parents that the arts should be an integral part of education."

The evidence is clear that study of the arts contributes to student achievement and success (National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, 2006). Its multiple benefits are academic, basic and comprehensive. Study of the arts in its many forms, whether as a stand-alone subject or integrated into the school curriculum, is increasingly accepted as an essential part of achieving success in school, work and life. What is less clear is how to ensure that all students have the opportunity to learn about and experience the arts in school. Despite convincing research and strong public support, the arts remain on the margins of education, often the last to be added and the first to be dropped in times of strained budgets and shifting priorities.

Unfortunately, study of the arts is quietly disappearing from our schools. In schools across the country, opportunities for students to participate in high-quality arts instruction and activities are diminishing, the result of shifting priorities and budget cuts. Poor, inner-city and rural schools bear a disproportionate share of the losses. Studies show children from low-income

families are less likely to be consistently involved in arts activities or instruction than children from high-income families (Catterall, Chapleau, & Iwanaga, 2002).

A May 2005 Harris Poll on the attitudes of Americans toward arts education, commissioned by Americans for the Arts, revealed strong public support. Among the findings:

- Ninety-three percent (93%) agreed that the arts are vital to proving a well-round education for students.
- Eight-six percent (86%) agreed an arts education encourages and assists in the improvement of a student's attitudes toward school.
- Eighty-three percent (83%) believed that arts education helps teach students to communicate effectively with adults and peers.
- Seventy-nine percent (79%) agreed incorporating the arts into education is the first step in adding back what's missing in public education today.
- Fifty-four percent (54%) rated the importance of arts education a "10" on a scale of one to ten.
- Seventy-nine percent (79%) believed that it's important enough for them to get personally involved in increasing the amount and quality of arts education.

Students who participate in arts learning experiences often improve their achievement in other realms of learning and life. Studies have shown that students who participate in enrichment courses, such as the arts and technology, result in high achievement in high school and in their post-secondary studies (Israel, 2009). In a well-documented national study using a federal database of over 25,000 middle and high school students, researchers from the University of California at Los Angeles found students with high arts involvement performed better on standardized achievement tests than students with low arts involvement (Catterall, 2002). Moreover, the high arts-involved students also watched fewer hours of TV, participated in more community service and reported less boredom in school.

The relationship between arts learning and the SAT is of considerable interest to anyone concerned with college readiness and admissions issues. The SAT Reasoning Test is the most widely used test offered by the College Board as part of its SAT Program. It assesses students' verbal and math skills and knowledge and is described as a "standardized measure of college readiness."

Many public colleges and universities use SAT scores in admissions. Nearly half of the nation's three million high school graduates in 2005 took the SAT. Multiple independent studies have shown increased years of enrollment in arts courses are positively correlated with higher SAT verbal and math scores (National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA), 2006). High school students who take arts classes have higher math and verbal SAT scores than students who take no arts classes.

Arts participation and SAT scores co-vary, they tend to increase linearly: the more arts classes,

the higher the scores. This relationship is illustrated in the 2005 results. Notably, students who took four years of arts coursework outperformed their peers who had one half-year or less of arts coursework by 58 points on the verbal portion and 38 points on the math portion of the SAT.

The research compendium *Critical Links* (NASAA, 2006) contains a diverse collection of studies that examine how arts learning experiences affect the academic achievement and social development of children and youth. It includes summaries of studies conducted in five major art form areas: dance, drama, visual arts, music and multi-arts. These studies document the habits of mind, social competencies and personal dispositions inherent to arts learning. Additionally, research has shown that what students learn in the arts may help them to master other subjects, such as reading, math or social studies.

More than 65 distinct relationships between the arts and academic and social outcomes are documented. They include such associations as: visual arts instruction and reading readiness; dramatic enactment and conflict resolution skills; traditional dance and nonverbal reasoning; and learning piano and mathematics proficiency. Based on these findings, the compendium has identified six major types of benefits associated with study of the arts and student achievement (Deasy, 2003):

- 1. Reading and language skills
- 2. Mathematics skills
- 3. Thinking skills
- 4. Social skills
- 5. Motivation to learn
- 6. Positive school environment

## 3.C.v. Technology Integration

The amount of technology available for education has increased exponentially over the past decade and thus it is important to discover what types of tools exist and in what ways they are most effective. Technology also becomes increasingly important for the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. The 21st Century Framework (2004) promotes technological literacy because students must know how to use technology effectively and ethically in order to succeed in a global community. To educate students who can compete in a global job market, it is necessary to improve upon their technology skills as well as their skills in core content, according to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Framework. Thus integrating technology into core content courses promotes technological literacy as well as a better understanding of core concepts.

As noted by the National Council of Teachers of Math (NCTM) (2008):

Technology is an essential tool for learning mathematics in the 21st century, and all schools must ensure that all their students have access to technology. Effective teachers maximize the potential of technology to develop students' understanding, stimulate their

interest, and increase their proficiency in mathematics. When technology is used strategically, it can provide access to mathematics for all students.

Kulik (2003) used measures of effect size to summarize findings from eight (8) meta-analyses of instructional technology in elementary and secondary schools to show:

- Professional development for teachers and easy access to Internet connected computers for teachers and students enhance the learning effectiveness of instructional technology.
- Computer enrichment programs have positive effects on students' writing, mathematics, and performance in the natural and social sciences. In fact, "simply giving students greater access to computers and Internet resources often results in gains in writing skill."
- The effects of using Integrated Learning Systems (ILS) can be increased by providing more time for students to spend on the ILS instruction and by enabling students to work in pairs on the ILS instruction, rather than individually.
- Student familiarity with and knowledge of computers influences effectiveness of technology-based instruction.
- The effectiveness of simulation programs for helping students to acquire higher order thinking skills can be increased with additional hands-on activities, and when the simulations are used as preparation for further instruction.
- Writing skills programs that provide prompts independent of student requests are most effective.

Waxman et al. (2003) conducted a meta-analysis of the effectiveness of instructional technology on student outcomes. The results of this quantitative synthesis show a positive effect of teaching and learning with technology on student outcomes. The findings also revealed no significant differences across the contextual categories of study quality, teaching, and technology characteristics. In other words, the results can be generalized across a wide variety of conditions that have been investigated as well as across student, school, and study characteristics.

Since the School's curriculum is technology-enriched, it is critical that safe, ethical and, appropriate use of all technology usage are promoted at the School. The School supports the safe, ethical, and legal use of technology resources. The School will provide for compliance with the acceptable use of technology through appropriate student supervision and filtering techniques and software. These techniques, in addition to blocking inappropriate materials, will automatically notify School staff of such attempts immediately. All School staff will be required to participate in the School's professional development modules on effective use of technology and demonstrate proficiency in delivering and supporting instruction using technology.

## 3.C.vi. Authentic Learning

Authentic, real-world learning activities activate multiple pathways in the brain, and promote dendrite growth and maintenance (Kaufeldt, 2002). Authentic learning helps the students to

create meaning through experience, and stimulates brain activity through complex interactions, contexts, and inquiry (Konecki & Schiller, 2003). A natural interconnectedness of content, concept, and context results from experiential learning, which tends to incorporate diverse learning styles and intelligences in a variety of settings. According to Caine and Caine (2001), "context provides indispensable input and stimulation for the grasp of any complex idea or skill...The context always teaches." The advantage of experiential context in memory is that the learner experiences it on both conscious and unconscious levels of perception. Caine and Caine astutely observed that there is a difference between knowing content or information, which is important, and being able to apply it, which is essential.

According to Wolfe (2001), real-life problem solving, projects, and simulations are excellent types of authentic learning activities to help develop knowledge application skills. Each is useful in promoting active learning and long-term retention. Problem-solving activities that feature actual or realistic problems from the students' school or community provide a meaningful framework for students to encode the application and importance of content. Projects act to enrich the learning environment and aid motivation and interest in content beyond abstract presentation. Simulations, or role-playing, help to activate physical and emotional learning pathways and enhance episodic memory input. Martin (1993) also found that these types of activities help to create a rich, stimulating environment that encourages active processing and aids synaptic growth in memory for better retention and recall.

The School has chosen curriculum materials, resources, and programs that have a strong research base and have been proven effective with students.

## 3.D: Explain how the educational program aligns with the school's mission.

Magnolia Academy of the Arts is dedicated to improving the lives of its students by providing authentic learning experiences with special emphasis on the arts in a collaborative, nurturing environment thereby awakening students' sense of curiosity and building a foundation for success in school, at future work, and in life.

Key Element	Educational Program
Authentic Learning Experiences	<ul> <li>Project-Based Learning</li> <li>Active vs. Passive learning</li> <li>Use of community resources for learning</li> <li>Integration of the NGSSS with current events</li> <li>Development of language arts skills to communicate with real audiences</li> </ul>
Special Emphasis on the Arts	<ul> <li>Integration of the arts into project-based themes</li> <li>Partnership with the Broward Center for the Performing</li> </ul>

The educational program at the School is aligned with the School's mission as indicated below.

	Arts, Parker Playhouse
Collaborative Environment	Group and Team projects
	Grade level teams of teachers
	Cross grade level learning experiences for students
Nurturing Environment	Attention to students' social and emotional needs
	School-wide behavior plan
	Safe, respectful atmosphere
	Strong school-home connections
Foundation for Success	<ul> <li>High expectations for academic achievement, acquisition of the NGSSS, and parental involvement</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>State of the art technology as a tool to develop 21st century skills and access the most current information: interactive white boards, classroom sets of computers, ebooks, etc.</li> <li>Use of technology as a tool to access and express information</li> </ul>

3.E: Explain how the services the school will provide to the target population will help them attain the Next Generation Sunshine State Common Core Standards, as required by s. 1002.33, F.S.

The educational program at the School will help all students master the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards, including Common Core Standards, (NGSSS) by providing rigorous instruction aligned with the state standards and supported by a research-based curriculum. Our instructional methods will be respectful of how children learn best to ensure that the knowledge and skills required by the state standards are mastered and retained. By providing students with a creative, nurturing and collaborative environment, students will experience a high degree of success and will be able to meet their individual potentials.

Students will individually be held accountable to learning standards each year to ensure they are meeting the NGSSS. Often students who are "low-performing" are labeled as such due to their lack of interest in an academic area or their inability to see the relevance of what they are learning as it relates to their daily lives. The structure and application of the School's curriculum will solve this issue for many of our students. Teachers will strive to make learning practical and relevant as students apply knowledge to the projects in which they are participating. Therefore, student achievement on a given task will be at times broad, at times deep, and always cross-curricular.

Assessments will provide valuable data to determine which students need additional interventions, and staff specialists (such as the reading resource teacher) will be available to provide small group and individualized instruction when necessary for those students who are struggling with individual concepts or who have been determined to be at Level 1 or Level 2 in Reading and/or Math. Students who qualify for Exceptional Student Education (ESE) services will also receive services from qualified staff members both through the inclusionary model and

through pull-out instruction based on the services and identified needs of their individual educational plans (IEPs).

All teachers will employ flexible grouping. For example, if there are a small group of students struggling with mastery of specific knowledge or a specific skill, a small group will be formed and one teacher will work more directly with that group, while the other teachers at that grade level work with the other students. The School design with adjoining classrooms will be optimal in these situations.

#### If the school intends to replicate an existing school design:

**3.F:** Provide evidence that the existing design has been effective and successful in raising student achievement.

The effectiveness of an existing school design can be demonstrated by providing evidence of organizational viability and the success of the academic program, including compliance with legal requirements, as well as a direct relationship between program elements and student achievement.

The School intends to replicate the school design of the Magnolia School for the Arts and Technology. This school has been designed to serve students in grades 6-8 and will open in August, 2014.

## 3.G: Describe the applicant's capacity to replicate an existing school design.

The capacity to replicate can be demonstrated by providing credible and welldefined strategies for replication, including the financial and human resources necessary to replicate the design.

This Board has the capacity to replicate the existing school design. In preparation for the opening of The Magnolia School for the Arts and Technology, policies, processes, and procedures have already been developed. The Board has experience with facilities preparation, recruiting and hiring high-quality faculty and staff, and recruiting and marketing to students and families within the approved budget. An effective governance structure is established and the Board is effectively working together to provide oversight for the Magnolia School Relationships have been established with several service providers including Newpoint Education Partners, School Financial Services, EMG Interactive, Charter School Capital, the YMCA, and many others who specialize in areas critical to the success of the School. We believe that our experience opening Magnolia School for the Arts and Technology clearly demonstrates the capacity to effectively open Magnolia Academy of the Arts.

## Section 4: Curriculum Plan

4.A: Describe the school's curriculum in the core academic areas, illustrating how it will prepare students to achieve the Next Generation Sunshine State Common Core Standards.

The central focus of our educational program will be ensuring that students obtain the essential elements of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards including the Common Core State Standards (NGSSS) (as defined by Senate Bill 1076) through the use of Project Based Learning and the infusion of technology. Project Based Learning is defined as "a systematic teaching method that engages students in learning essential knowledge and life-enhancing skills through an extended, student-influenced inquiry process structured around complex, authentic questions and carefully designed products and tasks" (Buck Institute for Education at Boise State University). This style incorporates real-world experiences tied with a strong degree of collaboration.

Many of the preliminary decisions regarding curriculum have been made; however, the most appropriate tools and partners for our School are still being researched and considered. Once the Assistant Director has been hired, he or she will dedicate time to refining the specific curriculum scope and sequence identified within this application. This will be done by forming academic teams to review the curriculum in comparison to Next Generation Sunshine State Standards, finding what additional resources above and beyond what is listed below will be necessary, and developing curriculum maps that include a specific scope and sequence and timeline to be used by teachers. The academic teams working on this project will include members of the board, school administrators, teachers, and our curriculum partners. Where necessary, the School will secure specific consultants to ensure that we have the appropriate expertise to complete this work.

Curriculum maps will benefit the School in a number of ways<sup>6</sup>.

- First, curriculum maps will help teachers identify cross-curricular connections and appropriate assessments. By identifying the big questions and/or problems related to each theme, teachers will be able to find opportunities to weave the NGSSS throughout the learning experiences created for and by students. They will also be able to plan appropriate methods for formative and summative assessment of student knowledge.
- Second, curriculum maps will illuminate opportunities for teacher-directed instruction and student-initiated queries and investigations.
- Third, curriculum maps will help teachers lay out their timelines for accomplishing academic goals and mastery of specific content knowledge and skills. This will ensure

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Utah Education Network, <u>http://www.uen.org/k-2educator/currmapping.shtml</u>

that teachers have sufficient time in the year to progress through the curriculum at a reasonable pace.

• Finally, curriculum maps will support communication among teachers, administrators, parents, and the community about the academic plan for the semester or school year.

It is our belief that learning needs to be authentic and integrated for students to truly understand and integrate the lessons taught into their everyday lives. We believe by tying together all instructional areas through the use of Project Based Learning, students will see a purpose for their learning and they will be able to build a more significant foundation of background knowledge. This, in turn, will enable them to be more successful and truly succeed in all tasks.

Our intent is for the selected textbooks series to support the curriculum rather than for the textbooks to be the curriculum. We intend to spend the planning time afforded after this application is approved finalizing the specific details of our curriculum along with the curriculum maps and detailed scope and sequence documents. Below is a list of the four main curricular areas and the materials that are intended for use in each area.

#### 4.A.i. Language Arts

Reading is a critical portion of every education system, and literacy and reading for information create the basic foundation for all areas of learning. Therefore, the School's educational program will utilize curricula that have substantial focus in these areas. The School will adhere to the specifications set forth by, and take full advantage of, myriad resources available from the Just Read, Florida! initiative.

Our initial plan is to utilize the Macmilliam/McGraw-Hill *Treasures* series. Stories will be arranged into themes that are more integrated with the interdisciplinary, Project Based Learning model used in the classrooms, rather than moving linearly through the text. Stories will be interwoven into instruction during the project portions of the day, and the supporting lessons that go along with the units (such as the word study skills, fluency instruction, oral language, shared reading, and reading/writing workshops) will be included as mini-lessons to be used to support and enhance the work students are completing as part of their overall projects. We believe that by infusing literature instruction into real world scenarios, students will be more engaged in and retain their instruction more effectively.

In addition to the materials provided by the Treasures series, teachers will have training in the utilization of the "6+1 Trait® Writing" program as has been developed by Education Northwest. This program breaks writing into six (plus one) components as a way of teaching and evaluating student writing:

- Ideas (the main message);
- Organization (the internal structure of the piece);
- Voice (the personal tone and flavor of the author's message);

- Word Choice (the vocabulary a writer chooses to convey meaning);
- Sentence Fluency (the rhythm and flow of the language);
- Conventions (the mechanical correctness); and
- Presentation (how the writing actually looks on the page)

#### 4.A.ii. Math

Our initial plan is to utilize the GO Math! series, published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. The program emphasizes Big Ideas and depth of understanding through interactive lessons, research based instructional approaches, best practices from around the world, and differentiated instructional resources to ensure success for all students.

Math skills will be integrated into the Project Based Learning, but a separate time will be given to math instruction. Many of the math skills required in the elementary years are foundational skills and as such, require initial direct instruction in order to then be built into the project based themes.

Certain themes and projects will easily lend themselves to the application of math skills. For example, in the first grade project/theme "Community Helpers," currency will be emphasized, while during the theme of "Mapping," measurements, units of measuring, and comparing/ ordering items based on measurement will be stressed.

#### 4.A.iii. Social Studies

Too often in the reality of high stakes testing, the Humanities and Arts are neglected in schools today. In many situations, parents will comment that their students haven't had Science or Social Studies lessons until the last few weeks of school, after the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) 2.0 has been completed. We maintain that instruction should be based on more than just basic skills; it should be founded in the roots of essential and real life knowledge and feel much of this comes from the areas that are so often dropped from the curriculum. As a result, Social Studies and Science instruction will be an integral part of the academic program and will be the driving force behind many of the project based themes that the School will utilize. Initially, we intend to use two curricular material sets for Social Studies. Most students will utilize the Social Studies Alive! series, published by TCI.

The Social Studies Alive! series offers a great deal of hands on experiences, actively engaging students in simulating what they are studying. One downfall of the TCI materials is that they do not have a specific Florida Studies textbook for fourth graders. As a result, the Houghton Mifflin *Florida Studies* Fourth Grade textbook will be used to help our fourth graders learn more about Florida history, as aligned to the NGSSS, including the Common Core State Standards.

#### 4.A.iv. Science

The Science program we intend to initially use is the *Scott Foresman Science* series published by Pearson. This program offers many opportunities for students to participate in hands on

experiences related to the subjects they are studying. The program aligns well with the NGSSS, including the Common Core State Standards. The actual sequence of the instruction will be modified to incorporate the project based themes being used within the School. Scientific inquiry and the science standards will be heavily infused into the project designs to ensure students are meeting the required standards.

## 4.A.v. Curriculum Themes

In developing the project based themes, correlations between the standards and content to be taught at each grade level will be analyzed and woven together into curriculum maps. From there, teachers will work with the students, using their knowledge of students' abilities and interests, as well as current events and curricular materials, to develop specific projects for groups of students. During the planning year of the School, these themes and possible projects will be more thoroughly developed. Some of the work has already been done. For example, the Table below shows an example of major themes for First Graders.

	First Grade Thematic Units for Project-Based Study					
Language Arts	Social Studies	Science	Math	Health	Arts	Additional Areas of Focus
Below are the story units/lessons and story titles from the curriculum materials that would be taught within each thematic unit.	Below are the chapter titles from the Social Studies Alive! textbook that would be covered within each unit.	Below are the chapter titles from the Scott Foresman Science textbook that would be covered within each unit.	Below are the math standards (NGSSS) that would be specifically highlighted during the unit. Other math concepts will be spread throughout the year.	Below are the health standards (NGSSS) that would be specifically highlighted during the unit. Other health standards will be spread throughout the year.	Below are the arts standards (NGSSS) that would be specifically highlighted during the unit. Other arts standards will be spread throughout the year.	Below are additional areas of study that may be included in each unit.
	Getting to Kno	w Fach Other	/ Community S	ervice and Gro	uns/Manning	
1/1: Pam & Sam 1/3: How You Grew 1/4: Pet Tricks 1/5: Soccer 2/3: A Prairie Dog Home 2/4: The Fun Kids Band 2/5: On My Way to School	Ch.1: How do we get along in school? Ch.2: Why is it important to learn from each other? Ch.3: Why do schools have rules? Ch.8: What groups do we belong to?	Ch.1: Living and Nonliving Ch.2: Habitats Ch.3: How plants and animals live Ch.6: Land, Water and Air Ch.12: Science in our world	MA.1.G.5.1 (Measure and group with units) MA.1.G.5.2 (Compare and order based on measurement s)		VA.1.O.3.1: Use personal symbols in artwork to document surroundings and community. VA.1.S.1.1: Experiment with art processes and media to express	

4/1: Pelican Was Hungry 4/2: June Robot Cleans Up 4/5: The Rabbit 6/1: Dot and Jabber and the Big Bug Mystery	Ch.4: What is a map? Ch.14: What do good neighbors do?				ideas. VA.1.S.1.3: Create works of art to tell a personal story.	
		L	Commun	ity Helpers		
1/2: I Can! Can You? 2/2: Little Red Hen 3/1: Kate's Game 3/2: Kids Can Help 6/3: Cool Jobs	Ch.4: Who helps us at school? Ch.5: How are we good helpers at school?	Ch.4: Life cycles Ch.5: Food chains		HE.1.C.1 (Health promotion, disease prevention) HE.1.B.2 (Communicati on skills to enhance health and avoid risk) HE.1.C.2 (Advocate for good health)		Science: Human Body (Systems, preventing illness) Math: Currency
				ing Observant		
4/3: Stormy Weather 5/4: Whistle for Willie 5/5: A Fruit is a Suitcase for Seeds 6/4: A Tiger Cub Grows Up		Ch.11: Day and Night Sky Ch.7: Weather Ch.8: Observing Matter Ch.9: Movement and Sound	MA.1.G.3.1 (Vocabulary to compare shapes) MA.1.G.3.2 (Compose and decompose shapes)		VA.1.C.1.2: Gather clues to help interpret and reflect on works of art.	
<b>F</b> (2)   (1)   1			Historical	Perspective		
5/3: Kids' Inventions 4/4: Meet Ben Franklin 5/2: The Kite	Ch.7: What was school like long ago?				VA.1.H.2.1: <u>Compare</u> <u>artworks</u> <u>from different</u> <u>cultures</u> , <u>created over</u> <u>time, to</u>	SS: Early people and civilizations SS: Early World Civilizations

					identify differences in style and media.	(Mesopotami a, Ancient Egypt)
		Familie	s / Supporting	Each Other/ T	raditions	•
2/1: Animal Moms and Dads 3/4: Smile, Mike! 3/5: Gram and Me 5/1: Olivia 6/5: Sand Castle	Ch.9: How are families special? Ch.10: What do families need and want? Ch.11: How do family members care for each other? Ch.12: How do Families change? Ch.13: What are family traditions?			HE.1.C.2 (Analyze factors on health behaviors)	VA.1.H.1.1: Discuss how different works of art communicate information about a particular culture.	SS: Modern world civilization (Mexico)
		L	Energy	/ Space		
3/3: Short Shadows, Long Shadows 6/2: Blue Jay Finds A Way		Ch.10: Learning about Energy				Sci: Astronomy

As can be seen from the Table above, the core themes for first grade are:

- Getting to Know Each Other/ Community Service and Groups/ Mapping
- Community Helpers
- Weather / Astronomy/ Being Observant and Scientific
- Historical Perspectives
- Families / Supporting Each Other/Traditions
- Energy / Space

In general, teachers will have approximately six (6) weeks to complete each theme. However, some themes will take longer than others to allow the teachers to adjust timing to the developmental and academic needs of the students as well as the breadth and depth of content to be covered.

During the planning phase of the School, various project options will be researched. These can then be drawn upon by the teachers in developing specific projects for students. Most projects cannot be completely designed prior to the school year, as they will be individualized based on the needs and interests of the students in the class.

A model such as the one described by The Buck Institute (Designing Your Project, <u>http://pbl-online.org/pathway2.html</u>) will be used to develop the individual projects. This process encourages starting with the end in mind. First, the teacher will develop the objectives students should meet at the end of the project. From there, a question that the students must try to answer will be posed. Once the question has been developed, a method of assessment will be devised that will encompass the learning objectives. The teacher will then work with the students to develop a map with deadlines and steps along the way to completion of the overall project. Once the actual student work begins, the teacher then will become a facilitator helping the students stay on track and find the information they need, offering mini-lessons, and support along the way.

This process can be exemplified with the first general First Grade theme, "Getting to Know Each Other/ Community Service and Groups/ Mapping."

**Step 1 - Begin with the End in Mind** – The Big Ideas for this theme might be the following:

- Culture is the way of life shared by a group of people, including their ideas and traditions.
- Cultures reflect the values and beliefs of groups in different ways (e.g., art, music, literature, religion); however, there are universals connecting all cultures.
- Culture influences viewpoints, rules and institutions in a global society. Students should understand that people form cultural groups throughout the United States and the World and that issues and challenges unite and divide them.

These Big Ideas might be supported with the following goal: Students will identify and give examples of good citizenship at home, at school, and in the community (e.g., helping with chores, obeying rules, participating in community service projects such as recycling, conserving natural resources, donating food/supplies) and explain why civic engagement in the community is important.

There are several NGSSS that related to this theme. These include, but are not limited to: SS.1.C.1.1: Explain the purpose of rules and laws in the school and community.

SS.1.C.2.1: Explain the rights and responsibilities students have in the school community.

SS.1.C.2.2: Describe the characteristics of responsible citizenship in the school community.

SS.1.G.1.5: Locate on maps and globes the student's local community, Florida, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Gulf of Mexico.

SS.1.C.2.3: Identify ways students can participate in the betterment of their school and community.

**Step 2 - Craft the Driving Question** - Knowing that first graders' attention span early in the school year will be optimal for a shorter term project (such as 2-3 weeks), students will engage in several questions and projects as part of this overall theme rather than one more in-depth question. The teacher may choose questions that first focus on the children as a bridge to other questions that connect the children's experiences to the larger community. Some of the potential questions that the teacher may want to address may be:

- What do we have in common as a community? What do communities have in common?
- How can we work together? What do we expect from each other? How do people in communities work together?
- How do guidelines/expectations (rules) help us succeed at School? How do guidelines/expectations (rules) help people succeed in the community?
- How do other groups get along with each other and work together?
- What happens if everyone doesn't do their job at School? What happens if everyone doesn't do their job in the community?

**Step 3 - Plan the Assessment** - Each project will have its own assessment rubric. Students will be taught how to utilize rubrics as a planning guide. A teacher may want to assess based on the following criteria:

- Students will describe two situations where living beings interact-one human, one animal
  - Students will be able to describe two situations where living beings interact.
  - Students will be able to answer two questions from either peers or the teacher about their situations where living beings interact.
  - Students will create a diorama illustrating a place where living beings interact.
- Students will imagine a situation that did not go well because people in a group did not follow the rules.
  - Students will write, draw, perform, or record a story where something did not go well because people in a group did not follow the rules.
- Students will explain why they feel it is necessary to get along in class
  - Students will provide examples of classroom cooperation.
  - Students will use a variety of media to create "posters" showing an example of getting along (such as sharing, being kind, etc.) that can be displayed in the classroom and school.

**Step 4 - Map the Project** - The teacher may choose to begin the unit with the story "Soccer" from Unit 1 of the first grade *Treasure's* textbook. While teaching this lesson during the language arts block, the traditional reading lessons from this unit would be included [such as read aloud strategies, phoneme categorization, phoneme segmentation, phoneme deletion, final blends and consonant-vowel-consonant-consonant (CVCC) words, high frequency words, fluency cues, etc.]. While reading the story, the teacher would also highlight the importance of

team, discuss if any of the students have ever played soccer, and how they had to work together as a team. From there, the teacher can ask for examples of other teams. The teacher will then explain how the students will be investigating teams to discover how other groups get along with each other and work together. The teacher will incorporate chapter three of the science book in regards to how animals live and will encourage the students to think of groups of people and groups of animals that they might like to learn more about. Based on interest, the students can then be grouped together and each group can decide what they will research. Their research will focus on finding answers to the driving questions.

To ensure that each student is equally participating and getting the maximized learning, cooperative learning strategies will be used. Each student will be given a specific job in each group (ex: researcher, writer, reader, or presenter). The teacher will help to guide them in the right direction.

The teachers will explain the time lines, explain what the students will do during the project time, and how they will need to be able to describe their situations and answer questions about them. They will then discuss the culmination of the project and how they will be writing, drawing, or recording a story about a group that didn't get along.

As the teacher is mapping the plan for the project, at the same time, he/she will be employing the use of a standards based assessment program. The system will allow the teacher to pick specific standards which will be covered through the mini-lessons and completion of the project.

**Step 5 - Manage the Process** - The teacher will allow the students to work together on their question. The students will be able to use the classroom library, computers, and other available resources to learn more about their subject.

Throughout the process, the teachers will integrate mini-lessons with small groups or the whole class when the need arises to teach specific knowledge or skills. For example, at one point, the teacher may pause the work time to incorporate a lesson from chapter one of the social studies book about getting along in school, or from chapter three of the science book about other living animals and how they coexist. Management of this process will be based on the teacher's goals for the project and the needs of the students as they progress through their learning experiences.

Using this five step approach to designing projects and questions which guide the instruction, teachers will be able to ensure that students are receiving a balanced education. Reading and writing will be the essential components of the instructional design of the School. We believe that by integrating the various subject areas into projects, additional time will be able to be devoted toward the teaching of reading and writing skills, and will provide for a more well-rounded and effective education for the students.

4.B. Describe the research base and foundation materials that were used *or will be used* to develop the curriculum.

The School has chosen curriculum materials that have a strong research base and have been proven effective with students.

## 4.B.i. Treasures series

*Treasures* from MacMillian/McGraw Hill is a research based, comprehensive Reading Language Arts program for grades K-6 that gives educators the resources they need to help all students succeed. High quality literature coupled with explicit instruction and ample practice ensures that students grow as life-long readers and writers. The materials include a wide variety of reading selections, transparencies on daily language practice, vocabulary strategies, fluency, and comprehension, graphic organizers, teacher resource book, English Language Learner (ELL) practice, a wide variety of assessments, a home-school connection, and a Read Aloud anthology. There are multiple resources for student practice. There is differentiation for ELL students; below, on, and above level instruction; and practice in each lesson.

A recent report (2011) by Dynamic Measurement Group (DMG) shows what educators already know: Macmillan/McGraw-Hill's *Treasures*, a research-based elementary reading curriculum, ranks highly in the critical elements of a core reading program. DMG's report indicated that the *Treasures* program earned high ratings across all areas of study and, in most cases, received the highest possible score. The DMG report summary states, "Results of this comprehensive curriculum review indicate that Treasures is a carefully designed comprehensive reading program that supports the needs of all children learning to read."

For its review, DMG, a developer of educational assessment and curricular materials, used criteria outlined in *A Consumer's Guide for Evaluating a Core Reading Program - a Critical Elements Analysis: Grades K-3.* Released by the Institute for the Development of Educational Achievement at the College of Education, University of Oregon, this guide is widely used by teachers and parents to help analyze reading programs and is a primary evaluation tool used by many Reading First states.

An initial evaluation of *Treasures* by DMG was completed after the first printing of the program and made specific suggestions for even stronger alignment to scientifically based reading research. Macmillan used this information to make revisions for the second printing of *Treasures* in order to exceed the criteria for a successful core reading program.

#### 4.B.ii. 6+1 Writing

A report by Bellamy (n.d.) with The Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory (NWREL) reviewed the research on the use of the 6+1 Writing program and its effect on student achievement. The findings were promising.

- a. Jennie Wilson Elementary (Jarmer et al; 2000): This was a report in the *Journal of School Improvement*. The school conducted a pretest of student writing skills, then taught the 6 Trait Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory model as an intervention. Improvement was reported in all grade levels (K-5th) ranging from 40% to 92%.
- b. Kent School District, WA (NWREL, 2000): Quoted in NWREL training materials. The study tracked student growth in writing achievement in third grade over a period of three years, with Trait training taking place in the second year. The study showed an increase in the number of students meeting benchmark standards in all traits, ranging from 8.6% to 32.2%.
- c. Pilot SAS Writing Assessment (NWREL, 2000): A single-year study of fourth grade student pre-trait and post-trait training, showing a growth in the percentage meeting the scoring criteria of 12%.
- d. Hartly Elementary School (NWREL, 2000): A single school study of third grade students giving pre- and post trait comparison. The study shows positive growth in average scores in all traits, ranging from 1.79 to 2.09 on a 5-point scale.
- e. The Saudi Arabia/ARAMCO School (NWREL, 2000): A single school study of fourth grade students, showing the percentage of students at each level of performance pre- and post trait implementation. The study shows an increase of 7% in the number of students meeting or exceeding the district writing standard.

## 4.B.iii. GO Math!

GO Math! is a comprehensive math program for students in grades K-6. The most current research base on student learning guided the development of this curriculum<sup>7</sup>. This program was developed based on five (5) major research strands: Writing to Learn, Vocabulary, Scaffolding, Metacognition, and Graphic Organizers to support students as they master math concepts and skills. As reported by the publisher:

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishers contracted with the Educational Research Institute of America (ERIA) to evaluate the efficacy of lesson components in terms of their effectiveness in enhancing conceptual understanding and developing content-area vocabulary understanding as a means to help students understand the mathematics being studied. The effectiveness of the program was evaluated by two separate studies, a Concepts Study and a Vocabulary Study. The studies were conducted with Grade 3 students as Grade 3 is the mid-point of the grades for which the program is available.

The following research questions guided the design of the two studies:

Are the concepts development component and vocabulary acquisition component instructionally effective in increasing the mathematics scores of:

- Grade 3 students?
- Lower achieving as well as higher achieving Grade 3 students?
- Grade 3 students who are receiving special services?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. A Research-Based Framework for Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Go Math!

- Grade 3 students who are not English proficient as well as those who are English proficient?
- Grade 3 students who are identified as coming from families of low socio-economic status as well as those identified as coming from families of high socio-economic status?
- Grade 3 students identified as minority students as well as those identified as nonminority students?

The first study looked at the effectiveness of concept development and vocabulary approaches in GO Math! The results of the study showed a very positive response. The second study confirmed that instruction that was supplemented by GO Math! Strategic Intervention increased the mathematical skills and strategy use of students who were up to two (2) years below grade level in math in a way that was statistically significant.

Another study commissioned by the publisher<sup>8</sup> sought to determine the effect of the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt GO Math! Intensive Intervention Kit on students' math skills and strategy use.

When comparing the experimental group with the control group at grade 2 and grade 5, statistically significant differences were found between the two groups' posttest scores for the total test, with the experimental group receiving higher scores at both grade levels (p. 54).

#### 4.B.iv. History Alive/ Florida Studies

TCI's online Social Studies Alive! programs teach students about the world around them in ways that make them excited to learn every day. TCI's curriculum includes hands-on activities, lesson plans, student handouts, assessment tools, and more. With TCI's elementary programs, students don't just learn social studies. They learn social skills.

Lessons are based on five (5) well established theories:

- Understanding by Design (Wiggins and McTighe)
  - Wiggins and McTighe believe that teaching for deep understanding must begin with planning the big ideas students should learn. That's why an Essential Question is included at the start of every chapter.
- Nonlinguistic Representation (Marzano)
  - Research by Marzano and colleagues demonstrates that teaching with nonlinguistic activities helps improve comprehension. Graphic organizers and movement activities are key to lessons.
- Multiple Intelligence (Gardner)
  - Gardner believes that all students are intelligent just not in the same ways. Activities address seven (7) intelligences: verbal-linguistic, logical-mathematical, visual-spatial, body-kinesthetic, musical-rhythmic, interpersonal, and intrapersonal.
- Cooperative Interaction (Cohen)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Ibid

- Cohen's research shows that cooperative groupwork leads to learning gains and higher student achievement. Working in small groups is a cornerstone of activities.
- Spiral Curriculum (Bruner)
  - Bruner championed the idea of the spiral curriculum, in which students learn progressively, understanding increasingly difficult concepts through a process of step-by-step discovery. Questioning strategies spiral from simple recall to higherorder thinking skills such as analysis and evaluation.

Sycamore Elementary School in Holt, Michigan, was among the lowest performing of the six (6) elementary schools in Holt Public School District. In 2002, Sycamore had more Title I and free and reduced price lunch students than any other school in the district and had the lowest scores on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) writing test.

In 2001, the teachers at Sycamore Elementary School began implementing TCI's core program for grade 5, *History Alive! America's Past (Social Studies Alive!)*. The results on the 2002 Social Studies MEAP were impressive:

- More than 40% of Sycamore's students were able to meet or exceed the Michigan Standards on the 2002 MEAP test for social studies, up from 20% the year before.
- The percentage of students exceeding Michigan Standards rose by 10 points, up from 0 the previous year; while the percentage of students who did not meet the standards dropped by 20 points.
- Sycamore Elementary fifth graders did better than any other school in the district on the MEAP social studies test.
- Sycamore Elementary fifth graders outperformed fifth graders throughout the state, only 22.4% of whom met or exceeded state standards.

## 4.B.v. Scott Foresman Science

*Scott Foresman Science*, a year-long curriculum intended for daily use, provides a sequence of structured and supportive inquiry activities and text materials to develop students' independent investigative skills. Science kits contain materials for hands-on activities, while Leveled Readers help the teacher differentiate instruction and provide reading support at, below, and above grade level.

*Scott Forseman Science* helps students build a strong knowledge based that enables them to understand concepts by connecting issues and events that affect their lives every day. The program is based on the Understanding by Design (UbD) instructional model, essential Differentiated Instructional strategies, and is fully aligned with the 5E (Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, and Evaluate) learning cycle. These effective strategies provide a research-based, solid pedagogy for teaching science.

Students develop and learn in different ways and at different paces. *Scott Foresman Science* was created with all students in mind. The visual, interactive, differentiated teaching strategies

and student activities help create a comfortable learning environment for all learners, including ELL students, on-, below-, and above-level students.

A validation study in multiple states and school districts by Simpson (2002) obtained the following results.

- a. District: Lowell, MA
  - Test: MCAS (Massachusetts Curriculum Assessment System)
  - Grade: 4
  - Measure: Percent of students at Proficient or Advanced levels
  - Result: The percent of fourth graders scoring at proficient or advanced level increased from 25% to 33%.
  - Number of students represented: 1,300
- b. District: Benton Harbor, MI
  - Test: MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program)
  - Grade: 5
  - Measure: Percent of students at Proficient level
  - Result: The percent of fifth graders achieving proficiency on the MEAP test rose from 16% the year before the adoption to 25% after one year of program usage.
  - Number of students represented: 400
- c. District: Rockwood, MO
  - Test: MAP (Missouri Assessment Program)
  - Grade: 3
  - Measure: Percent of students in top 2 quartiles
  - Result: Prior to the installation of *Scott Foresman Science*, just over 50% of grade 3 students scored in the top two quartiles on the MAP science test. In the year following the adoption, nearly 60% of the students tested in the top two quartiles. And by the second year of program usage, this percentage rose further, to 62%.
  - Number of students represented: 1,615
- d. District: Nevada, MO
  - Test: MAP (Missouri Assessment Program)
  - Grade: 3
  - Measure: Percent of students rated Proficient or Advanced Nevada, Missouri adopted *Scott Foresman Science* in fall, 1999.
  - Result: The percent of third graders achieving proficiency on the MAP test rose from 26% the year before the adoption to 31% after one year of program usage. By the end of the second year, this percentage rose still further, to 45%.
  - Number of students represented: 210
- e. District: Aurora, OH
  - Test: Proficiency Test
  - Grade: 4
  - Measure: Percent of students 'Proficient'

- Result: The percent of fourth graders achieving proficiency on the Science portion of the Ohio State Proficiency test rose from 47% the year before the adoption to 65% after one year of program usage.
- Number of students represented: 130
- f. District: Willoughby-Eastlake, OH
  - Test: Proficiency Test
  - Grade: 4
  - Measure: Percent of students 'Proficient'
  - Result: The percent of fourth graders achieving proficiency on the Science portion of the Ohio State Proficiency test rose from 59% the year before the adoption to 66% after one year of program usage.
  - Number of students represented: 650
- g. District: Tulsa, OK
  - Test: Oklahoma Core Curriculum Test
  - Grade: 5
  - Measure: Percent of students 'Satisfactory'
  - Result: The percent of fifth graders achieving a 'satisfactory' score on the Science portion of the Oklahoma Core Curriculum Test rose from 83% the year before the adoption to100% after one year of program usage.
  - Number of students represented: 60
- h. District: Aberdeen, SD
  - Test: SAT-9
  - Grade: 4
  - Measure: National percentile
  - Result: The national percentile on the SAT-9 science test for fourth graders rose from 65% the year before the adoption to 68% after one year of program usage.
  - Number of students represented: 310

In a study conducted by PRES Associates (2011), students demonstrated a statistically significant improvement from pre- to post-testing after using *Scott Foresman Science*. Students improved their performance by twenty-one (21) percentile points (Cohen's d statistic) as measured by multiple choice, fill in the blank, and constructed response items.

4.C. Describe the school's reading curriculum. Provide evidence that reading is a primary focus of the school and that there is a curriculum and set of strategies for students who are reading at grade level or higher and a separate curriculum and strategy for students reading below grade level.

The reading curriculum must be consistent with effective teaching strategies and be grounded in scientifically-based reading research.

Reading will be a primary focus of instruction at the School and there will be a curriculum and set of strategies for students who are reading at grade level or higher and a separate curriculum and strategies for students reading below grade level.

The reading curriculum selected for the School is the Macmilliam/McGraw-Hill *Treasures* series. The *Treasures* series has a plethora of resources to meet the needs of below grade level, on grade level, and above grade level readers along with extension resources to support instruction in grammar, writing, and spelling.

## 4.C.i. Reading Instruction for Students at Grade Level or Higher

High quality reading instruction will be provided in every classroom during a daily ninety (90) minute reading block and reading instruction will be differentiated based on the needs of individual students. Reading instruction for students in grades K-3 will focus primarily on acquiring skills in the areas of phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. Whereas reading instruction in the primary grades will emphasize learning to read, reading in the intermediate grades will emphasize reading to learn. Skills in the upper grades will include the use of, but not be limited to context clues, main idea, cause and effect, fact vs. opinion, etc. All reading instruction will be aligned with the NGSSS, including the Common Core State Standards.

Time	Task
30-45 minutes	Whole group instruction focused on a core reading skill.
45-60 minutes	Differentiated small group instruction: students with similar needs meet with the teacher in small, flexible groups for direct instruction in a particular skill. Groups not meeting with the teacher work independently to practice and apply reading skills. Practice might include reading silently or with a partner or using letter tiles to segment sounds in words.
20 minutes	Additional focused, explicit instruction to students with more intensive needs.

A reading lesson might be organized as follows<sup>9</sup>:

In order to support the School's educational model, the stories, materials, and resources provided by the publisher will be rearranged to support grade level themes. Stories will be interwoven into instruction during the project portions of the day, and the supporting lessons that go along with the units (such as the word study skills, fluency instruction, oral language, shared reading, and reading/writing workshops) will be included as mini-lessons to be used to support and enhance the work students are completing as part of their overall projects. We believe that by infusing literature instruction into real world scenarios, students will be more engaged in and retain their instruction more effectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Florida Department of Education, 90 Minute Reading Block, <u>http://www.justreadflorida.com/90-minute-chart.asp</u>

Students who are reading above grade level will be supported with strategies such as the use of authentic books and texts related to the student's project, theme, or interests; leveled readers appropriate to the student's reading ability; vocabulary development; and emphasis on reading as an active process using analytical and critical thinking skills.

The School will employ at least one certified reading teacher and seek to hire additional teachers with a reading endorsement. All teachers at the School will be trained so they understand instructional assessments and each of the major reading components.

## 4.C.ii. Reading for Students Below Grade Level

Time will be allotted for a 90-minute reading block with additional time for focused, explicit instruction for students with more intensive needs during an intervention period, as needed. Instruction will be targeted to students' specific areas of need as identified through both formal and informal assessment results. A system of continuous improvement and Response to Intervention will be used that allows teachers to

- Identify the student's specific area(s) of need
- Provide explicit instruction followed by guided and independent practice with clear, corrective feedback
- Assess to determine mastery
- Reteach as needed

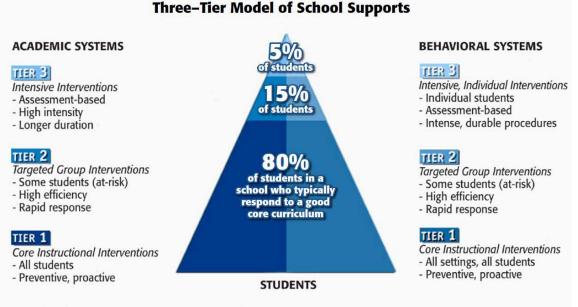
*Reading Triumphs* from Macmillan/McGraw-Hill will be the curriculum used with below grade level readers. This is a comprehensive intervention curriculum that includes explicit instruction, additional practice opportunities, and validated diagnostic and prescriptive tools. This curriculum includes a plethora of resources to allow teachers to customize instruction and application of skills to student's unique needs and interests. These resources include student anthologies and teacher editions, assessment and practice books, listening libraries, and oral language development cards.

Specific strategies for use with students reading below grade level may include, but are not limited to: think alouds, explicit modeling, clearly stated lesson goals and objectives, advance organizers, guided reading, and choral reading. Additional reading strategies may include Choral Reading, Cloze Reading, Silent Reading with a Clear Task, Echo Reading/ Alternate Reading, and Partner Reading.

As mentioned earlier, the School will implement a strong Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) including a Problem Solving/Response to Intervention (RtI) process for students who are achieving below grade level. Research-based interventions, a philosophy advocating an educational process of continuous reflection, rethinking, and restructuring of strategies, will be afforded to students. The School will have a solid MTSS School-Based Leadership Team to apply a progressive change system utilizing consensus building, infrastructure development, and implementation. The MTSS School-Based Leadership Team will be a model of consensus

building, utilizing participation from all levels of its system. The system will revolve around the study and optimization of the interactions of curriculum, instruction, students, and learning environments.

MTSS will be implemented based on the recommendations and technical assistance information provided by the Florida Department of Education. RtI is a "systematic method for evaluating the needs of all students and for fostering positive student outcomes through carefully selected and implemented interventions."<sup>10</sup> The model uses three (3) tiers of interventions that become increasingly more focused, intense, and individualized.



"Response to Intervention Policy Considerations and Implementation" by the National Association of State Directors of Special Education, Inc.

Tier 1 will focus on strong core programs using research-based curricula. The School will have systems in place to regularly review and analyze data on student progress at the school, grade, classroom, and individual levels. Adjustments will be made through whole and small-group differentiation of instruction based on analysis of student data and identified areas of need for additional opportunities for learning. Data analysis will reveal those students who continue to demonstrate achievement that is not at a commensurate pace as their peers. Differentiation will allow these students to become proficient by allowing them to learn the materials in ways that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Florida Department of Education. (2006). The response to intervention (RtI) model. Technical Assistance Paper FY2006-8: 12740, Tallahassee, Florida: Florida Department of Education.

suit their unique needs. This could include small groups, modifying materials, additional practice, and changes to materials or scope of task all while in the general classroom.

Tier 2 will focus on students who need additional academic support beyond what can be provided through differentiation in the general classroom for all students. Additional screenings may be provided to these students to pinpoint specific areas of strength and need. Interventions will be provided in a small group setting with more frequent progress monitoring than is used in the general classroom. Increased time for instruction in the target area will be provided.

Tier 3 will focus on students who require intensive, focused, small group or individual interventions of longer duration than that which is provided in Tier 2. Tier 3 interventions will include targeted content and specialized instruction with extraordinary time and focus. Individual assessments will be conducted to provide frequent monitoring of student progress.

Throughout the RtI process, student progress will be assessed, analyzed, and reviewed by the RtI School-Based Leadership Team. This team will include, but is not limited to, the student's teacher, an administrator or designee, an ESE teacher, and other student services personnel as appropriate. The team will be responsible for tracking school-wide academic growth; documenting student need, interventions, and results; making decisions about the effectiveness of instruction; making recommendations for adjustments to instruction and/or interventions; and initiating referrals for evaluation for exceptional student education instruction and/or related services.

As the work on the specific scope and sequence in relation to the curriculum is being developed, attention will be given to identifying key indicators for students who may need additional services. Research-based interventions will be incorporated into those documents for whole-class applications, consistent with the Tier 1 model. Through the use of the School's innovative database system, the identification of classrooms in need of Tier 1 interventions and individual students in need of Tier 2 or 3 interventions will be more clearly identified through the progression of the curriculum.

The School's curriculum options will address a comprehensive array of reading skills at different levels. By combining these various research-based curriculum options, the School will provide the building blocks for systematic and explicit teaching of reading skills.

# 4.D. Explain how students who enter the school below grade level will be engaged in and benefit from the curriculum.

Classes at the School will be grouped heterogeneously. We believe that through the use of collaborative learning and differentiated instruction we can meet the needs of both those advanced students who need additional challenge in the classroom, and those who may be

struggling academically and need additional assistance. In addition, a reading resource teacher will be hired to work with students who are struggling with reading. A full-time exceptional student education (ESE) teacher will be hired who will serve ESE students as well as students who may be struggling in other areas. This will be an inclusionary model with the ESE teacher supporting both the students and the general education teachers. Students not making adequate progress will be monitored with Academic Improvement Plans (AIP) and will be provided with interventions consistent with the Response to Intervention (RtI) process as necessary.

It is our intention to hire at least one staff member on each grade level team who has been trained in the Content Area Reading-Professional Development (CAR-PD) program, to assist with facilitating the instruction of lower level readers within the grade level team. The expectation is that all staff will work towards this certification.

## 4.D.i. Engaging Instruction

The innovative educational model at the School will ensure that all students will engage in and benefit from the curriculum. Authentic learning experiences will take place at the School through the use of thematic, Project Based Learning. Authentic learning is defined as "...whole-task experiences based on real life (work) tasks that integrate skills, knowledge attitude and social context. Instruction is organized around the whole task, usually in an easy to difficult progression, which 'scaffolds' learning support from 'lots to little' as learners progress" (Gram Consulting, n.d.).

The main authentic learning approach at the School will be Project-Based Learning (PBL) with arts and technology integration. Students will be actively engaged in various projects and educational pursuits, while at the same time learning the essential knowledge and skills as outlined in the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards, including the Common Core State Standards (NGSSS). Students will use community resources as their "learning labs" and/or use the results of their knowledge to effect change in their school and/or local community.

Project Based Learning can be the catalyst for an engaging learning experience and create a context for a powerful learning community focused on achievement, self-mastery, and contribution to the community. Embedding instruction into real world, project-based experiences, will provide students with the ability to learn more efficiently than with a typical curricular approach which segments a student's days into regimented subject area content.

Students at the School will be posed with scenarios and guiding questions which they must solve. Through mini-lessons and guidance from their highly qualified teachers, students will acquire the learning objectives as outlined in the NGSSS. The problems and questions will be designed in such a way, and revolve around grade level themes and standards, that will ensure that students receive the necessary academic instruction through engaging learning experiences.

## 4.D.ii. Multi-Tiered System of Supports/Response to Intervention

As described above, the School will implement a strong Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)/Response to Intervention (RtI) process. As a new School, we have the unique opportunity to develop MTSS/RtI structures into the very fabric of the School. This will ensure that all students, particularly students who enter the School below grade level, will be engaged in and benefit from the curriculum. Our approach with all students who are achieving below grade level will be consistent throughout the School.

The School will have a solid MTSS/RtI School-Based Leadership Team to apply a progressive change system utilizing consensus building, infrastructure development, and implementation. The MTSS/RtI School-Based Leadership Team will be a model of consensus building, utilizing participation from all levels of its system. The system will revolve around the study and optimization of the interactions of curriculum, instruction, students, and learning environments.

RtI will be implemented based on the recommendations and technical assistance information provided by the Florida Department of Education. RtI is a "systematic method for evaluating the needs of all students and for fostering positive student outcomes through carefully selected and implemented interventions."<sup>11</sup> The model uses three tiers of interventions that become increasingly more focused, intense, and individualized.

Tier 1 will focus on strong core programs using research-based curricula. The School will have systems in place to regularly review and analyze data on student progress at the school, grade, classroom, and individual levels. Adjustments will be made through whole and small-group differentiation of instruction based on analysis of student data and identified areas of need for additional opportunities for learning. Data analysis will reveal those students who continue to demonstrate achievement that is not at a commensurate pace as their peers. Differentiation will allow these students to become proficient by allowing them to learn the materials in ways that suit their unique needs. This could include small groups, modifying materials, additional practice, and changes to materials or scope of task all while in the general classroom.

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4.E. Describe proposed curriculum areas to be included other than the core academic areas.

#### 4.E.i. The Arts

The arts curriculum will apply a global approach that will lead learners toward identifying relationships and traits common to the arts in American and world cultures from differing historical and geographic perspectives. The curriculum will guide students toward a deeper understanding of how to interpret forms and artistic genres from different perspectives to enable students to arrive at their own conclusions. Teachers will be encouraged to think outside of the box so that students will have opportunities to participate in thematic lessons that infuse the arts into their daily instruction. These practice spaces may be on the campus or located with our community partners.

Students will participate in supplemental classes and professional mentoring workshops with art professionals through a partnership with the Parker Playhouse, managed by the Broward Center of the Performing Arts. The Parker Playhouse opened in 1967 and was one of Fort Lauderdale's first venues. This 1,167-seat fully equipped theater plays an important role in the community by serving as a vibrant part of the area. Parker Playhouse helps fuel economic development while also bringing the community together with performances, activities and educational programming.

The Magnolia Center for the Performing Arts will work closely with the Parker Playhouse Education Coordinator, Kelly Armstead. Ms. Armstead has worked with the Parker Playhouse for over six (6) years, overseeing all aspects of providing stellar school arts education experiences for students in grades Pre K – 12. She will serve as an advisor to the governing board of our School and support the School efforts to provide real-life experiences in the arts. Students will be given the opportunity to attend performances and participate in workshops hosted by performing art professionals. Students will work with mentors and experience behind the scene tours, which will provide them with first-hand knowledge of the roles and responsibilities of hosting a performance as well as incorporating technology.

Examples of how the arts may be integrated with core academics include, but are not limited to:

- Reenacting literature
- Designing story sketches
- Using music to remember math facts
- Studying music from different countries
- Exploring different rhythmic combinations found in a jazz/blues piece of music and using trial and error techniques, deriving a mathematical formula, and applying the formula to calculate the number of possible rhythmic combinations
- Painting story illustrations

## 4.E.ii. Spanish

According to the Center for Applied Linguistics, the early study of a second language offers many benefits for student. This includes, but is not limited to, increased academic achievement, positive attitudes towards diversity, flexibility in thinking, and sensitivity to language. It has been documented that students who have studied a foreign language in elementary grades have a better understanding of their native language, score better on standardized testing, and show greater cognitive development than peers not engaged in learning a second language. Lipton (2010) asserts "children who have studied a foreign language have an improved self-concept and sense of achievement in school."

The School plans on utilizing the *Espanol Para Ti* program in all classrooms: K-5. This program, produced by McGraw-Hill Education, complements the project and technology based learning strategies of the School. Developed initially for Clark County Schools in Nevada, the program consists of five (5) levels, one per school year. It is designed to be taught by any teacher, whether or not they know Spanish. Lessons are completed twice weekly in the general education classroom with the teacher team teaching with the *Maestra* (teacher) on video. The lessons will take approximately sixty (60) minutes per week: thirty (30) minutes of two (2) video lessons and thirty (30) minutes of activity lessons.

*Espanol Para Ti* employs a spiraling method of teaching where material is introduced and then repeatedly touched and built upon in subsequent lessons. Explanations are always given in

English and the answers are always modeled so that students are able to participate fully. The video teacher uses a model called Total Physical Response (TPR). According to McGraw Hill, the *Maestra* (video teacher) states a command and models the accompanying activity several times. She then repeats the command and has the children respond as a group. Then she gives the command to individuals in the video who respond as models; finally, children practice by giving commands to their classmates.

All vocabulary and language concepts are reinforced with flashcards, blackline masters, and activities on the CDs contained in the program. Participatory songs are also a core of the program, and these songs are used repetitively to reinforce concepts and patterns of the language. Teachers at the School will, with the *Maestra*, team teach the lessons. They will facilitate in the classroom the learning she is choreographing. This also serves as an excellent model for the students who will be learning along with the teacher.

*Espanol Para Ti* is age-appropriate at every level and ties to all content areas. Art, computers, career awareness, health and nutrition, language arts, music, science, social studies, and world culture are presented in the lessons allowing teachers to communicate in Spanish about the ideas that students are currently learning.

## 4.F. Describe how the effectiveness of the curriculum will be evaluated.

After each year of instruction with the curriculum, teachers and the school administrators will evaluate the effectiveness of the curriculum materials, integrated themes, project-based instruction, and scope and sequence, and will make modifications as necessary to best improve the academic achievement of students. The purpose of the curriculum is to support classroom instruction that leads to achievement of the School's academic goals.

The effectiveness of the curriculum will be evaluated based on the assessment data available, which will include, but may not be limited to the following:

- Analysis of Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading (FAIR) (or FAIR-CC) Reading Assessment results
- Analysis of Formative Classroom Assessment results
- Teacher Observations / Anecdotal Records
- Our internal database correlating projects with standards and student achievement
- Standardized Summative Test Data (Stanford 10, PARCC or other common core assessments, etc.)

The results of student performance will be reviewed and analyzed, at a minimum, three (3) times annually, or more often if needed. Student performance results will be disaggregated to illuminate the performance of the School, grade levels, classrooms, sub-groups (i.e. students by demographic group, students with disabilities, etc.), and individuals. If it appears that our

School is not on track to meet the academic goals identified below, further analysis will be conducted to determine if the results can be improved with changes to instructional strategies, the curriculum, or other variable. The School will stay apprised of new curriculum and assessment resources to ensure that the best match is made between student needs and the School's resources.

## Section 5: Student Performance, Assessment and Evaluation

5.A. State the school's educational goals and objectives for improving student achievement. Indicate how much academic improvement students are expected to show each year, how student progress and performance will be evaluated, and the specific results to be attained.

Our goals for student achievement include the following.

Performance Area	Annual Improvement	Evaluation Measure	Specific Results to be Attained
Academic Progress	Ninety percent (90%) of the School's K-5 students will show an annual average increase of at least 0.9 in their grade level equivalency [GLE] scores in reading and math.	Discovery Educational Assessments (DEA) or similar measure	Students will make at least a year's worth of progress in reading and math in a year's worth of time.
Reading Achievement	The percent of students proficient in reading will improve by five percent (5%) annually.	PARCC or common core assessments	The School will exceed the district and the state averages of comparable students proficient in Reading.
Math Achievement	The percent of students proficient in math will improve by five percent (5%) annually.	PARCC or common core assessments	The School will exceed the district and state averages of comparable students proficient in Math.
Writing Achievement	The percent of students proficient in writing will improve by five percent (5%) annually.	PARCC or common core assessments	The School will exceed district and state averages of comparable students proficient in Writing.
Science Achievement	The percent of students proficient in science will improve by five percent (5%)	PARCC or common core assessments	The School will exceed district and state averages of comparable

Performance Area	Annual Improvement	Evaluation Measure	Specific Results to be Attained
	annually.		students proficient in Science.
State Standards	The percent of students demonstrating mastery of state benchmarks through thematic, project- based curriculum will improve by five percent (5%) annually.	<ul> <li>Teacher observation</li> <li>Theme checklists</li> <li>End-of-theme assessments</li> </ul>	Students will master state standards and benchmarks through thematic, project-based curriculum.

# 5.B. Describe the school's student placement procedures and promotion standards.

The School intends to use the School District student progression plan for placement at admission and grade-level promotions. Students will be required to meet all the guidelines as identified in the School District student progression plan. These include:

- Children who will have attained five (5) years of age on or before September 1 of the year they begin kindergarten shall be eligible for admission to public kindergarten during that school year.
- Children who have attained the age of six (6) years old on or before September 1 of the school year and who have completed kindergarten in a public school or completed kindergarten in a non-public school from which the District School Board accepts transfer of academic credit will be admitted to the first grade at any time during the school year.
- Kindergarten and first grade students who transfer in from another state at the beginning of the year or during the school year and meet that state's age requirements will be enrolled into School even if they do not meet Florida's age requirements. Florida has a reciprocal agreement to honor age requirements from all other states.
- A child shall be permitted to enroll in the second grade under any of the following conditions:
  - The requirements of the first grade in accordance with District policies have been completed.
  - The requirements of the first grade in a Florida public school in accordance with state policies have been completed.
  - The requirements of the first grade in a public school or non-public school in another state in accordance with policies of that state and with evidence of same have been completed.

• The requirements of the first grade in an unapproved school, including the requirements of being seven (7) years old on or before January 1, have been determined to be satisfactory by the Director.

Placement decisions will be made by the School Director.

The intent of the Legislature is that each student's progression from one grade to another be determined, in part, upon proficiency in reading, writing, science, and mathematics; that School policies facilitate such proficiency; and that each student and his or her parent are informed of that student's academic progress. Student progression from one grade to another is partially based on proficiency in reading, writing, science, mathematics, and language arts.

## Student Performance Levels for Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Science:

In addition to the specific promotion criteria for reading and mathematics listed in the following matrix, promotion decisions must take into account student's proficiency in writing (3.5 or higher on the FCAT Writing Assessment or the district equivalent) and science (based on proficiency levels to be determined by the district and/or the State Department of Education). The evaluation of each student's progress must be based upon classroom work, observations, tests, district and state assessments and other relevant information.

Grade/Subject	Criterion #1		Criterion #2
К	48 out of 52 Letter Names		Scores 90% or greater accuracy
	and		and
	20 of 26 letter sounds		75% or greater in
	and		Comprehension on the Rigby
	15 out of 21 Concepts of Print		PM Benchmark Assessment
			OR
			scores at Level 3 or above
			on the Developmental Reading
			Assessment (DRA)
1 and 2	At or above the 30 percentile on		At or above the 30th percentile
	the current version of the		on the Stanford Diagnostic Test
	Stanford Achievement Test in		in reading comprehension
	reading comprehension		
3	At a level 2 or higher on the		At the percentile or higher
	FCAT-SSS in Reading	OR	specified by the DOE on FCATNRT
			in reading comprehension
4 and 5 Reading	At a level 2 or higher on		At or above the 25th percentile
	FCATSSS		on the FCAT-NRT
and	Reading		
Math	At a level 2 or higher on		At or above the 25th percentile

FCATSSS	on the FCAT-NRT
Mathematics	

#### Alternative Promotion Criteria: Good Cause (s. 1008.25, F.S.)

Any student who does not meet the reading and/or mathematics promotion criteria in the previous matrix may be promoted if the student meets one of the Good Cause options and documentation submitted from the student's teacher to the School Director indicates that the promotion is appropriate and based upon the student's academic record. All good cause decisions must be made and recorded by the end of the school year or the end of 3rd grade reading camp for 3rd graders, except in extenuating circumstances.

Parents will be informed at open house and conferences as to the requirements for progression to the next grade level and the ways they can help their child achieve success.

5.C. If the school will serve high school students, describe the methods used to determine if a student has satisfied the requirements specified in section 1003.428, F.S., and any proposed additional requirements.

Not applicable.

5.D. Describe how baseline achievement data will be established, collected, and used. Describe the methods used to identify the educational strengths and needs of students and how these baseline rates will be compared to the academic progress of the same students attending the charter school.

Baseline data will be important at the School for identifying the strengths and needs of our students early in the school year and monitoring their progress over time.

#### 5.D.i. Establishing and Collecting Baseline Data

At the beginning of each year, students will be administered the Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading (FAIR) or FAIR-CC assessment (fall administration), and Discovery Educational Assessments (DEA) in Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science.

The data will be used to establish a baseline from which to measure student learning gains, develop remediation plans, and develop individual progression plans. This will begin with a review of all incoming students' previous school year grades and state and/or local assessment results, if available. Teachers will utilize the data to assist in the development of lesson plans, creation of individual learning plans, and staff development.

#### 5D.i.a. Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading (FAIR)

The School will utilize FAIR to help teachers with screening, progress monitoring, and diagnostic information that are essential to guiding reading instruction. The Broad Screen will be used to identify students most likely to be on or above grade level in reading by the end of the school year. The Screening tasks include an adaptive reading comprehension measure that will provide a Lexile score for each student. The FAIR tests are currently under revision by the Florida Center for Reading Research to align with the Common Core State Standards. The School will comply with the State's implementation timeline for the FAIR-CC.

Students with low performance on the Broad Screening measures will be further assessed using the Targeted Diagnostic Inventory. This Inventory includes Maze and Word Analysis. Progress monitoring tools are available to assess student progress between administrations of the Broad Screening measures in Letter Sounds, Word Analysis, Word Building, and Oral Reading Fluency. Teachers may also use the formative assessments in the Diagnostic Toolkit such as a Phonics and Sight Word Inventory, a Comprehension Strategy Inventory, and Teacher Guides for Scaffolding Comprehension in order to probe for deeper understanding of the passage.

All progress monitoring assessment data will be automatically reported to the Progress Monitoring Reporting Network (PMRN). Results from progress monitoring assessments will be reported three times per year (Fall, Spring, and Summer).

For students in grades four (4) and five (5), previous year's FCAT 2.0 or common core assessment data will also be reviewed in establishing a baseline for those students. Teachers will conduct a detailed review of each student's "equivalent score" in reading and math, along with their achievement in the specific content areas tested within reading and math. Performance in the specific content areas can help teachers begin to identify broad areas of strength and need. Comparing individual achievement in the content areas to the total possible points and the state mean will help identify students who begin the year below grade level, on grade level, or above grade level.

#### 5.D.i.b. Discovery Educational Assessments (DEA)

The School intends to utilize Discovery Educational Assessments (DEA) to measure and demonstrate academic growth and achievement for all students in Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science. Each student will take an initial assessment upon entry into the program to gauge current performance levels and identify academic strengths and weaknesses. Program placement, including remediation of any skills gaps, will be based on: objective educational data from DEA, as well as other measures, such as previous FCAT scores (as available), other standardized assessment scores, and previous educational placement and progress.

Students will be assessed up to two (2) more times with DEA during the year for formative measures of progress and at the end of each school year for summative data. The School

believes that data driven decisions are essential for making decisions regarding individual student educational needs and guiding each student toward the path to graduation.

The DEA assessments are state-aligned computerized adaptive tests that accurately reflect the instructional level of each student and measure growth over time. The School believes that assessment should provide students with a chance for success, students should find assessment engaging, assessment should respect regular course time, and assessments should provide useful information.

DEA assessments provide accurate results that can be used to

- Predict proficiency for Reading, Language Arts, Math and Science, and Social Studies
- Screen students to identify risk for academic failure
- Measure academic growth within and across years
- Monitor progress on state standards and Common Core standards
- Analyze student performance using reports that show proficiency, state and national percentiles, percent correct, item difficulty, and content mastery

#### 5.D.ii. Using Baseline Data

The data collected from the administration and review of the baseline assessments will allow teachers to identify the strengths and needs of their students early in the year. Teachers will use this information to identify content, knowledge, and skills for whole class instruction; to identify individuals and groups of students who may need direct, targeted instruction; and to identify specific skills that can be integrated within the project and theme that students need to practice and reinforce as well as skills that will stretch students' abilities and help them make progress.

#### 5.D.iii. Comparing Academic Progress

The FAIR (or FAIR-CC) will be administered in the fall, winter, and spring according to the state administration schedule. The DEA (or similar) assessments will also be administered to all students in fall, winter, and spring to show student growth throughout the year. The FCAT 2.0, PARCC, or other common core assessments will be administered in the spring according to the state administration schedule. The results of each of these assessments will allow teachers and administrators to compare the baseline rates to the academic progress of these students attending our School.

5.E. Identify the types and frequency of assessments that the school will use to measure and monitor student performance.

Effective student assessment and data-driven decision making will be core components of the School's operations. Assessment is the means by which we can measure and ensure student growth. Within the educational climate that exists today, much focus is placed on statewide

formal assessments. While third, fourth, and fifth graders at the School will participate in the PARCC or other common core assessments, it will not be the central component of instruction as it has become in some schools. Instead, the School will provide a holistic approach toward education that educates students in all areas, not just those tested. We also intend to use a variety of assessments, such as FAIR (or FAIR-CC) and curriculum based measures, to inform instruction and evaluate our performance.

#### 5.E.i. Formative Evaluations

Both FAIR (or FAIR-CC) and DEA (or similar curriculum based measure) are formative assessments that will provide snapshots of student performance. Teachers will be able to immediately adjust instruction to improve academic outcomes for whole classes, small groups, and individual students. The School will also use quizzes, tests, and classroom-based assessments to inform and improve instruction, and provide students with feedback to help them reflect on their current standing and needs to meet the expected goals. These will be developed by the teachers and aligned to the themes, projects, and inquiries selected to unify the standards and instruction. In addition, the assessments in our core content area curriculum resources, *Treasures* and *GO Math*, will be used to track and monitor student progress weekly, and determine areas of extension and remediation needed on an individual and group level.

Additionally, we will develop a Standards Tracking System (STS) that will allow teachers to identify the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards including the Common Core State Standards (NGSSS) (as defined by Senate Bill 1076) that will be addressed by each student during a theme project. During the evaluation of the project, teachers will be able to identify the standards that individual students have mastered. This system will then print individual students. During the planning of future projects, the teacher will be able to focus instruction based on the skills students have yet to master. This system will also provide clear documentation of classroom progress in order to identify where class interventions may be necessary or where level two or three interventions (as defined by the RtI system) may be necessary for small groups or individual students.

Informal assessments, such as the use of running records, project work, and other teacher created activities will also play a vital role in allowing the teachers to form a comprehensive understanding of student abilities.

#### 5.E.ii. Summative Evaluations

The School will use a variety of summative evaluation techniques and instruments including state assessments, such as PARCC or other common core assessments; and end-of-chapter and end-of-unit tests in Reading, Math, Science, Health, and Writing. Rubrics will be developed and utilized to assess completion and quality of all projects in which students participate. This will assure that the students are meeting the projected goals of the projects based on the NGSSS, including the Common Core State Standards.

This assessment regimen will ensure that comprehensive assessment system is in place to provide continuous and accurate information about students' abilities, progress, and needs. Validity and reliability will be of prime importance and evident in our student assessments.

#### 5.E.iii. Variety of Assessments

The School will use a variety of assessments to measure and monitor student performance.

Type of Assessment	Frequency
Florida Assessments for Instruction in	fall, winter, spring
Reading (FAIR) or FAIR-CC	
DEA or similar curriculum based measure	fall, winter, spring or more frequently as
	needed for progress monitoring
PARCC or common core assessments for	spring
Grades 3-5	
Quizzes, tests, and classroom-based	on-going
assessments	
Assessments in the core content area	as needed by the teacher and/or as
curriculum resources	recommended by the publisher
Informal assessments such as running	on-going
records	
Authentic assessments, such as project work	on-going
Comprehensive English Language Learner's	annually to English Language Learners (ELL)
Assessment (CELLA)	

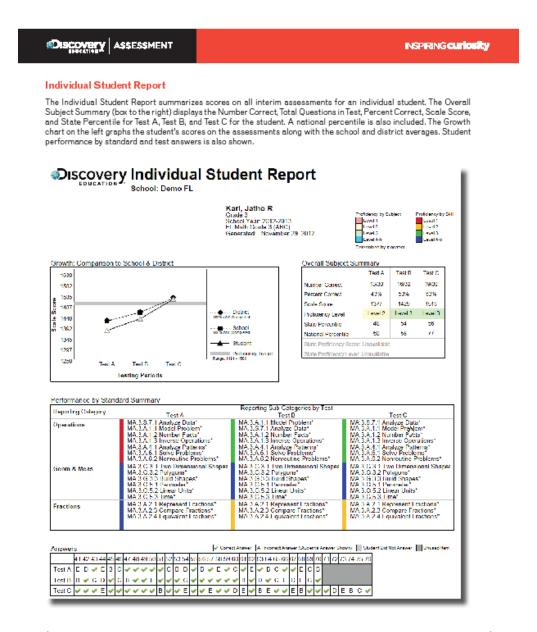
## 5.F. Describe how student assessment and performance data will be used to evaluate and inform instruction.

The School staff will utilize data in decision making, and teachers will be selected and evaluated, in part, on their abilities to use formal and information assessment results to make appropriate educational decisions. Both FAIR (or FAIR-CC) and DEA (or similar curriculum-based measure) are formative assessments that will provide snapshots of student performance. Teachers will be able to immediately adjust instruction to improve academic outcomes for whole classes, small groups, and individual students.

DEA assessments are formatted to meet the needs of each member of a student's learning team. Analytical tools provide information educators can use to make data driven decisions and drive differentiated instruction. Educators have access to information including percentile rank, achievement score, projected proficiency on state tests, and growth for each student from year to year. Tailored to meet individual school needs, many DEA reports automatically analyze data, providing information at the individual, classroom, school, and district levels.

DEA can provide detailed reports about individual student achievement and progress, that can be aggregated to provide class level reports that drill down to individual student mastery of content area sub-skills aligned to the Common Core.

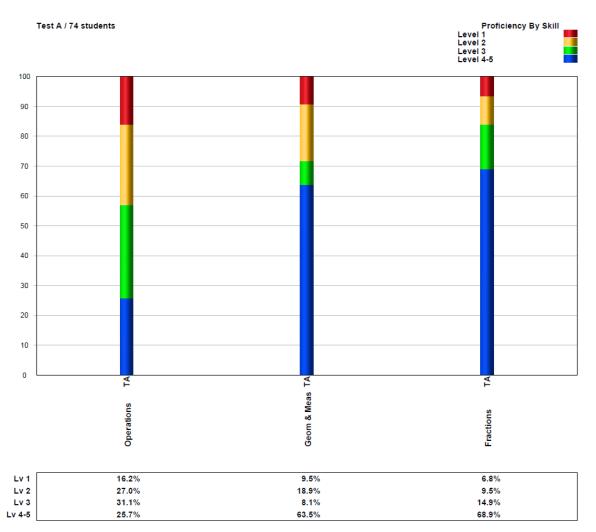
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#### **Class Summary Report**



The above mentioned assessment system, evaluation, monitoring, and feedback tools and strategies will be used in a student-centric way to inform targeted instruction to:

- Identify students' strengths and needs
- Develop student profiles of success
- Identify best practices
- Determine starting points for instruction
- Remove barriers to student learning and continuous improvement
- Differentiate instruction
- Identify immediate intensive interventions
- Re-teach non-mastered content and key concepts
- Determine mastery and grade promotion
- Determine need for additional resources to support learning
- Modify instructional program at the classroom, school, and program levels

• Develop targeted professional development so that teachers have requisite competencies to ensure that all students are successful

In addition, during the planning phase of the charter, and while developing the grade level themes, a comprehensive Standards Tracking System (STS) will be designed and developed to be used in the planning and assessment phases of instruction. This system will allow teachers to identify which specific state standards are being covered during individual projects, and afterwards, will allow the teacher to identify the mastery level of individual students in regards to each standard. These data will then be able to be extracted in such a way as to provide individual reports of student progress, class reports to support future planning for standards which have not been mastered, and enhance administrative oversight of the progress of individual classes. This system will also identify where class interventions may be necessary or where level two or three interventions (as defined by the RtI system) may be required for small groups or individual students.

The STS will be developed in conjunction with the finalization of the themes so that individual benchmarks can be identified for each theme within the scope and sequence of the curriculum. When students are not meeting the required benchmarks, they will receive focused assistance in those areas through individualized instruction and work with staff members [such as the Reading Resource Teacher, Exceptional Student Education (ESE) specialist, or with lessons prescribed by the teacher and carried out by one of the Resource Teachers]. The assessments will be developed in-house, and assess the benchmarks which will be identified in the curriculum documents.

5.G. Describe how student assessment and performance information will be shared with students and with parents.

Formal assessment data, such as those acquired from FAIR (or FAIR-CC), DEA, and PARCC or other common core assessments, will be sent home for families to review, as well as possibly made available through the FOCUS student information system. Daily classroom assessments and other informal assessment data will also be shared with parents through this online grading system. The FOCUS system will allow parents to view their child's progress, grades, attendance, school calendar, missing homework, school updates and notes from teachers in real-time. Teachers and Parents will also be able to send messages to each other through the FOCUS system.

Progress reports and report cards will follow the School District's distribution schedule. Conferences will be held twice yearly for all students, and more frequently as requested by parents or the teacher to ensure academic success for individual students. Students in the upper grades will track and monitor individual success and achievement through personal graphs and data measurement sheets in a data folder. Parents will be asked to initial these folders as data are added to increase home-school communication and help students understand their current level of success.

Students and parents will also have the ability to access student grades, attendance, and related items on FOCUS. The School believes that parents are an integral part of the educational process and will make every effort to keep parents apprised of their child's progress.

#### Section 6: Exceptional Students

6.A. Please indicate the level of service that the school will provide to students with disabilities by selecting from the list below.

- The school will serve students with disabilities whose needs can be met in a regular classroom environment (at least 80% of instruction occurring in a class with non-disabled peers) with the provision of reasonable supplementary supports and services and/or modifications and accommodations.
- The school will serve students with disabilities whose needs can be met in a regular classroom and resource room combination (between 40%-80% of instruction occurring in a class with non-disabled peers) with the provision of reasonable supplementary supports and services and/or modifications and accommodations.
- The school will serve students with disabilities whose needs can be met in a separate classroom (less than 40% of instruction occurring in a class with non-disabled peers).
- The School will serve students with disabilities whose needs can be met in a regular classroom environment (at least 80% of instruction occurring in a class with non-disabled peers) with the provision of reasonable supplementary supports and services and/or modifications and accommodations.
- The School will serve students with disabilities whose needs can be met in a regular classroom and resource room combination (between 40%-80% of instruction occurring in a class with non-disabled peers) with the provision of reasonable supplementary supports and services and/or modifications and accommodations.

The primary model of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) services to be provided at the School will be small group sessions with a focus on specific learning goals and objectives. However, the individual needs of students will be addressed through the individual educational plan (IEP) process, and services will be provided as identified. While small learning groups may be the primary model, inclusive ESE instruction and support will also be provided to students within their general classroom environment, ensuring that students are educated within the least restrictive environment in accordance with their individual needs. The ESE specialist will meet with the general education teacher(s) on a regular basis to provide support and ensure compliance with the IEP services and accommodations.

A disabled individual, under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, means "any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment." "Major life activities" include such things as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks,

walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. When a 504 Plan is warranted for a student at the School, teachers, parents, and related support personnel will collaborate to develop an individual 504 plan that will outline appropriate accommodations to be applied within the general education setting.

Contracts will be developed with individuals or outside agencies to provide certified individuals to administer direct services, assessments, and progress monitoring to students with disabilities such as vision impairments, speech impairments, and deaf and hard of hearing. Contracts will also be developed for the provision of related services such as occupational and physical therapy. Progress monitoring of each student's IEP will be case managed by a certified ESE teacher.

6.B. Describe how the school will ensure that students with disabilities will have an equal opportunity of being selected for enrollment in the charter school.

Students with disabilities will have an equal opportunity of being selected for enrollment in the School. Enrollment in the School will be open to any eligible student. The School shall not violate the anti-discrimination provisions of s. 1000.05, Florida Statutes. The enrollment and lottery procedures for students with disabilities are the same as for all students.

In the first year of operation, the School will hold an open enrollment period of thirty (30) days. Families will be able to apply in person or online using the School's website and the online enrollment system. The system will assign each student a number based on the grade level for which the student is applying. In the event that the number of applications exceeds the number of available spaces, the Director will conduct an enrollment lottery which will randomly select students until all spaces are filled, and then randomly assign additional students to a waiting list. Students will be given ten (10) days from the notice of acceptance to confirm their attendance. If a student declines enrollment or fails to respond within the given timeframe, the enrollment will be offered to the next student on the waiting list until all student seats are filled.

In subsequent years, the School will provide currently enrolled families the first opportunity to re-enroll for the following school year. This shall take place no later than March of each year. At that time, families will also be allowed to apply for additional students who qualify for preferential enrollment under sibling preference. After the School has confirmed the number of available spaces for the upcoming academic year, an open enrollment period of at least thirty (30) days will be held. The School will hold a lottery to address applications which exceed available space.

The School may limit the enrollment process only to target student populations as set forth by s. 1002.33(10)(e), Florida Statutes.

The School shall comply with s. 1003.22, Florida Statutes, and other applicable statutes concerning school entry, health examinations, and immunizations.

6.C. Describe how the school will work with the sponsor to ensure the charter school is the appropriate placement for each student with a disability, based on the student's needs.

The School plans to work closely with the School District liaison assigned to our School to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal guidelines regarding ESE services. We acknowledge that the School District will serve as the Local Education Agency (LEA), and that we will do everything possible to support the district in that role. Our staff will regularly attend trainings to ensure compliance.

6.D. Describe how the school will utilize the regular school facilities and adapt them to the needs of exceptional students to the maximum extent appropriate, including the use of supplementary aids and services.

The School facility will include all of the necessary provisions to serve students with disabilities along with their non-disabled peers. All classrooms, restrooms, and common areas will be compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

The School intends to use an inclusionary service model for ESE students. In this model, the additional resources required for exceptional students will be available for them in their general education classroom. The ESE teacher(s) will work with the ESE student(s) and the general education teacher in the general education classroom with accommodations and support provided in the least restrictive environment. Supplementary aids and services will be provided as documented on each student's IEP.

## 6.E. Describe how the school's effectiveness in serving exceptional education students will be evaluated.

The School will evaluate the effectiveness of services to exceptional students based on standards developed by the Council for Exceptional Children<sup>12</sup>. Our staff will be committed to the application of professional expertise to ensure the provision of quality education for all students with exceptionalities. Effectiveness of services will be evident based on the following:

#### i. Instructional Responsibilities

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Council for Exceptional Children, Standards for Professional Practice, <u>http://www.cec.sped.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ProfessionalDevelopment/ProfessionalStandards/PracticeStandard</u>

- 1. Identification and use of instructional methods and curricula that are appropriate and effective in meeting students' individual needs.
- 2. Participation in the selection and use of appropriate instructional materials, equipment, supplies, and other resources.
- 3. Creation of safe and effective learning environments, which contribute to fulfillment of student needs, stimulation of learning, and self-concept.
- 4. Maintenance of class size and caseloads that are conducive to meeting students' instructional needs.
- 5. Use of assessment instruments and procedures that do not discriminate against exceptional students on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, age, political practices, family or social background, sexual orientation, or exceptionality.
- 6. Base grading, promotion, graduation, and/or movement out of the program on the individual goals and objectives for individuals with exceptionalities.
- 7. Provision of accurate program data to administrators, colleagues, and parents based on efficient and objective record keeping practices for the purpose of decision making.
- 8. Maintenance of confidentiality of information except when information is released under specific conditions of written consent and statutory confidentiality requirements.

#### ii. Management of Behavior

- 1. Application of only those disciplinary methods and behavioral procedures, which do not undermine the dignity of the student or basic human rights, such as corporal punishment.
- 2. Clearly stated goals and objectives for behavior management practices in the student's individualized education program, as appropriate.
- 3. Compliance with policies, statutes, and rules established by state and local agencies relating to judicious application of disciplinary methods and behavioral procedures. Use of adequate measures to discourage, prevent, and intervene when a colleague's behavior is perceived as being detrimental to exceptional students.
- 4. Refrain from aversive techniques unless repeated trials of other methods have failed and only after consultation with parents and appropriate agency officials.

#### iii. Parent Relationships

- 1. Development of effective communication with parents, avoiding technical terminology, using the primary language of the home, and other modes of communication when appropriate.
- 2. Use of parents' knowledge and expertise in planning, conducting, and evaluating special education and related services for exceptional students.
- 3. Maintenance of communications between parents and professionals with appropriate respect for privacy and confidentiality.
- 4. Extend opportunities for parent education utilizing accurate information and professional methods.

- 5. Inform parents of the educational rights of their children and of any proposed or actual practices, which violate those rights.
- 6. Recognition of and respect for cultural diversities which exist in some families with exceptional students.
- 7. Recognition that the relationship of home and school conditions affects the behavior and outlook of exceptional students.

6.F. Explain how exceptional students who enter the school below grade level will be engaged in and benefit from the curriculum.

The School's approach with all students who are achieving below grade level will be consistent throughout the School.

Classes at the School will be grouped heterogeneously. We believe that through the use of collaborative learning and differentiated instruction we can meet the needs of both those advanced students who need additional challenge in the classroom, and those who may be struggling academically and need additional assistance. A reading resource teacher will be hired to work with students who are struggling with reading. A full-time exceptional student education (ESE) teacher will be hired who will serve ESE students as well as students who may be struggling in other areas. This will be an inclusionary model with the ESE teacher supporting both the students and the general education teachers. The ESE teacher will continuously track and monitor students' progress based upon their IEP goals and grade level standards. Students not making adequate progress will be monitored with Academic Improvement Plans (AIP) and will be provided with interventions consistent with the Response to Intervention (RtI) process as necessary.

It is our intention to hire at least one staff member on each grade level team who has been trained in the Content Area Reading-Professional Development (CAR-PD) program, to assist with facilitating the instruction of lower level readers within the grade level team. The expectation is that all staff will work towards this certification.

#### 6.F.i. Engaging Instruction

The innovative educational model at the School will ensure that all students will engage in and benefit from the curriculum. Authentic learning experiences will take place at the School through the use of thematic, Project Based Learning. Authentic learning is defined as "...whole-task experiences based on real life (work) tasks that integrate skills, knowledge attitude and social context. Instruction is organized around the whole task, usually in an easy to difficult progression, which 'scaffolds' learning support from 'lots to little' as learners progress" (Gram Consulting, n.d.).

The main authentic learning approach will be Project-Based Learning (PBL) with arts and technology integration. Students will be actively engaged in various projects and educational

pursuits, while at the same time learning the essential knowledge and skills as outlined in the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards including the Common Core State Standards. Students will use community resources as their "learning labs" and/or use the results of their knowledge to effect change in their school and/or local community.

Project Based Learning can be the catalyst for an engaging learning experience and create a context for a powerful learning community focused on achievement, self-mastery, and contribution to the community. Embedding instruction into real world, project-based experiences, will provide students with the ability to learn more efficiently than with a typical curricular approach which segments a student's days into regimented subject area content.

Students at the School will be posed with scenarios and guiding questions which they must solve. Through mini-lessons and guidance from their highly qualified teachers, students will acquire the learning objectives as outlined in the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards. The problems and questions will be designed in such a way, and revolve around grade level themes and standards, that will ensure that students receive the necessary academic instruction through engaging learning experiences.

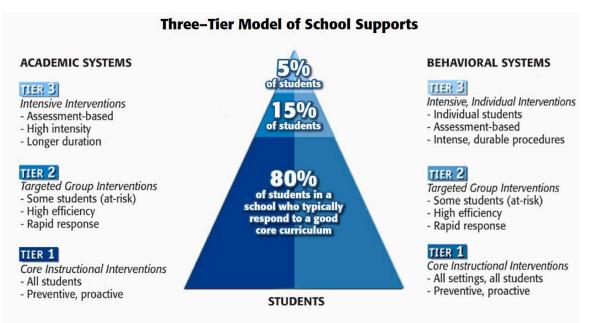
#### 6.F.ii. Multi-Tiered System of Supports/Response to Intervention

The School will implement a strong Multi-Tiered System of Supports including the Response to Intervention (RtI) process. As a new School, we have the unique opportunity to develop MTSS/RtI structures into the very fabric of the School. This will ensure that all students, particularly students who enter the School below grade level, including students with disabilities, will be engaged in and benefit from the curriculum.

While MTSS/RtI is typically implemented for students with learning challenges prior to identification for ESE services, the MTSS/RtI problem-solving process of identifying needs, implementing interventions, collecting data regarding effectiveness, reviewing and analyzing data, and adjusting the intervention/instruction can be equally useful with students with disabilities.

The School will have a solid MTSS/RtI School-Based Leadership Team to apply a progressive change system utilizing consensus building, infrastructure development, and implementation. The MTSS/RtI School-Based Leadership Team will be a model of consensus building, utilizing participation from all levels of its system. The system will revolve around the study and optimization of the interactions of curriculum, instruction, students, and learning environments.

RtI will be implemented based on the recommendations and technical assistance information provided by the Florida Department of Education. RtI is a "systematic method for evaluating the needs of all students and for fostering positive student outcomes through carefully selected and implemented interventions."<sup>13</sup> The model uses three tiers of interventions that become increasingly more focused, intense, and individualized.



"Response to Intervention Policy Considerations and Implementation" by the National Association of State Directors of Special Education, Inc.

Tier 1 will focus on strong core programs using research-based curricula. The School will have systems in place to regularly review and analyze data on student progress at the school, grade, classroom, and individual levels. Adjustments will be made through whole and small-group differentiation of instruction based on analysis of student data and identified areas of need for additional opportunities for learning. Data analysis will reveal those students who continue to demonstrate achievement that is not at a commensurate pace as their peers. Differentiation will allow these students to become proficient by allowing them to learn the materials in ways that suit their unique needs. This could include small groups, modifying materials, additional practice, and changes to materials or scope of task all while in the general classroom.

Tier 2 will focus on students who need additional academic support beyond what is provided through differentiation in the general classroom for all students. Most students with disabilities at the School will likely receive Tier 2 interventions. Additional screenings may be provided to these students to pinpoint specific areas of strength and need. Interventions will be provided in a small group setting with more frequent progress monitoring than is used in the general classroom. Increased time for instruction in the target area will be provided.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Florida Department of Education. (2006). The response to intervention (RtI) model. Technical Assistance Paper FY2006-8: 12740, Tallahassee, Florida: Florida Department of Education.

Tier 3 will focus on students who require intensive, focused, small group or individual interventions of longer duration than that which is provided in Tier 2. It is likely that some students with disabilities will receive Tier 3 interventions. Tier 3 interventions will include targeted content and specialized instruction with extraordinary time and focus. Individual assessments will be conducted to provide frequent monitoring of student progress.

Throughout the RtI process, student progress will be assessed, analyzed, and reviewed by the RtI School-Based Leadership Team. This team will include the student's teacher, an administrator or designee, an ESE teacher, and other student services personnel as appropriate. The team will be responsible for tracking school-wide academic growth; documenting student need, interventions, and results; making decisions about the effectiveness of instruction; making recommendations for adjustments to instruction and/or interventions; and initiating referrals for evaluation for exceptional student education instruction and/or related services.

As the work on the specific scope and sequence in relation to the curriculum is being developed, attention will be given to identifying key indicators for students who may need additional services. Research based interventions will be incorporated into those documents for whole-class applications, consistent with the Tier 1 model. Through the use of the School's innovative database system, the identification of classrooms in need of Tier 1 interventions and individual students in need of Tier 2 or 3 interventions will be more clearly identified through the progression of the curriculum.

## 6.G. Provide the school's projected population of students with disabilities and describe how the projection was made.

The projected population of students with disabilities is expected to be similar to the rate in the School District. Therefore, as a starting point for planning, it is expected that approximately ten percent (10%) of enrolled students will qualify for ESE services.

### 6.H. Identify the staffing plan, based on the above projection, for the school's special education program, including the number and qualifications of staff.

The School will employ one (1) full-time ESE teacher as reflected in the staffing chart in the response to question 10.C. However, staffing will be adjusted based on the number of students with disabilities who enroll and the services required. Therefore, it is expected that as enrollment begins to grow in year 2, additional ESE teachers will be added.

ESE staff will be required to meet the following qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education or similar
- Appropriate Certifications and endorsements
- Positive work history

#### 6.1. Describe how the school will serve gifted and talented students.

Instruction will be provided for those students who qualify for Gifted Services. An Educational Plan (EP) will be developed for each student who is identified as gifted. The EP will be developed by a school-based team that will include:

- the parent;
- a gifted teacher;
- the student's classroom teacher;
- A representative of the School District who is qualified to provide or supervise the provision of specially-designed instruction to meet the unique needs of the student, and is knowledgeable about the general curriculum and the availability of resources of the School District;
- An individual who can interpret the instructional implications of evaluation results; and
- Other individuals who may have knowledge or special expertise regarding the student at the discretion of the parent/guardian or School District.

The EP will describe the student's educational needs based on the strengths of the student and the services that will be provided to supplement and build on the basic academic state standards to ensure the student continues to make academic progress. The EP will be reviewed and revised at least every three (3) years or more frequently upon request or as needed.

Services to students who are gifted will include meaningful content and learning opportunities that focus on the use of higher-level thinking skills, and advanced content and skills that will support the student's academic growth. These learning opportunities will be of greater depth, breadth, complexity, and abstractness than the learning opportunities that are provided to same-age peers. Services will be provided to students through one of the following models:

- Resource room/pull-out
- Advanced content class
- Cluster grouping

In addition to these services, the evaluation of the instructional materials selected by the School will include a weighting for supplemental materials that provide enrichment resources for students who are advanced.

The School will initially employ one (1) teacher with the gifted endorsement to provide services to eligible students. The staffing will be adjusted based on the number of gifted students who enroll and the services required.

#### Section 7: English Language Learners

7.A. Describe how the school will comply with state and federal requirements for serving English language learners, including the procedures that will be utilized for identifying such students and providing support services.

The School will ensure equal access to educational opportunities for those students who are English Language Learners, as defined by Florida statute and administrative rule.

#### 7.A.i. Identification

At enrollment, all students will be given a Home Language Survey unless such a form already exists in that student's cumulative records. If the parent indicates a positive response to any of the questions on the HLS, the student will be scheduled for more formalized assessment within twenty (20) days of admission.

The Idea Oral Language Proficiency Test (IPT), or other assessment approved by the School District, will be administered as the aural/oral assessment to all students whose parent(s) indicate a positive response to any of the questions on the HLS.

The cut scores that determine if a student is eligible and in need of ESOL services are as follows:

Grade Level	Test/Form	National
		Percentile
K – initial ID	Test I, Form G	73
K-1	Test I, Form G	63
2-5	Test I, Form G	64

A staff member trained in administering this assessment shall be responsible for the administration and interpretation of the results to determine if the student will qualify for ESOL services based on the publisher's proficiency cut scores by grade level and as determined by Rule 6A-6.0902, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

The Reading and Writing Assessment is the Kaufman Test of Educational Achievement II Brief Form. This test will be administered within twenty (20) days for students who score proficient on the Listening and Speaking Test. A score at or below the 32nd percentile on the reading or writing portion of the test will qualify a student for entry into the ESOL program.

Students who are referred to the ELL Committee may be placed in the ESOL program based on: (1) written recommendation and observation by current and/or previous instructional and support services staff; (2) grades or test results from current or previous years, (3) extent and

nature of prior educational and social experiences and student interview; (4) parental recommendations, (5) IPT test results.

If a student is identified as an English Language Learner (ELL), parents will be notified in writing in a language the parents understand, unless clearly not feasible, and a plan will be written to ensure the student receives the services necessary. The plan will be updated annually.

#### 7.A.ii. ELL Committee

The School will have an ELL Committee that includes the Director or designee, ESOL certified or endorsed teacher, other school personnel as appropriate, and the student's parent(s). The ELL Committee will be responsible for:

- Reclassification of former ELLs
- Placement decisions for students in grades 6-12 scoring fluent English speaking on oral/aural and are at or below the 32nd percentile on reading and writing assessment
- Review of instructional programs or progress (after one semester)
- Parental concerns
- Exempting students classified as ELL for one year or less from statewide assessment program
- Review of instructional program of LF students during 2-year post-reclassification period with consistent pattern of academic underperformance
- Consideration of exiting a student who scored as fluent English speaking on aural/oral assessment, but at or below the 32nd percentile on reading and writing assessment
- Referring an LF student being considered for reclassification to appropriate compensatory, special and supportive services, evaluations, and programs, if necessary
- Referring an LY student being considered for extension of services to appropriate compensatory, special and supportive services, evaluations, and programs, if necessary

#### 7.A.iii. Programmatic Assessment

The ELL Committee Chairperson, ESOL teacher, and other appropriate school personnel will work together to determine each ELL student's academic achievement level to ensure appropriate grade level placement and scheduling. This school team will review prior school records and transcripts to determine academic knowledge and experience of the student. Students with limited or no prior school experience will be assessed and placement will be made based on the student's age, regardless of English proficiency.

Grade Level and Course Placement will be primarily based on:

- Programmatic Assessment
- Age Appropriate
- Documented Prior Educational Services
- ELL Committee recommendation
- Assessment Diagnostic/placement test

• Parent/Guardian and Student Interview

#### 7.A.iv. ELL Student Plan

Student ELL Plans will be developed and reviewed by the ELL committee to ensure that students are appropriately placed and provided with instructional options to help them make academic progress in the general curriculum and acquire English language proficiency. The student's ELL Plan will provide information on student ESOL language level, ELL services, student progression, and meetings convened to discuss academic progress of the student.

ELL student plans will be updated whenever an ELL committee meeting is held to discuss the student, annually at the beginning of every school year to reflect current services, on the anniversary date of the student's entry into the ESOL program, and any time there is a change in the student's educational plan.

The Principal's designee (usually the ESOL teacher) will be responsible for developing and updating all Student ELL Plans at the beginning/end of each school year and as needed.

#### 7.A.v. ESOL Instructional Models

The School will ensure that all students with limited English proficiency receive comprehensive instruction that complies with federal, state, and district requirements. Students classified as English Language Learners (ELL) will be provided with an appropriate ESOL program to meet the needs of each individual student. Instruction will be provided that integrates ESOL strategies and is research-based in helping students develop the communicative and academic skills necessary to meet state and local standards.

The School will use one of following allowable instructional model(s) based on the needs of the students enrolled and requiring participation in an ESOL program:

- Sheltered English: an ESOL resource teacher provides uninterrupted ESOL/Reading and/or Writing instruction only for students identified as ELL at a location other than the ELL students' classroom.
- Mainstream/Inclusion model English Language Arts: ELL and non-ELL students are grouped in a classroom. The language of instruction is English and native language assistance is provided when feasible. The ESOL resource teacher comes into the classroom ("push-in") to provide specialized English language instruction.
- Mainstream-Inclusion model Core/Basic: ELL and non-ELL students are group in a classroom. The language of instruction is English and native language assistance is provided when feasible. The ESOL resource teacher comes into the classroom ("push-in") to provide specialized English language instruction and/or an ESOL certified/endorsed classroom teacher adapts instruction to address the language proficiency needs of ELL students. The academic content is mathematics, science, and social studies.

Students in the ESOL program will be required to meet the same curriculum standards as non-ELL students in English/Language Arts and content area instruction. The content of the curriculum will be established by the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS), which include the common core standards in English/Language Arts and mathematics in accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 1076. A program of ESOL instruction will be implemented according to the student's individual needs based on their ELL plan, and will be delivered by teachers with appropriate certification and/or endorsement. Program instruction will be designed to develop the student's mastery of the four language skills, including listening, speaking, reading, and writing, as rapidly as possible. In addition to providing ESOL instruction, the School will also ensure that teachers are implementing ESOL strategies in mathematics, science, social studies, and other courses on the student's schedule following state guidelines.

#### 7.A.vi. Instructional Strategies

The primary method of providing ESOL services will be through a mainstream/inclusionary model for English/Language Arts and Core/Basic Subject area. The schedules of ELL students will be comparable to their peers, will contain the same subject area classes, and will be equal in scope, sequence, and content.

ELL students will be placed in classrooms with ESOL certified or endorsed teachers. The teachers will use ESOL strategies for all subject areas. These may include, but are not limited to:

Instructional Modifications	Bilingual Dictionaries
	Use of illustrations and diagrams
	Individual instruction
Vocabulary	Interactive word walls
	Word banks
	Using context clues
Visuals and Graphic Organizers	Flow charts
	Maps
	Timelines
	Venn diagrams
Audio/Visual Support	Audio books
	Captioning
	Music/songs/chants
Interactive strategies	Dialogue journals
	Group projects
	Peer pairs
Other strategies	Field trips
	Demonstrations
	Anticipation guides

#### 7.A.vii. Statewide Assessment

ELL students will participate in the Florida statewide assessment program (FCAT 2.0, common core assessments upon implementation, CELLA, etc), as applicable, with accommodations in accordance with the student's ELL plan. The School testing coordinator will participate in district training about the requirements for ELL testing and testing accommodations. Accommodations may include, but are not limited to, flexible setting, flexible scheduling, additional time, assistance in the student's native language (for math, science, and writing assessments) including the use of a heritage language dictionary. Students will also participate in all other assessment opportunities provided for non-ELL students at the School, as appropriate.

#### 7.A.viii. Comprehensive English Language Learning Assessment (CELLA)

The CELLA will be administered every spring to all eligible ELL students at the School. This assessment is a four-skill (reading, writing, listening and speaking) language proficiency assessment that is designed to provide:

1. Data for charting student progress over time.

2. Information about language proficiency levels of individual students that can be used in making decisions regarding placement into, or exit from, English for Speakers of Other Languages Programs.

3. Useful information about students' strengths and weaknesses in English.

4. Evidence of program accountability.

#### 7.A.ix. Exit

ELL Exit will occur for students at the beginning of the school year after analysis of FCAT (for students in grades 3-5), and CELLA data, and performance in the general education classroom. For those students who meet exit qualifications in the middle of a grading period, an ELL Committee will convene to make further recommendations and/ or exit decisions.

Students will be exited from the ESOL program by demonstrating proficiency as measured by CELLA recommended cut scores that are grade level appropriate.

The ELL Committee will meet to determine if the student should be dismissed from the ESOL program after the student has taken and passed the aural/oral test and has taken the CELLA and PARCC or other common core assessments, but has not met the required scores for program exit. The following list of items will be taken into consideration:

- extent and nature of the educational experiences and student interviews;
- written recommendations and observations by current instructional and support service staff;
- grades from the current and previous years;
- level of mastery of basic competencies or skills in English and/or home language according to appropriate local, state, and national criterion-referenced standards;

- other instructional program or combinations of programs that better meet the needs of the student;
- other instruments to assess English proficiency or academic achievement as appropriate;

The ELL Committee cannot override the scores of the aural/oral test when considering the student's dismissal from the program. The recommendations of the ELL Committee will be documented and kept in the student's cumulative file. The ESOL teacher will work implement any program changes recommended by the ELL Committee.

#### 7.A.x. Monitoring

ELL students who have exited the program will be monitored for two (2) years after exit by the ESOL teacher. Student progress will be monitored by regular review of report cards, test scores, classroom performance, and teacher observations. If the academic performance of former ELL students is not on grade level, the ELL committee will meet to review the available data. The ELL Committee can continue to monitor, refer students back to the ESOL Program, reclassify them as ELL, or place them into other appropriate programs. Parents will be invited to attend the ELL Committee meeting, and a record of the decision will be placed into the student's cumulative folder.

#### 7.A.xi. Parent Notification

Parents will be notified of the placement of their child in the ESOL program via an appropriate translated Parent Notification Letter. Letters will be provided in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole. All communication with parents will be in the parents' native language to the extent feasible.

The letter will be dated to correspond with the entry date in the ESOL program. The letter will be sent home to the parents/guardian and a copy of the letter will be kept in the student's ESOL Program Records folder.

As long as the student is eligible to receive ESOL services, a new Parent Notification Letter will be completed at the beginning of each school year and whenever there is a programmatic change. The School will keep copies of each of the letters that have been sent home during the time the student was receiving ESOL services.

Parents will also be notified of assessments and available accommodation, results of assessments, program delivery model options, retention/remediation, exit from the ESOL program, reclassification (if needed), and invitations to participate in ELL Committee meetings to discuss their child. Information that is provided to all parents will also be provided to parents of ELL students in the parents' native language to the extent feasible. This includes, but is not limited to, free/reduced price lunch information, state assessments and results, invitations to participate in special programs, parental choice options, registration forms and requirements, disciplinary forms, information about opportunities for parent involvement, etc.

#### 7.A.xii. Personnel Training

Teachers who are required to obtain ESOL training or certification will be notified by the ESOL Coordinator of training requirements and professional development opportunities through the school district. It is the teacher's responsibility to complete each component within the timelines established by the Florida Consent Decree. Participants may enroll in courses offered during the first, second, and summer semesters.

### 7.B. Identify the staffing plan for the school's English language learner program, including the number and qualifications of staff.

It is our plan to initially employ at least one teacher per grade level who holds ESOL certification or endorsement to ensure that all ELL students are given the appropriate support and service. This teacher will then provide the necessary differentiated instruction and support within the classroom to the student as needed, and as defined, by the student's plan. Potential staff members holding the certification or endorsement will be given extra weight on the hiring assessment rubric. Our goal is for every staff member to hold ESOL certification or endorsement.

Staff members who do not have ESOL certification or endorsement shall be required to complete the ESOL program offered through the School District or complete three (3) credit hours in regards to the instruction of ELL students through a university before September 15 of the following year. The School Director shall work with the School District's personnel department to ensure certification requirements are met.

All teachers at the School will be required to meet the following qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education or similar
- Appropriate Certifications and endorsements
- Positive work history

7.C. Explain how English Language Learners who enter the school below grade level will be engaged in and benefit from the curriculum.

The School's approach with all students who are achieving below grade level will be consistent throughout the School.

Classes at the School will be grouped heterogeneously. We believe that through the use of collaborative learning and differentiated instruction we can meet the needs of both those advanced students who need additional challenge in the classroom, and those who may be struggling academically and need additional assistance. A reading resource teacher will be hired to work with students who are struggling with reading. A full-time exceptional student education (ESE) teacher will be hired who will serve ESE students, including ELL students with

disabilities, as well as students who may be struggling in other areas. This will be an inclusionary model with the ESE teacher supporting both the students and the general education teachers. The ESE teacher will continuously track and monitor students' progress based upon their IEP goals and grade level standards. The ESOL teacher will continuously track and monitor ELL students' progress based upon their ELL Plan goals and grade level standards. Students not making adequate progress will be monitored with Academic Improvement Plans (AIP) and will be provided with interventions consistent with the Response to Intervention (RtI) process as necessary.

It is our intention to hire at least one staff member on each grade level team who has been trained in the Content Area Reading-Professional Development (CAR-PD) program, to assist with facilitating the instruction of lower level readers within the grade level team. The expectation is that all staff will work towards this certification.

#### 7.C.i. Engaging Instruction

The innovative educational model at the School will ensure that all students will engage in and benefit from the curriculum. Authentic learning experiences will take place at the School through the use of thematic, Project Based Learning. Authentic learning is defined as "...whole-task experiences based on real life (work) tasks that integrate skills, knowledge attitude and social context. Instruction is organized around the whole task, usually in an easy to difficult progression, which 'scaffolds' learning support from 'lots to little' as learners progress" (Gram Consulting, n.d.).

The main authentic learning approach will be Project-Based Learning (PBL) with arts and technology integration. Students will be actively engaged in various projects and educational pursuits, while at the same time learning the essential knowledge and skills as outlined in the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards. Students will use community resources as their "learning labs" and/or use the results of their knowledge to effect change in their school and/or local community.

Project Based Learning can be the catalyst for an engaging learning experience and create a context for a powerful learning community focused on achievement, self-mastery, and contribution to the community. This can be particularly meaningful for ELL students as they use English in a meaningful context with hands-on experiences to reinforce vocabulary and language usage. Embedding instruction into real world, project-based experiences, will provide students with the ability to learn more efficiently than with a typical curricular approach which segments a student's days into regimented subject area content.

Students at the School will be posed with scenarios and guiding questions which they must solve. Through mini-lessons and guidance from their highly qualified teachers, students will acquire the learning objectives as outlined in the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards. The problems and questions will be designed in such a way, and revolve around grade level

themes and standards, that will ensure that students receive the necessary academic instruction through engaging learning experiences.

#### 7.C.ii. Multi-Tiered System of Supports/Response to Intervention

The School will implement a strong Multi-Tiered System of Supports including the Response to Intervention (RtI) process. As a new School, we have the unique opportunity to develop MTSS/RtI structures into the very fabric of the School. This will ensure that all students, particularly students who enter the School below grade level, including ELL students, will be engaged in and benefit from the curriculum.

The MTSS/RtI problem-solving process of identifying needs, implementing interventions, collecting data regarding effectiveness, reviewing and analyzing data, and adjusting the intervention/instruction can be especially useful with ELL students in helping to determine if a student's learning challenge is due to language acquisition needs or a potential disability unrelated to acquiring English.

The School will have a solid MTSS/RtI School-Based Leadership Team to apply a progressive change system utilizing consensus building, infrastructure development, and implementation. The MTSS/RtI School-Based Leadership Team will be a model of consensus building, utilizing participation from all levels of its system. The system will revolve around the study and optimization of the interactions of curriculum, instruction, students, and learning environments.

RtI will be implemented based on the recommendations and technical assistance information provided by the Florida Department of Education. RtI is a "systematic method for evaluating the needs of all students and for fostering positive student outcomes through carefully selected and implemented interventions."<sup>14</sup> The model uses three tiers of interventions that become increasingly more focused, intense, and individualized.

Tier 1 will focus on strong core programs using research-based curricula. The School will have systems in place to regularly review and analyze data on student progress at the school, grade, classroom, and individual levels. Adjustments will be made through whole and small-group differentiation of instruction based on analysis of student data and identified areas of need for additional opportunities for learning. Data analysis will reveal those students who continue to demonstrate achievement that is not at a commensurate pace as their peers. Differentiation will allow these students to become proficient by allowing them to learn the materials in ways that suit their unique needs. This could include small groups, modifying materials, additional practice, and changes to materials or scope of task all while in the general classroom.

Tier 2 will focus on students who need additional academic support beyond what is provided through differentiation in the general classroom for all students. Additional screenings may be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Florida Department of Education. (2006). The response to intervention (RtI) model. Technical Assistance Paper FY2006-8: 12740, Tallahassee, Florida: Florida Department of Education.

provided to these students to pinpoint specific areas of strength and need. Interventions will be provided in a small group setting with more frequent progress monitoring than is used in the general classroom. Increased time for instruction in the target area will be provided.

Tier 3 will focus on students who require intensive, focused, small group or individual interventions of longer duration than that which is provided in Tier 2. Tier 3 interventions will include targeted content and specialized instruction with extraordinary time and focus. Individual assessments will be conducted to provide frequent monitoring of student progress.

Throughout the RtI process, student progress will be assessed, analyzed, and reviewed by the RtI School-Based Leadership Team. This team will include the student's teacher, an administrator or designee, an ESE teacher, and other student services personnel as appropriate. The team will be responsible for tracking school-wide academic growth; documenting student need, interventions, and results; making decisions about the effectiveness of instruction; making recommendations for adjustments to instruction and/or interventions; and initiating referrals for evaluation for exceptional student education instruction and/or related services.

As the work on the specific scope and sequence in relation to the curriculum is being developed, attention will be given to identifying key indicators for students who may need additional services. Research based interventions will be incorporated into those documents for whole-class applications, consistent with the Tier 1 model. Through the use of the School's innovative database system, the identification of classrooms in need of Tier 1 interventions and individual students in need of Tier 2 or 3 interventions will be more clearly identified through the progression of the curriculum.

#### Section 8: School Climate and Discipline

8.A. Describe the school's planned approach to classroom management and student discipline.

#### 8.A.i. Character development and school climate

Each year students will participate in a unit of study about character development (this will probably be one of the, if not the, first units of study at each grade level). Through this study we hope to emphasize and support a positive culture that is focused on learning. Nevertheless, we realize that the culture of the School goes far beyond academics; it is inclusive of staff behavior, parents' contributions, and much more. Being a school of choice, charter schools are forced to find the best programs, policies and structure to ensure that the School meets its goals and keeps parents satisfied.

We believe that a focus on rigorous academics, data-driven decisions, and a student-centered culture will make our school community unique and committed to achieving our goals. While we will continuously find ways to improve our practices, we will stay true to our mission of giving our students the foundation for success.

#### 8.A.ii. Student Discipline

We will provide a nurturing and creative environment for our students. This means that we will focus on effort, motivation and academics. By providing an engaging curriculum and targeting students who are motivated to do well, we will significantly reduce the number of behavioral issues that exist at many schools. However, we plan to proactively deal with any behavioral issues that may arise with students. The focus on the behavior plan of the School will be on providing a safe atmosphere where students feel comfortable participating and engaging in their education.

8.B. Describe the school's Code of Conduct, including the school's policies for discipline, suspension, and dismissal.

A draft Student Handbook is included as Attachment B. The Code of Conduct in the Handbook outlines the process for student discipline, suspensions, and dismissal, and will align with the School District Code of Conduct.

#### 8.B.i. Discipline

As is common in many schools, each teacher will have their own classroom policies in regard to misbehavior. If a child disregards these classroom guidelines, parents will be notified and this will be documented. After three (3) such parent notifications, administrators will become

involved in the next incident. The Director or designee will talk with the student to try to ascertain the root of the problem and help to find ways of resolving the issue.

Together, the student will work with the Director (or adult working with him or her) to develop an action plan (which may be written out) to curb this problem from continuing. The School is designed to provide a nurturing environment where we will attempt to solve the cause of the problem so that students feel safe and can return to participating in the academic program of the School.

#### 8.B.ii. Suspension

Students may be suspended from School for offenses that include but are not limited to the following:

- 1. Fighting or other dangerous and/or disruptive behavior
- 2. Smoking on school grounds or possession of tobacco products
- 3. Being under the influence or possession of alcoholic beverages or intoxicants of any kind on school grounds
- 4. Defacing or vandalism of school property
- 5. Igniting any flammable substance or possession of products such as lighters
- 6. Theft
- 7. Harassment/Bullying of students, faculty, staff, parents, substitutes, or visitors
- 8. Repetitive disruptive behavior
- 9. Rude or vulgar language, gestures, pictures, or actions
- 10. Disrupting school activities or otherwise willfully defying the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, other school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties
- 11. Actions deemed to be unsafe or containing the potential to disrupt the educational setting

At the time of suspension, the Director or designee shall make a reasonable effort to contact the parent/guardian by telephone or in person. Whenever a student is suspended, the parent/guardian shall be notified in writing of the suspension and the date of return following suspension. This notice shall state the specific offense committed by the student. In addition, the notice may also state the date and time when the student may return to School. If School officials wish to ask the parent/guardian to confer regarding matters pertinent to the suspension, the notice may request that the parent/guardian respond to such requests without delay.

Suspensions may be assigned from one (1) day to ten (10) days, depending on the severity of the student's actions.

#### 8.B.iii. Dismissal

Section 228.056 10(a)(7), Florida Statute (F.S.), identifies the charter school's authority to develop and implement admission procedures and dismissal procedures. The charter contract between the School District and the School will afford the charter school the right of dismissal. Failure to meet the School's established policies for continued enrollment may result in dismissal from the School. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Wearing the school-approved uniform as designated by time, location, and manner as per School policy.
- Attendance requirements as per s. 1001.41, F.S. requiring a minimum of 160 days of attendance.
- Behavior as per School policy.

Violations in the areas of attendance, behavior, and uniform dress code will be documented and a conference will be held with parent(s) and student prior to dismissal. Parents will be notified in writing of the final declaration of dismissal.

#### 8.B.iv. Discipline for Students with Disabilities

Discipline for students with disabilities will comply with Rule 6A-6.03312, F.A.C.

Consistent with the School District's Code of Student Conduct and to the extent that removal would be applied to students without disabilities, school personnel may order the removal of a student with a disability from the student's current placement for not more than ten (10) consecutive school days. A school district is not required to provide services to a student with a disability during short-term removals totaling ten (10) school days or less in a school year, if services are not provided to students without disabilities during such removals.

A change in placement will occur when

- a removal is for more than ten (10) consecutive school days; or
- a series of removals constitute a pattern because the removals cumulate to more than ten (10) school days in a school year, and, because of factors such as the length of each removal, the total amount of time the student is removed, and the proximity of the removals to one another.

A manifestation determination will be made any time disciplinary procedures result in a change of placement for a student with a disability. A manifestation determination will examine the relationship between the student's disability and the specific behavior that resulted in disciplinary action.

The IEP team and other qualified personnel will consider all relevant evaluation and diagnostic information including information supplied by the parents of the student, observations of the student, the student's current IEP and placement, and any other relevant information. The team will then determine that, in relationship to the behavior subject to disciplinary action:

a. The student's IEP and placement were appropriate and whether the special education services, supplementary aids and services, accommodations and modifications, and positive behavior intervention strategies were provided consistent with the student's IEP and placement;

b. The student's disability impaired the ability of the student to understand the impact and consequences of the behavior subject to disciplinary action; and

c. The student's disability impaired the student's ability to control the behavior subject to disciplinary action.

If the IEP team and other qualified personnel determine that the student's behavior was not related to the disability, the relevant disciplinary procedures applicable to students without disabilities may be applied to the student in the same manner in which they would be applied to students without disabilities.

If the IEP team determines that the student's behavior was a manifestation of the disability, the student's placement cannot be changed by school personnel as a disciplinary intervention. Immediate steps will be taken to remedy any deficiencies in the student's IEP or placement, or in their implementation that were identified during the manifestation determination.

If a parent disagrees with the manifestation determination decision made by the IEP team, the parent may request an expedited due process hearing.

For long-term removals of a student with a disability:

(a) The School will notify the parent of the removal decision and provide the parent with a copy of the notice of procedural safeguards on the same day as the date of the removal decision;

(b) An IEP meeting will be held immediately if possible but in no case later than ten (10) school days after the removal decision to conduct a manifestation determination review(c) Services will be provided;

(d) IEP team will meet to develop a functional behavioral assessment (FBA) and implement a positive behavior intervention plan (PBIP); and

(e) Beginning on the eleventh cumulative school day of removal in a school year, a free appropriate public education (FAPE) will be provided to a student with a disability.

Services to such a student will be provided to the extent necessary to enable the student to appropriately progress in the general curriculum and appropriately advance toward achieving the goals in the student's IEP.

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### ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN

#### Section 9: Governance

### 9.A. Describe how the school will organize as or be operated by a non-profit organization.

The School is organized as a non-profit organization, the Magnolia School for the Arts and Technology, Inc. (see Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws in Attachment C). All tax returns required by the Internal Revenue Code, will be prepared by a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) licensed in the State of Florida. The School will be operated by a Board of Directors which simultaneously operates The Magnolia School for the Arts and Technology, another charter school affiliated with the Sponsor. This School, like The Magnolia School, shall be organized and accounted for as a separate entity from any other charter school. The School shall submit its FTE report and other financial reports, non-profit status reports, and any other filing as a distinct entity, separate and apart from that of any other charter school.

# 9.B. Provide an organizational chart for the school and a narrative description of the chart. Clearly describe the proposed reporting structure to the governing board and the relationship of the board to the school's leader and administration.

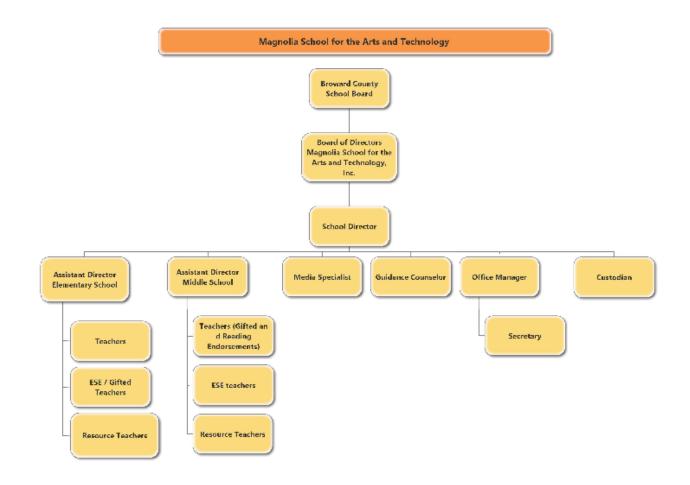
Below is an organizational chart reflecting the relationships between the governing board and the School staff. The Board of Directors has had and shall continue to have the responsibility for setting the mission, vision, and values of the School as well as determining or approving School policies.

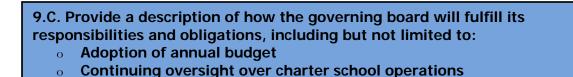
The day-to-day operations of the School will be in the hands of the School Director, an individual hired by the governing board or its designee with experiences that make him/her qualified to assume the duties as an instructional leader and school manager. The Director will interview and hire staff, serve as the building-level leader, and will supervise all staff employed at the School site. The Board of Directors or its designee will evaluate the School Director at minimum on an annual basis.

The Assistant Director of Magnolia Academy of the Arts will be responsible for the daily operations of the elementary school. This employee will report to the School Director, will work with the Director to interview and hire elementary school staff, serve as the elementary-level leader, and will supervise elementary school staff employed at the School site. The School Director will evaluate the Assistant Director of Magnolia Academy of the Arts at minimum on an

annual basis. All Magnolia Academy instructional personnel will report directly to the Assistant Director of Magnolia Academy.

Non-instructional staff, including the Media Specialist, Guidance Counselor, Office Manager, Secretary, and Custodian will be shared positions among the two (2) "schools" at the school site and will all report directly to the School Director.





The Board of Directors will serve as the Charter School Board and will be responsible for all actions of the corporation.

#### 9.C.i. Responsibilities of the Governing Board

The powers of the School's directors will be as set forth in the Bylaws (See Attachment C). The School's governing body will oversee the direction of the Director of the School, adopt and maintain the budget, supervise audits and business practices, and be responsible for handling complaints concerning the operation of the School. Under no circumstances shall the governing body delegate these responsibilities to any private, for-profit entities.

The School's governing body will annually adopt and maintain the School's official operating budget and exercise oversight over the School's operation. In exercising its oversight and maintaining the budget, the governing body shall provide for a balanced general operating fund. The governing body shall review the School's monthly financial statements and the performance of school administration at regular intervals. It shall be the governing body's responsibility for ensuring retention of a certified public accountant (CPA) or auditor for the annual financial audit, reviewing and approving the audit report, including audit findings and recommendations for the financial recovery plan, and monitoring a financial recovery plan in order to ensure compliance. Several of the governing board members have experience with charter school financial reporting and their fiduciary responsibilities related to the use of public funds. It shall also be the governing body's responsibility to ensure that the Sponsor receives reasonable proof of the School's ability to fund the startup of the School.

The Board of Directors also will assess the School, the Educational Program's successes, and areas in need of improvement. The Board may be involved in analyzing alternatives and additions to the program by analyzing student and school performance data, thereby making data-driven decisions on behalf of the students. By incorporating such scrutiny, the Board will ensure that the School will continue to consistently and effectively serve our student population. Additionally, the Board of Directors will act as the political advocate for the School.

#### 9.C.ii. Responsibilities of Board Members

The primary responsibilities of the Charter School Board members include:

- Contract compliance
- Selection and / or approval of an individual with appropriate background to serve as Director of the School
- Develop and / or approve operating policies and procedures
- Assist with the evaluation of the School Director
- Hold quarterly public meetings (or more often as needed)
- Develop and / or approve an operating budget
- Amend or approve amendments to the budget as necessary during the year

#### 9.C.iii. Responsibilities of Board Officers

The following positions exist on the board:

(a) Chairperson - It shall be the duty of the chairperson as the chief executive officer to preside at all meetings of the board of directors. He or she shall have the power to

appoint the Chairman of all Committees subject to the approval of the board of directors. He or she shall call all regular and special meetings when deemed necessary and when called for. He or she shall have the power to sign all contracts and any other obligations on behalf of the Corporation approved by the board of directors. He or she shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He or she shall select all inspectors of election. He or she shall be authorized to sign checks on the Corporation's bank account. In addition, he or she shall have and perform such other duties as may be delegated to him or her by the board of directors.

(b) Vice Chair – It shall be the duty of the vice-president to assume the duties of the Chair in his or her absence.

(c) Secretary. The Secretary or his/her designee shall take and keep the minutes of all meetings of the board of directors. He or she shall furnish a copy of the minutes to the chairperson after each meeting and shall be custodian of all records and papers of the organization except those that pertain to a special committee. He or she shall receive and file all written reports. In the absence of the secretary, the chairman may appoint a temporary secretary.

The Secretary shall handle promptly all necessary correspondence of the Corporation as directed by the Chairman. He or she shall submit copies of official communications for the chairman's file. The Secretary shall order and maintain for the organization supplies, stationery, etc. as may be required from time to time. In the event no newsletter can be sent, he or she shall mail out cards containing notice to board of directors and minutes of prior meetings.

(d) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall maintain records of all funds in the name of the Corporation. He or she may sign checks for the disbursement of funds with the countersignature of the chairman or director or assigns as determined by the board. The Treasurer will work closely with the Chief Financial Officer of the corporation contracted to manage the School. Current financial records shall be kept at all times and reports on the financial status of the Corporation shall be submitted at all meetings of the board of directors with copies to be provided for the chairman's file. The books of the Corporation shall be delivered to his or her successor, duly audited, immediately following the termination of the office and the election of a new treasurer.

#### 9.C.iv. Adoption of annual budget

The School's governing body will annually adopt and maintain the School's official operating budget. In exercising its oversight and maintaining the budget, the governing body shall provide for a balanced general operating fund. The governing body shall review the School's quarterly financial statements and the performance of school administration at regular intervals. It shall be the governing body's responsibility for ensuring retention of a certified public

accountant (CPA) or auditor for conducting the annual financial audit, reviewing and approving the audit report, including audit findings and recommendations for the financial recovery plan, and monitoring a financial recovery plan in order to ensure compliance. It shall also be the governing body's responsibility to ensure that the Sponsor receives reasonable proof of the School's ability to fund the startup of the School.

#### 9.C.v. Continuing oversight over charter school operations

The School's governing body will oversee the direction of the Director of the School, adopt and maintain the budget, supervise audits and business practices, and be responsible for handling complaints concerning the operation of the School. Under no circumstances shall the governing body delegate these responsibilities to any private, for-profit entities.

The Board of Directors also will assess the School, the Educational Program's successes, and areas in need of improvement. The Board may be involved in analyzing alternatives and additions to the program by analyzing student and school performance data, thereby making data-driven decisions on behalf of the students. By incorporating such scrutiny, the Board will ensure that the School will continue to consistently and effectively serve our student population. Additionally, the Board of Directors will act as the political advocate for the School.

9.D. Describe the policies and procedures by which the governing board will operate, including board powers and duties; board member selection, removal procedures and term limits; code of ethics, conflict of interest, and frequency of meetings.

• Charter school governing boards must be guided by a set of by-laws that define how the board will operate. Applicants may include their proposed by-laws.

#### 9.D.i. Board Powers and Duties

The powers of the School's directors are set forth in the Bylaws (See Attachment C). The School's governing body will oversee the direction of the Director of the School, adopt and maintain the budget, supervise audits and business practices, and be responsible for handling complaints concerning the operation of the School. Under no circumstances shall the governing body delegate these responsibilities to any private, for-profit entities.

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#### 9.D.ii. Board Member Selection

The Board of Directors will ideally consist of an odd number of individuals, numbering up to five (5), each serving a term of up to three (3) years. As positions become available, the existing governing board members will elect new members to the board by a majority vote. The following profile will be considered to appoint new members. The ideal Board candidate will: (1) be a resident of the School's greater geographical area and/or be conscious of the population and community from which the student body will be composed – in other words, they must offer some form of community association; (2) show a genuine concern (passion) for the education of today's youth, especially those that comprise the School's targeted student population; (3) add to the variety of professions/occupations represented by the existing Board composition, broadening the expertise of the group corporately; and (4) create a cross-section of diverse professions/occupations representative of the community.

#### 9.D.iii. Board Member Removal

A board member may be removed with or without cause by a majority vote of the remaining board members. Any board member who is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings, without proper documentation will be considered to have resigned from the Board and will be replaced.

#### 9.D.iv. Term Limits

The governing board members will serve staggering terms of three (3) years to maintain consistency and adherence to the stated mission of the School. Board members may serve a maximum of three (3) consecutive 3-year terms.

#### 9.D.v. Code of Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

No members of the School's Governing Board will receive financial benefit from the School's operations, and all members and employees shall comply with the provisions outlined in Part III, Chapter 112 of the Florida Statutes. No employee of the School or of the management company operating the School will be a member of the School's Governing Board. No member of the governing board may hold a paid position at the School in accordance with IRS non-profit guidelines. All board members shall provide to the sponsor proof of background clearance in compliance with the Jessica Lunsford Act. (See Conflict of Interest Policy in Attachment D)

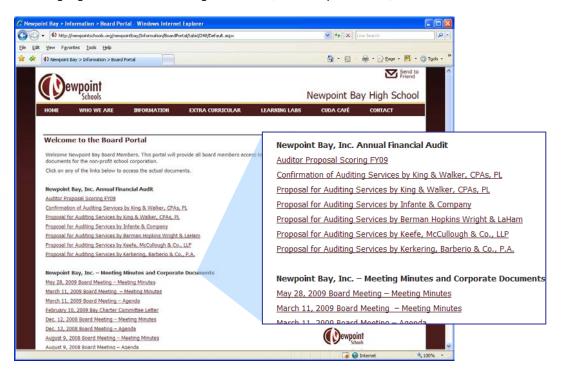
#### 9.D.vi. Frequency of Meetings

The governing board will meet as frequently as once each month but at least once per quarter. In the past year, the Board has met monthly to stay focused on the academic and financial performance of the School. Notice of all meetings is posted at the school site and on the School's website. In addition, parents may receive a copy of the board's meeting schedule.

All Board of Directors meetings shall be posted, advertised, and open to the public. Any and all meetings shall be in keeping with applicable state law. Subject to change by the Board, it is anticipated that the Board will schedule regular meetings to be held in the School, or in close proximity to it.

#### 9.D.vii. Board Portal

The Board will also have access to a unique web-based "Board Portal" with secure login access. This portal is designed to ensure that all board members have easy access to all relevant board documents including by-laws, conflict policy, contracts, corporate documents, board resolutions, meeting agendas and meeting minutes (*see sample below*).



It is intended that this portal will further ensure compliance for the board members to readily and properly govern the School.

9.E. Explain how the founding group for the school intends to transition to a governing board.

(This question is not applicable if the applicant is an established governing board.)

This question is not applicable. The Board of Directors is already formed and each of the members intends to continue to serve as a governing board member for the upcoming school year.

9.F. Describe the plans for board member recruitment and development, including the orientation process for new members and ongoing professional development.

#### 9.F.i. Board Member Recruitment

The initial "Founding" Board of Directors formed itself from volunteers within the community who have diverse experience within industry, government, education, children with disabilities, business management, social service agencies, and other backgrounds which may prove helpful in the organization of the corporation. Expertise will be sought and additional board members recruited to ensure that skills and strengths not currently found within the board will be tapped from the local community.

As board members cycle off the Board, new board members will be recruited to ensure that the board has the appropriate skills and experience level to appropriately govern the School. The existing board members are responsible for recruiting and electing new board members to ensure that the mission, vision, and values of the School remain constant through the transition to a more traditional governing board.

New board members will be recruited by the existing board members through existing relationships in the community, notices posted on the School website, information at school events, and/or through social networking websites such as LinkedIn.

#### 9.F.ii. Orientation Process

New governing board members will be provided with an orientation and training made available through the School's existing contract for governance training with Kathleen Schoenberg. All board members will participate in an initial 4-hour governance training session which will include the following topics:

- Government in the Sunshine
- Conflicts of Interest
- Ethics
- Financial Responsibility
- Review of existing school policies
- Overview of Roles and Responsibilities of board members

This training was developed specifically for Florida charter schools. It consists of over four (4) hours of training including extensive video-based instruction available online with print resources to ensure consistency of orientation content delivery.

At the beginning of their term, all new board members will also be provided with an orientation by the Board Chair, accountant, and attorney specific to the mission, philosophy, educational model, bylaws, finances, charter contract, management agreement, and current initiatives and issues of the School.

#### 9.F.iii. Ongoing Professional Development

In accordance with Rule 6A-6.0784 (1) (b), FAC, after the initial four (4) hour training, each member will, within the subsequent three (3) years and for each three (3) year period thereafter, complete a two (2) hour refresher training on the first four (4) topics above in order to retain his or her position on the charter school board. Any member who fails to obtain the

two (2) hour refresher training within any three (3) year period will take the four (4) hours of instruction again in order to remain eligible as a charter school board member.

9.G. List each of the proposed members of the school's governing board, indicating any ex-officio members and vacant seats to be filled. For each proposed member, provide a brief description of the person's background that highlights the contribution he/she intends to make through service as a governing board member and any office of the board that individual holds.

The Board of Directors has diverse experiences within the education industry, government and policy, public education, children with disabilities, business management, and law. Board members' resumes are included in Attachment E. Additional board members will be recruited to ensure that skills and strengths not currently found within the board will be tapped from the local community.

Biographical information for each board member is as follows:

**Tricia Williams Cepeda** is the Educational Coordinator at the FLITE Center, a central resource for young people in Broward County who are exiting the foster care system, offering a single, convenient point of access to the broad range of services and support they need to become successful adults. Ms. Cepeda is responsible for creating and updating lesson plans as needed for the success of the program; planning and coordinating education program activities, including scheduling, and hiring teachers and educators to administer program; developing budgets, teaching classes, and leading tours; and scheduling volunteers to provide tutoring services. She brings expertise in curriculum, instruction, assessments, human resources, budgeting, and youth with special needs.

**Cynthia Hazlewood** is an experienced, passionate, and innovative secondary educator and administrator with experience teaching in a variety of educational environments. She is an expert in creating and implementing differentiated curriculum that addresses individual learning styles. She has a proven ability to motivate students and instill a love of learning within a well-managed classroom setting. She is experienced in collaborating with other educators in an effort to encourage writing and reading across the curriculum, and a strong believer in the importance of educating the "whole child", socially, mentally, and academically. Ms. Hazelwood is experienced in initiating and strengthening the home-school connection in order to maximize students' potential with a demonstrated ability in providing compassionate, proactive methods as a secondary administrator. She brings expertise in curriculum, instruction, assessments, home-school connections, differentiation, and professional development.

**Freda Merriman** is a Senior Benefit Administrator with Sapoznik Insurance where she manages employee benefits for more than twenty (20) companies and governmental agencies; assists clients with Open Enrollment Coordination and group implementation with carriers; oversees two (2) junior benefit administrators and two (2) benefit enrollers; assisted in the

revision of current job descriptions and training program; and assisted with the implementation of uniformed policy and procedures, employee expectations, and skills required for each position. Ms. Merriman brings expertise in insurance, benefits, supervision, human resources policies and procedures, and finance.

**Kema Neal** is a Learning Specialist/Training Team Leader for World Service Learning Network. She is responsible for delivering training programs for the Global Dispute Network, Telephone Service Center, and the Risk Customer Service Network, which included e-learning through the Learning Management System; implementing appropriate training techniques, such as the Adult Learning Theory, training aids, and media; supervising, monitoring and coaching teams of up to fifteen (15) Customer Care Professionals; and observing, evaluating, and measuring trainees' performance. She brings expertise in e-learning, professional development and training, and supervision.

**Felicia Rattray** is a School Counselor at Ben Gamla Charter School (K-12) in Broward County. She is responsible for providing classroom/ small group developmental guidance activities, personal-social, behavioral, and academic counseling; information and counseling in the areas of career exploration and selection; information about further education, college entrance exams, financial aid, and employment opportunities; assistance in the screening, referral, identification, and placement of students with special needs; input in the development of curriculum; and appropriate consultation and staff development to school personnel and/or parents/ community as requested. She assists in the registration and scheduling of students; identifies and counsels potential school dropouts; serve as mediator and/or advisor in parent-teacher-student conferences; and advises school administration and faculty on the matter of student discipline. Ms. Rattray has many years of experience working at charter schools and brings additional expertise in the areas of personal and social needs counseling, test coordination, mediation, and high school requirements.

**Felicita Santiago** is a dedicated Registered Nurse with over twelve (12) years of experience in maternity nursing.

Additional board members will be recruited to ensure that all the requisite skills required within a board are strongly represented.

# 9.H. Outline the methods to be used for resolving disputes between a parent and the school.

The School will have in place a conflict resolution model to address disputes between the School and parents.

1. Parents will first address their concern with the staff member involved, if applicable.

- 2. If the parent is not satisfied with the resolution or if the issue is not staff-related, the parent will be entitled to a conference with the school administrator.
- 3. If the parent is not satisfied with the proposed resolution, the parent may request to speak at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.
- 4. The Board will listen to the parent and make a decision regarding the dispute. The decision of the Board will be final.

If the school is filing the application in conjunction with a college, university, museum, educational institution, another nonprofit organization or any other partner, provide the following information:

#### 9.1. Name of the partner organization.

The Magnolia Academy of the Arts will be partnering with the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. The organization oversees the Parker Playhouse, Rose and Alfred Minaci Performing Arts Center, and The Adventura Arts and Cultural Center within Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

# 9.J. Name of the contact person at the partner organization and that person's full contact information.

The Magnolia Academy of the Arts will work closely with the Broward Center for the Performing Arts Education Coordinator, Kelly Armstead. Ms. Armstead has worked with the Parker Playhouse for over five (5) years, overseeing all aspects of providing stellar school arts education experiences for students in grades Pre K – 12.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts 707 NE 8th Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304 Administration: 954.764.1441 Administration Fax: 954.524.9952

9.K. A description of the nature and purpose of the school's partnership with the organization.

Students will participate in supplemental classes and professional mentoring workshops with art professionals through the partnership with the Parker Playhouse, managed by the Broward Center of the Performing Arts.

Students will be given the opportunity to attend performances and participate in workshops hosted by performing art professionals. Students will work with mentors, and experience behind the scene tours, which will provide them with first-hand knowledge of the roles and responsibilities of hosting a performance as well as incorporating technology into productions.

9.L. An explanation of how the partner organization will be involved in the governance of the school.

Ms. Armstead will serve as an advisor to the governing board of our School and support the School's efforts to provide real-life experiences in the arts.

### Section 10: Management

10.A. Describe the management structure of the school. Include job descriptions for teachers and each administrative position that identify key roles, responsibilities and accountability.

The School shall operate in accordance with its Charter and shall comply with all applicable federal guidelines, Florida Statutes, and State Board of Education Rules, including, but not limited to, §§1002.33 and 1013.62, Florida Statutes; any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or other state agency, or amendments thereto, relating to charter schools; the applicable provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, relating to public records; §286.011, Florida Statutes, relating to public meetings; and applicable federal, state and local health, welfare, safety, and civil rights requirements.

#### 10.A.i. Roles and Responsibilities

The general operation of the School will be under the guidance of the School's Director. The Director shall implement only those policies which have been approved by the governing board. The Board has contracted with John Hearn, Esq. an attorney specializing in charter schools and Florida Municipal Governments, to review all school policies and negotiate any contracts and/or lease agreements. The Governing Board will develop, review or approve all policies related to the operation of the School. The School's Director will provide operational and financial updates to the board on a regular and consistent basis. Additionally the Director will provide comprehensive reports to the Board prior to each board meeting and will be in attendance to respond and address all Board member questions and concerns.

The Assistant Director of Magnolia Academy of the Arts will be responsible for the daily operations of the elementary school. This employee will report to the School Director, will work with the Director to interview and hire elementary school staff, serve as the elementary-level leader, and will supervise elementary school staff employed at the School site. The School Director will evaluate the Assistant Director of Magnolia Academy at minimum on an annual basis. All Magnolia Academy instructional personnel will report directly to the Assistant Director of Magnolia Academy of the Arts.

Select job descriptions are included in Attachment F.

#### 10.A.ii. Accountability

Evaluations will comply with the requirements of s. 1012.34, F.S. This requires that evaluations for all instructional personnel and school administrators be based on sound educational principles and contemporary research in effective educational practices, and include the following evaluation criteria:

• Performance of students

- Instructional practice or instructional leadership
- Professional and job responsibilities

For both teachers and administrators, at least fifty percent (50%) of the evaluation must be based on student learning growth assessed annually and measured by statewide assessments or, for subjects not measured by statewide assessments, by district assessments. Evaluations will include data from three (3) years of students assigned to the teacher. If three (3) years of data are not available, years available will be used and the percentage of evaluation based on student learning growth will not be less than forty percent (40%). The School will develop an evaluation instrument for instructional staff that complies with the requirements of SB 736.

School administrators will also be evaluated by the Leadership Standards adopted by State Board of Education, including: performance measures related to effectiveness of classroom teachers, recruitment and retention of effective and highly effective teachers, improvement in the percentage of instructional personnel rated as highly effective and effective, and appropriate use of evaluation criteria other practices that result in student learning growth.

The School Director will be evaluated every year by the Board of Directors using a process that will align to the requirements of SB 736, assist the Director in meeting the School's goals, and ensure that the Director is meeting the expectations of the Board.

Staff members in non-instructional roles will also be evaluated annually.

# 10.B. Outline the criteria and process that will be used to select the school's leader.

Outstanding leadership is the key to the success of the School. The Board and School Director will conduct an intensive search for an Assistant Director who will lead Magnolia Academy of the Arts. This process will include an interview and thorough background check including verification of credentials and checking references. The Board will be searching first for a personable, enthusiastic, and dedicated professional who is committed to providing a first-rate school for students within the parameters of the School mission. This Assistant Director will have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in education, business, or a related field. Ideally, the candidate will have prior experience as a teacher and school administrator, and a strong understanding of elementary curriculum, instruction, assessment, and special needs populations, and the implementation of project-based, thematic learning.

After narrowing the number of candidates based on initial application information, interviews will be scheduled and held. A conditional offer/no-offer decision will usually be based upon this interview. Upon the candidate's acceptance of the conditional offer, various employment papers will need to be completed and the appropriate reference and criminal background

checks will be executed immediately. All employment will be in accordance with the following Equal Employment Opportunity policy statement: The laws of the United States and the State of Florida guarantee equal employment opportunity for all persons, regardless of race, gender, age, religion, national origin, or disability, and provide equal treatment opportunity in all aspects of employment including working conditions, pay, benefits, and advancement.

# 10.C. Provide a staffing plan for each year of the charter term aligned with the school's projected enrollment as detailed on the cover page of this application.

The staffing plan for each year of the charter is outlined in the exhibit below and is integral to the budget included in this application. The staffing is aligned to and driven by the School's enrollment. Staffing will vary up or down based on actual enrollment while always maintaining compliance with class size requirements.

Position	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
Director	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
Assistant Director	1	1	1	1	1
Classroom Teachers/	22	30	30	30	30
Gifted Teacher					
ESE Teachers	1	3	3	3	3
Resource Teachers	2	2.5	2.5	3	4
(reading, art, music,					
P.E.)					
Media Specialist	0	.5	.5	.5	.5
Office Manager	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
Secretaries	2	2	2	2	2
Custodian	.5	.5	.5	.5	.5
Total	29.5	40.5	40.5	41	42

#### 10.D. Explain the school's plan for recruitment, selection, and development.

#### 10.D.i. Staff Recruitment and Selection

We believe that the majority of the staff will come from within the local area. As necessary, the School will use all traditional means of recruitment including newspaper and online ads and professional recruiters.

As of the date of this application, no teachers have been hired. That notwithstanding, once an Assistant Director is hired, he/she will begin the process with the School Director of recruiting, interviewing, and hiring teachers that share our educational vision to staff the School. As with any school, education begins with these teachers. The "ideal" teacher will possess the following qualifications and characteristics:

- 1. personal character, integrity, and reputation that is above reproach;
- 2. understanding, acceptance, and passion for working in pursuit of the School's mission;
- 3. meeting state certification/licensure standards;
- 4. caring and compassionate;
- 5. energetic personality;
- 6. firmness and fairness;
- 7. punctuality;
- 8. preparedness;
- 9. cooperative nature;
- 10. professionalism, which we believe encompasses all of the above.

In summary, positive qualities that are looked for during the resume screening process will include, but are not limited to (depending on the position available) the following:

- Stable work history;
- Match of candidate's experience with job requirements;
- Accurate resume and application materials;
- Neat and organized;
- General upward progression of previous job duties and responsibilities;
- Educational background;
- Proper certification/licensure;
- Experience and good references; and
- Philosophically compatible with the School's mission, having a passion for working with the targeted student population.

After narrowing the number of candidates based on initial application information, interviews will be scheduled and held. A conditional offer/no-offer decision will usually be based upon this interview. Upon the candidate's acceptance of the conditional offer, various employment papers will need to be completed and the appropriate reference and criminal background checks will be executed immediately. The Director will monitor these on a continuous basis. All employment will be in accordance with the following Equal Employment Opportunity policy statement: The laws of the United States and the State of Florida guarantee equal employment opportunity for all persons, regardless of race, gender, age, religion, national origin, or disability, and provide equal treatment opportunity in all aspects of employment including working conditions, pay, benefits, and advancement.

The teachers employed by, or under contract with, the School shall be certified as required by Chapter 1012, Florida Statutes and applicable federal statutes. Teachers who are assigned outof-field must complete the required credit hours toward certification each year. The School may employ or contract with skilled, selected non-certified personnel to assist instructional staff members as teacher aides in the manner as defined in Chapter 1012, Florida Statutes, and as provided by State Board of Education rule for charter school governing boards. Any decision by the School to employ or contract with non-certified persons for instructional services may be approved by the School's governing body.

#### 10.D.ii. Professional Development

Teacher and staff quality, experience, and preparation are critical to students' and the School's initial and ongoing success. The School recognizes that

The purpose of the professional development system is to increase student achievement, enhance classroom instructional strategies that promote rigor and relevance throughout the curriculum, and prepare students for continuing education and the workforce. The system of professional development must align to the standards adopted by the state and support the framework for standards adopted by the National Staff Development Council (s. 1012.98, F.S.).

Each teacher will have an individual professional development plan (IPDP) on which the teacher will choose 1-4 Deliberate Practice Targets. This reflects the requirements of the law for the development of Individual Professional Development Plans (IPDPs) (s. 1012.98 (4)(b)(5) F.S.). Professional learning will be connected to the specific performance data for the students to whom the teacher is assigned. Planning for professional learning will begin with analyses of student achievement data, and instructional strategies and methods that support rigorous, relevant, and challenging curricula for all students. Teachers will consider the academic progress of their students in determining what professional learning they need that will increase the learning of their students.

Each identified group of staff members may be asked to complete written surveys that address in-services, training, and/or information that may be beneficial to them. The survey will collect demographic information such as position, age, years of experience, area(s) of certification/licensure, and educational background. In order to meet the needs of the staff, the next section of the survey will have the respondents rate items on a Likert Scale. The items will include such things as behavior management, working with aides/teachers, organizing groups for instruction, meeting the needs of ESE/ELL/ESOL students, interpreting test data for best use with students, using the computer/media equipment more effectively, working with parents/family members, using mentors for entry year teachers, inclusion, conflict resolution, ethics and professionalism, team building and communication, time management, curriculum and instructional strategies, and final open sections for staff suggestions/comments.

A specifically tailored Professional Development program may be implemented utilizing the highest rated variables from the respondents' surveys. The methods of delivering the programs will include, but not be limited to large groups, small groups, individuals, and electronic functions such as development and training through computerized programs, video conferencing, and web-based delivery. The timeline will be to schedule staff development meetings at pre-School start-up times and then periodically throughout the school year. Staff will attend, as directed, per their position/perceived need.

Professional development will be extensive, ongoing, focused, and innovative; incorporating evidenced-based strategies and resources proven to be successful with our target population.

Teachers will work together in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to develop modules and activities focused on the use of Project Based Learning, literacy, cooperative learning, integration of technology into instruction, familiarity with a variety of learning activities to engage students in higher-order competencies, differentiation of instruction, coaching and mentoring, team teaching, and development and use of assessments to establish uniform coverage and external evaluations.

The School will use a blended model of professional development to deliver and support relevant learning opportunities for teachers, as well as all staff. The professional development modules are:

- Evidence-based and targeted for success;
- Job-embedded for direct application and improved performance;
- Aligned to the innovative instructional programs of the School; and
- Synchronous and asynchronous for efficient use of time.

To ensure that the previously mentioned staff development techniques are working, employees will be reviewed annually in a wide array of areas we believe an employee needs to be successful, such as quality, job knowledge, communication, initiative, adaptability, planning and organization, cooperation, judgment, dependability, innovation and facilitating student achievement. Additionally, all teachers and school leaders will be evaluated based on the requirements of SB 736 to ensure that student achievement is a primary focus for all educators. Depending on the individual staff member's review and the results thereof, an employee will be assisted in the areas that need improvement through such means as in-house, in-service development presentations, tuition reimbursement for courses at local colleges and universities, third-party seminars, and mentoring programs with some of our more seasoned employees in that individual's area of concentration.

Teacher empowerment is an important component of the School's instructional design. Teachers will be seen as professionals who are the experts. We do not believe that education can be a scripted experience whereby lessons can be prescribed. Teachers need to use assessments and observations to determine student abilities, interests, and prior knowledge and then design appropriate lessons for that particular group of students. Teachers will have the authority to plan lessons within the general themes set within the School curriculum, so long as they can justify the standards and objectives of individual projects. Teachers will be grouped together in grade level teams both physically and organizationally. This will allow teachers to work together to plan projects and meet the needs of their students.

Additionally, teachers will have a voice in the administration and leadership of the School through the School Advisory Council. When teachers are held accountable for their students' instruction and have the ability to make decisions in their students' best interest, phenomenal things are possible.

## Section 11: Education Service Providers

If the School intends to enter into a contract with an Education Service Provider (ESP):

#### **11.A.** Describe the services to be provided by the ESP.

The School intends to enter into agreements with several service providers who specialize in areas critical to the success of the School and for which the School cannot provide the same depth of expertise and same level of service internally. The primary Education Service Providers and their services are outlined below.

- Newpoint Education Partners, LLC (NEP) an education solutions company whose leadership team has extensive experience in the design, launch, and successful operations of charter schools including the opening and operation of charter schools in six states and whose leadership has provided educational and strategic consulting to public, private, parochial and charter schools in states including Florida, California, Michigan, Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Arizona and Colorado. NEP will serve as the management company at the Board's existing school. The intended services to be provided include:
  - Comprehensive school management services including provision of all capital required to cover all investments and expenses to be made prior to cash flow being generated. Services also to include:
    - evaluating and securing physical facilities and related build-out required for the School to operate as planned,
    - evaluating and securing all required technology (hardware and software) and implementing the same as required to operate the School and education programs,
    - all human resources and human resource management services including recruiting, hiring, performance management as required to successfully operate the School, and
    - all information management and reporting to the school board, DOE, school district, and any other reporting as required to successfully operate the School as outlined herein.
  - Comprehensive school model and all requisite pedagogical, instructional and governance elements including a curriculum for teaching thinking skills, modeled after *Habits of Mind* by Art Costa, a Project Based Learning program based on the Buck Institute for Education's proven successful model, and an individualized, integrated learning program which includes a Focus on the Future component. All professional development services required to enable and

ensure all staff members are adequately proficient in the education model and all related processes, procedures, tools and systems.

In addition to services of an education management company, the School intends to contract with other experienced charter school specialists to ensure proper and successful operation of the School and ensure an "arm's length" relationship is maintained. The intended service providers and their respective services include:

- School Financial Services, Inc. (SFS) an experienced Florida charter school specialist accounting firm founded by Gary Scott an experienced Florida public school CFO and Keith Spence, an experienced accountant and executive. SFS is based in Florida and provides serves exclusively to charter schools including several in Broward County plus over fifty (50) other Florida charter schools. SFS has the expertise necessary to provide comprehensive back-office accounting services to charter schools with economies of scale enabling the provision of a high level of service at a lower cost than an in-house accounting staff.
  - Provision of services include purchasing, cash management, accounts payable, general ledger, financial statement preparation
  - Liaising with auditors, reporting to the sponsoring district, and financial reporting to the board, budgeting and cash flow projections
- **EMG Interactive** The School intends to contract with a proven, successful vendor with expertise in charter school marketing and media development, EMG Interactive. EMG Interactive has a long track record of supporting the marketing, branding, and outreach efforts for charter, private, and public schools. Their services include brand development, images, logos, websites, collateral materials, blogs, print campaigns, and video production.

11.B. Provide a draft of the proposed contract between the school and the ESP including, at a minimum, proposed services, performance evaluation measures, fee structure, renewal and termination provisions, and terms of property ownership (real, intellectual and personal).

#### 11.B.i. Proposed Services

As stated above, the intended services to be provided by Newpoint Education Partners, LLC (NEP) include:

- Comprehensive school management services including provision of all capital required to cover all investments and expenses to be made prior to cash flow being generated. Services also to include:
  - evaluating and securing physical facilities and related build-out required for the School to operate as planned,

- evaluating and securing all required technology (hardware and software) and implementing the same as required to operate the School and education programs,
- all human resources and human resource management services including recruiting, hiring, performance management as required to successfully operate the School, and
- all information management and reporting to the school board, DOE, school district, and any other reporting as required to successfully operate the School as outlined herein.
- Comprehensive school model and all requisite pedagogical, instructional and governance elements including a curriculum for teaching thinking skills, modeled after *Habits of Mind* by Art Costa, a Project Based Learning program based on the Buck Institute for Education's proven successful model, and an individualized, integrated learning program which includes a Focus on the Future component. All professional development services required to enable and ensure all staff members are adequately proficient in the education model and all related processes, procedures, tools and systems.

A draft management agreement is included in Attachment G.

#### 11.B.ii. Performance Evaluation Measures

The management agreement with NEP will be a performance-based contract. NEP will be required to meet the academic goals, regulatory compliance areas, and financial goals described in this application and the charter contract. While we believe that NEP will be able to meet all of these obligations, should they fail to meet them, the Board will be able to terminate the contract subject to the provisions outlined in the final management agreement.

#### 11.B.iii. Fee Structure

The School will pay NEP eighteen percent (18%) of qualified gross revenues for its management services. There are provisions in the agreement that allow for NEP to forgive all or a portion of its management fees in a given year to allow the School to complete the year with a positive fund balance. The terms related to the fees are outlined in the draft management agreement, Attachment G.

#### 11.B.iv. Renewal and Termination Provisions

The initial term of the management agreement will be for five (5) years, to mirror the charter contract with the School District. The contract will continue for successive terms until either party acts upon the termination provisions.

#### 11.B.v. Terms of Property Ownership

The School will own all property purchased with public funds, including FTE, Federal Start-Up grants, Capital Outlay, and other specifically targeted public funds. Should the School's charter

contract be terminated, all property purchased with public funds will become property of the School District.

11.C. Unless the ESP is the parent non-profit organization, explain why the ESP was selected, including what due diligence efforts were conducted to inform the selection and how the relationship with the ESP will further the school's mission.

Newpoint Education Partners (NEP) will be providing education management services to the Board's existing school, The Magnolia School for the Arts and Technology. NEP is familiar with our mission, educational program, student population, facility, and finances and has been a great partner over the past school year. We believe that we will be able to open on time, on budget, and operate a successful school by building on this existing relationship. We are certain that NEP will be able to assist us as we further the School's mission and expand our reach to younger students.

Critical to the selection of each of the proposed providers is that each of these service providers has a leadership team with a deep understanding of and extensive experience in the provision of their respective services to schools in general and charter schools in particular. One or more members of the Board have established a strong understanding of the capabilities of the leadership team of each service provider and the character of key members of the leadership team. This has been a key element to evaluating each provider.

In the case of NEP and School Financial Services, it is the opinion of the School that each is a unique, if not exclusive, provider of the specific services with the depth of experience serving specifically the Florida charter school industry.

Ultimately, the School's governing board may terminate the agreements with any or all of these service providers with appropriate notice as outlined in each respective service agreement.

# 11.D. Explain the ESP's roles and responsibilities for the financial management of the proposed charter school, if applicable, and the internal controls that will be in place to guide this relationship.

The responsibilities for the financial management of the proposed charter school will be handled by School Financial Services (SFS) who will bring industry "best practices" to the internal controls that will be in place to guide the relationship between the School and all other major service providers.

School Financial Services, Inc. (SFS) is an experienced Florida charter school specialist accounting firm founded by Gary Scott, an experienced Florida public school Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Keith Spence, an experienced accountant and executive. SFS is based in Florida and provides services exclusively to charter schools including several in Broward County

plus over fifty (50) other Florida charter schools. SFS has the expertise necessary to provide comprehensive back-office accounting services to charter schools with economies of scale enabling the provision of a high level of service at a lower cost than an in-house accounting staff.

- Provision of services include purchasing, cash management, accounts payable, general ledger, financial statement preparation
- Liaising with auditors, reporting to the sponsoring district, and financial reporting to the board, budgeting and cash flow projections

Internal controls are based on sound practice, such as segregation of duties or compensating controls, use of pre-numbered forms, limited access to cash, and monthly reporting to the Charter School Board and Sponsoring District. The business process also emphasizes the seamless and convenient delivery of service so that school staff can easily comply with internal controls and are able to concentrate on the educational process. The internal controls are detailed in the Accounting Manual in Attachment H.

The internal control policy of the School shall be guided by the following broad principles:

- Responsibility will be clearly established.
- Adequate records will be maintained.
- Assets will be insured & inventoried and appropriate employees bonded.
- Adequate procedures for cash receipts, cash disbursements, and record keeping will be in place.
- The School will undergo regular and independent audits.

Specific internal controls include, but are not limited to:

- Only one bank account will be authorized for operations
- The bank statement will be opened intact by the reconciler
- The bank statement will be reconciled by an employee who has access to neither the general ledger nor check-writing system
- Items outstanding for 180 days will be investigated
- All receipts will be deposited intact
- All checks received will be immediately stamped "For Deposit Only"
- Deposits will be made at least twice weekly if funds have been received
- Receipts will be evidenced by a multipart signed, pre-numbered receipt
- A prepaid Visa card will be issued for the purchase of small items which are needed immediately
- All other disbursements will be made by check
- Checks require two signatures
- Checks will not be pre-signed under any circumstances
- Checks for expenses other than payroll will be issued only upon verification by the Director of receipt of the good or services ordered in good condition and correct quantity
- Appropriate documentation will be maintained for disbursements (invoice, contract, etc)

- Employees will be paid only upon verification of employment by Charter School Board action
- Appropriate legal forms (W-4, I-9, etc) must be completed prior to employees being paid
- Investment activity will comply with 112.661, FS
- Property will be tagged
- Property will be inventoried at least annually
- Discrepancies in the property inventory will be investigated and reconciled
- Financial statements (see below) will be reviewed by Charter School Board monthly, evidenced by action
- The budget will be approved by the Board prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, evidenced by action
- Budget amendments will be approved as necessary
- Financial reports will be submitted to the sponsor as required by Charter and Rule 6A-1.0081, F.A.C.
- An annual audit will be conducted by an independent CPA

11.E. Unless the ESP is the parent non-profit organization, explain how the governing board will ensure that an "arm's length," performance-based relationship exists between the governing board and the ESP.

The governing board has ensured that an "arm's length," performance-based relationship exists between the governing board and the service providers, and will continue to do so with Magnolia Academy of the Arts. This "arm's length" relationship will be established and maintained through the use of checks and balances that exist by utilizing multiple specialized service providers. The School intends to use the following measures to establish and maintain such an "arm's length" relationship:

- 1. The School intends to use an independent CPA/audit firm that specializes in Florida charter school accounting and auditing and which is unaffiliated with the accounting firm or the ESP.
- 2. The School will use a separate, external accounting firm (School Financial Services, Inc.), to provide and manage all accounting, bookkeeping, check writing and cash management activities on behalf of the School. School Financial Services is an experienced charter school accounting firm with long-standing clients in Broward County and is unrelated to the auditing firm and unrelated to the ESP.
- 3. The School will use an independent ESP (NEP) with separate agreements and responsibilities from those of the accounting firm or auditing firm and whose staff at the school will not issue checks or handle cash with the exception of lunch, clubs, uniforms or petty cash related items.
- 4. The School has secured outside legal counsel with expertise in charter school matters and similar contractual relationships.

5. And finally, through the proper governance of the School including regular board meetings, financial reporting and review at every board meeting, a complete operational review at every board meeting and direct visits to the School on a regular basis.

11.F. Provide a summary of the ESP's history, including its educational philosophy and background and experience of senior management.

#### 11.F.i. Newpoint Education Partners (NEP)

Newpoint Education Partners (NEP) is an education solutions company whose leadership team has extensive experience in the design, launch, and successful operations of charter schools. Prior experience of NEP leadership includes the opening and operation of charter schools, and the provision of educational and strategic consulting to public, private, parochial and charter schools in states including Florida, California, Michigan, Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Arizona and Colorado.

#### 11.F.i.a. Philosophy

NEP's leadership believes in establishing strong relationships with all stakeholders including parents, students, sponsors, board members, community organizations, and the community at large. NEP believes that people make all the difference in any organization and particularly in educational organizations.

NEP believes that students of today and tomorrow need a different skill set to achieve in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The next generation workplace will require skills in creativity, problem solving, and application of different types of analyses and technologies to current and future problems. We believe that the development of these skills and abilities can begin even with very young children. Students attending a school managed by NEP can expect a high-quality educational environment with caring, nurturing teachers who will challenge each student to reach their full potential.

#### 11.F.i.b. Background and Experience of Senior Management

The Senior Management at NEP have extensive experience within the charter school industry as well as leadership experience in several industries throughout the country.

#### Marcus N. May, President & CEO

Marcus May has a decade long history in the K12 education industry, and a twenty-four (24) year history of successful leadership in a several industries. Prior to founding Newpoint NEP, Mr. May was Senior Vice President of publicly traded Varsity Group Inc. responsible for all Sales, Marketing, and Operations of this national education solutions company. Prior to his role at Varsity Group, Mr. May was a senior executive of the 5<sup>th</sup> largest charter school solutions company in the USA where he and its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) grew the organization to fifty (50) schools covering six (6) states. This growth was driven by the successful development

and management of charter schools and district contract schools across five (5) states. These schools included innovative education models focused on niches such as inner-city "at risk" high school and middle school students, rural populations, and home schoolers through state-wide online virtual schools and other niche student segments. With a strong focus on systems and processes, the organization was able to scale rapidly while maintaining the integrity of its educational values and managing through accurate real-time information on school and individual student performance. Mr. May was intimately involved in the research, design and development of all strategic initiatives throughout this successful growth period.

In his professional career, Mr. May has held a variety of senior leadership positions including Chief Operating Officer (COO), Vice President (VP) of Strategic Planning, VP of Strategic Initiatives, and Chief Information Officer (CIO) for public and private companies that include Progressive Insurance, Century Business Services, SchoolOne, and Hillenbrand Industries. In these roles, he developed an expertise in creating value through business concept innovations, technology development and implementation, business reengineering, new market and channel development, and new venture start-ups.

Mr. May has a proven track record of growth and innovation. He has created, researched, developed, and launched over three dozen new consumer and business products or product lines for public and private companies. He co-created and launched over ten (10) new businesses, many within Fortune 500 environments, and has led the integration process of over seventy (70) business acquisitions. His innovations have resulted in four (4) consumer product related patents in his name. Mr. May earned his MBA from Case Western Reserve University in 1984 and a B.S. in Business Economics from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

#### Ms. Carla Lovett, Vice President, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Carla Lovett is a lifelong Florida resident and Florida educator. Ms. Lovett was formerly the Supervisor of Secondary Education, Curriculum and Instructional Services at Bay District Schools in Bay County Florida. Previously, Ms. Lovett held various leadership roles in the district including Ninth Grade Lead Teacher, Senior Project Coordinator, and Lead Mentoring Teacher. In addition, Ms. Lovett taught all levels of high school English in both Bay County and Orange County, Florida.

Ms. Lovett's educational credentials include a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Florida State University; completing studies abroad at Oxford University, Oxford, England; and earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Education from University of West Florida.

#### Richard F. Clark, Program Consultant

Richard Clark is NEP's principal consultant and thought leader in the area of improving school operations and educational outcomes with a unique expertise in the area of work study programs. Mr. Clark brings a unique blend of experience from having been the principal of a nationally ranked and recognized high school to being the president and founder of a school for

urban students which is part of the nationally acclaimed Cristo Rey Network and whose success has received national coverage on CBS 60 Minutes and in Newsweek magazine. The Cristo Rey Network has received significant funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. This foundation typically funds initiatives in public education, which is a testament to the effective outcomes for this network of schools. Mr. Clark is also associated with various boards and advisory panels for K-12 organizations.

Mr. Clark supports NEP by providing structured plans and processes to positively impact critical areas of staffing, student experience, building effective educational outcomes in the classroom, and real world usage of technology in curriculum.

Mr. Clark graduated from Georgetown University and has earned his Master's Degree in Education from Loyola University in Chicago.

#### David Stiles, Vice President of Development and Operations

Mr. Stiles serves as the Vice President of Operations and Development for NEP and is a career charter school industry professional. Mr. Stiles has been responsible for increasing the graduation rate of a 3,000+ student charter high school by 100%; procuring in excess of \$10 million in total grant revenue; securing the approval of more than forty (40) charter school applications in thirteen (13) different school districts; and successfully opening fourteen (14) new schools in Florida in one year.

Over the last decade, Mr. Stiles has had extensive experience in all aspects of school board relations and board training, charter application development, facilities selection, charter school leadership recruitment, grant writing, and systems development. Mr. Stiles has also successfully implemented marketing programs for charter schools resulting in as much as 103% increase in school enrollment.

Mr. Stiles is a seasoned education executive and a creative leader with a wide range of experience in all aspects of charter school development and operations. He has a proven track record of success in managing multiple projects, personnel, and resources to achieve organizational goals.

Mr. Stiles earned his Masters' degree in Education Administration from the University of Akron in Ohio.

#### 11.F.i.c. Newpoint Education Partners (NEP) – Board of Advisors

NEP believes that the best educational solutions will come through a dedicated and passionate leadership team supported by a board of advisors consisting of highly qualified and experienced educational leaders and experts.

NEP has established an advisory board consisting of committed volunteers with a diversity of perspective and depth of expertise. A group of individuals with backgrounds in business, education, real estate, technology, finance, serve as a technical resource to the company and provide insight into optimal ways to operate schools and run an efficient organization.

Advisory Board positions are all unpaid positions filled by volunteers passionate about innovation and improving outcomes in education.

#### 11.F.ii. School Financial Services, Inc. (SFS)

Established in 2001, School Financial Services, provides comprehensive back-office accounting services to charter schools. Their services include purchasing, cash management, accounts payable, general ledger, financial statement preparation, liaising with auditors, reporting to the sponsoring district, budgeting, and cash flow projections.

#### 11.F.ii.a. Philosophy

School Financial Services believes in providing schools with their desired level of financial support services so that the school's educators and administrators can devote their time to educating their students.

#### 11.F.ii.b. Background and Experience of Senior Management

Senior Management at School Financial Services have decades of experience in governmental accounting and finance, auditing, and budget development.

#### Gary B. Scott, C.P.A., President & CEO

Gary Scott graduated from the University of West Florida with a B.A. degree in Accounting (Magna Cum Laude). He earned his M.B.A. and has taught accounting courses at the college level. Mr. Scott has twenty-five (25) years of experience in accounting, including ten (10) years of governmental accounting and finance and eight (8) years of governmental auditing including several audits of Florida School district internal accounts. Mr. Scott worked for four (4) years a district level financial administrator in a Florida school district.

#### Keith H. Spence, Chief Operating Officer

Keith Spence is a graduate of the University of West Florida with a B.A. degree in Accounting. He has seventeen (17) years experience in accounting, including fourteen (14) years experience in governmental accounting and finance. He has extensive experience in financial management, property management, governmental auditing, and budget development.

11.G. Provide a list of other schools with which the ESP has contracts, including contact information and student and financial performance data of such schools.

Contact information is below for the other schools with which the ESP has contracts. Student and financial performance data are included in Attachment I.

School Name /	Grades	Date Opened	Contact Information
Grades Served	Served	_	
Newpoint Bay High School	9-12	August 2008	Ron Danzey, President 2910 Kings Harbour Rd Panama City, FL 32405 850-785-6202 <u>Ron.danzey@unitedvanlines.com</u>
Newpoint Bay Academy	6-8	August 2010	Ron Danzey, President 2910 Kings Harbour Rd Panama City, FL 32405 850-785-6202 <u>Ron.danzey@unitedvanlines.com</u>
Newpoint Pinellas High School	9-12	August 22, 2011	Debbie Peterson, Chair 4025 Portsmouth Rd Largo, FL 33771 727-278-9998 Deb.peterson@live.com
Newpoint Pensacola High School	9-12	August 22, 2011	Tracey Adcock, President 4405 Pinetree Lane Lynn Haven, FL 32444 850-271-4824 tadcock@knology.net
Newpoint Pensacola Academy	6-8	August 22, 2011	Tracey Adcock, President 4405 Pinetree Lane Lynn Haven, FL 32444 850-271-4824 <u>tadcock@knology.net</u>
Enterprise High School	9-12	August 1, 2011	Jan Barr, Chair 19828 Gulf Blvd, #401 Indian Shores, FL 33785 727-596-5591 janmcbarr@aol.com
Windsor Preparatory Academy	K-5	August, 2012	Robert Pergolizzi, Chair 13825 ICOT Blvd Suite 605

School Name / Grades Served	Grades Served	Date Opened	Contact Information
			Clearwater, FL 33760 727-524-6090 pergo@gulfcoastconsulting.com
Pinellas Middle Academy	6-8	Opening August 2013	Robert Pergolizzi, Chair 13825 ICOT Blvd Suite 605 Clearwater, FL 33760 727-524-6090 pergo@gulfcoastconsulting.com
Towpath Trail High School	9-12	Newpoint Management Services commenced on July 1, 2012	Debra Howell, President 275 West Market St Akron, OH 44303 330-441-2852 <u>4debhowell@gmail.com</u>
Invictus High School	9-12	Newpoint Management Services commenced on July 1, 2012	Valencia Lescook, President 3122 Euclid Ave Cleveland, OH 216-201-1410 <u>Vlescook7@roadrunner.com</u>
Lake Erie International High School	9-12	Newpoint Management Services commenced on July 1, 2012	Arnell Hurt, President 9200 Madison Ave Cleveland, OH 44102 216-539-7229 <u>Hurt615@gmail.com</u>
San Jose Academy	6-8	Opening August 2013	Bonnie Arnold, Chair 4072 Sunbeam Rd Jacksonville, FL 32257 904-699-0961 <u>bonnie@bonniesfloraldesigns.co</u> <u>m</u>
San Jose Preparatory High School	9-12	Opening August 2013	Bonnie Arnold, Chair 4072 Sunbeam Rd Jacksonville, FL 32257 904-699-0961 <u>bonnie@bonniesfloraldesigns.co</u> <u>m</u>

School Name / Grades Served	Grades Served	Date Opened	Contact Information
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West Preparatory Academy	K-8	Opening under Newpoint management in September 2013	Arnell Hurt, President 9200 Madison Ave Cleveland, OH 44102 216-539-7229 <u>Hurt615@gmail.com</u>
Lincoln Preparatory School	K-8	Opening under Newpoint management in September 2013	Ken Baris, President 3269 West 43 <sup>rd</sup> Street Cleveland, OH 44109 216-218-8420 <u>Kab12@sbcglobal.net</u>
East Preparatory Academy	K-8	Opening under Newpoint management in September 2013	Rhonda Young Hurt P.O. Box 181126 Cleveland Hts., Ohio 44118 440-232-7416 msyoung780@sbcglobal.net
Middlebury Academy	K-8	Opening under Newpoint management in September 2013	Janice Baumann, President 2535Brook Haven Lane Hinckley, OH 44233 330-276-3337 jbaumann@fre-mar.com
Colonial Preparatory Academy	K-8	Opening under Newpoint management in September 2013	Janice Baumann, President 2535Brook Haven Lane Hinckley, OH 44233 330-276-3337 jbaumann@fre-mar.com
Main Street Preparatory Academy	K-5	Opening under Newpoint management in September 2013	Jillian Thornton, President 75 Atterbury Blvd, #207 Hudson, OH 44236 734-778-2264 Jvthornton1@gmail.com
Winton Preparatory Academy	K-8	Opening under Newpoint management in September 2013	Jim George, President 486 St. Vincent Drive Akron, OH 44333 330-606-8959 Jgeorge01@roadrunner.com

School Name / Grades Served	Grades Served	Date Opened	Contact Information
Cliff Park High School	9-12	Opening under Newpoint management in September 2013	Rod Hale, President 821 N Limestone Rd Springfield, OH 45505 513-533-2873 Rod.hale@aegis-ps.com
Marshall High School	9-12	Opening under Newpoint management in September 2013	Rod Hale, President 821 N Limestone Rd Springfield, OH 45505 513-533-2873 <u>Rod.hale@aegis-ps.com</u>

## Section 12: Human Resources and Employment

12.A. Explain the school's compensation plan, including whether staff will be publicly or privately employed.

The School will organize as a private employer and employment with the School will be at will. Employment letters will be issued for the purpose of specifying salary, position title, and duties. Employment dates will be included only as a convenience and will not bind either the employee or the School to a specific time period. Employees will be free to terminate their employment with the School at any time, with or without reason. In accordance with the Jessica Lunsford Act all employees of the charter school shall be required to provide proof of background screening.

Likewise, the School will have the right to terminate the employee's employment, or otherwise discipline, transfer, or demote the employee at any time, with or without reason, provided it falls within the legal confines of the Florida wage and labor laws.

It is our desire to pay all regular employees wages and salaries that are competitive with other employers in the marketplace in a way that will be motivational, fair, and equitable. Compensation will vary with individual performance and in compliance with all applicable statutory requirements. During the pre-start period, the School Director, with assistance from NEP and School Financial Services, will develop a plan for compensation adjustments related to each teacher's evaluation as required in s. 1012.22, F.S.

The School will apply the same principles of fairness to all employees, regardless of organizational level, race, color, citizenship status, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, creed, physical or mental disability, marital status, veteran status, political affiliation, or any other factor protected by law.

The School is committed to sponsoring a comprehensive benefits program for all eligible employees. In addition to receiving an equitable salary and having an equal opportunity for professional development and advancement, employees may be eligible for other benefits that will enhance their job satisfaction.

A good benefits program will be a solid investment in our employees. The Director and Board of Directors, with assistance from Newpoint Education Partners (NEP), will periodically review the benefits program and will make modifications as appropriate to the School's condition. The School reserves the right to modify, add, or delete the benefits it offers.

Benefits made available to employees will include:

• Insurance Coverage

A comprehensive, quality insurance program will be provided to eligible employees in the areas of health, dental, and life insurance. Insurance will also be available to eligible family members.

#### • Recognized Holidays

Regular full-time employees will be eligible for holiday pay. Recognized holidays include those school holidays, which are recognized by the public School District (according to the district calendar) in which the employee is employed with the Charter School. This does not include the summer holidays.

#### • Sick Leave

Each full time employee may earn sick time at the end of each completed month of service.

#### • Retirement

Each full-time employee will be eligible to participate in NEP's 401(k) program.

12.B. Describe the proposed personnel policies and procedures to which staff will be required to adhere, including expectations for participation in the school's professional development program. If personnel policies and procedures have not been developed provide a clear plan, including timeline, for the development and approval by governing board.

Once hired, the School's employees will receive a copy of the School's Personnel Policies (see Attachment J) and participate in several weeks of training in their respective positions, which will continue throughout the year through various in-services, continuing education, and mentorship programs.

Teacher and staff quality, experience, and preparation are critical to students' and the School's initial and ongoing success. The School recognizes that

The purpose of the professional development system is to increase student achievement, enhance classroom instructional strategies that promote rigor and relevance throughout the curriculum, and prepare students for continuing education and the workforce. The system of professional development must align to the standards adopted by the state and support the framework for standards adopted by the National Staff Development Council (s. 1012.98, F.S.).

All staff will be required to participate in the School's staff development program. The program will include but not be limited to the following:

- Attendance at curriculum specific training
- Attendance at professional development courses assigned by the School Director and/or Assistant Director
- Attendance at technology application training

- Attendance at school safety policy training
- Attendance at training required for maintaining certifications

Each teacher will have an individual professional development plan (IPDP) on which the teacher will choose 1-4 Deliberate Practice Targets. This reflects the requirements of the law for the development of Individual Professional Development Plans (IPDPs) (s. 1012.98 (4)(b)(5) F.S.). Professional learning will be connected to the specific performance data for the students to whom the teacher is assigned. Planning for professional learning will begin with analyses of student achievement data, and instructional strategies and methods that support rigorous, relevant, and challenging curricula for all students. Teachers will consider the academic progress of their students in determining what professional learning they need that will increase the learning of their students.

The School shall comply with the anti-discrimination provisions of §1000.05, Florida Statutes ("The Florida Education Equity Act"). The School will establish and maintain an alcohol and drug-free workplace, pursuant to the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, 42 U.S.C. §701 et seq., and 34 C.F.R. Part 85(F). If the School employs persons to operate commercial motor vehicles, it shall comply with the requirements of the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991 (Pub. L. 102-143, Title V), 49 C.F.R. Parts 40 and 382, and §234.101, Florida Statutes.

Faculty evaluations will comply with the requirements of s. 1012.34, F.S. This requires that evaluations for all instructional personnel and school administrators be based on sound educational principles and contemporary research in effective educational practices and include the following evaluation criteria:

- Performance of students
- Instructional practice or instructional leadership
- Professional and job responsibilities

At least fifty percent (50%) of the evaluation must be based on student learning growth assessed annually and measured by statewide assessments or, for subjects not measured by statewide assessments, by district assessments. Evaluations will include data from three (3) years of students assigned to the teacher. If three (3) years of data are not available, years available will be used and the percentage of evaluation based on student learning growth will not be less than forty percent (40%). (See Sample Instructional Performance Evaluation System in Attachment K)

The School Leader Evaluation System is based on contemporary research and meta-analyses by Dr. Douglas Reeves, Dr. John Hattie, Dr. Vivian Robinson, Dr. Robert Marzano, and other research findings that identify school leadership strategies or behaviors that, done correctly and in appropriate circumstances, have a positive probability of improving student learning and faculty proficiency on instructional strategies that positively impact student learning.

Evaluation of school leaders will be based on observation and evidence about how certain leadership behaviors impact behavior of others. The portion of evaluation that involves "impact on others" comes in two components:

1. Student Growth Measure: This element comprises 50% of a school leader's annual evaluation and is based on the performance of students in the school on specific state or district assessments (e.g. FCAT, EOC exams).

2. Leadership Practice: This component contributes the remaining percentage of the school leader's evaluation. Leadership Practice combines results of the Florida School Leader Assessment (FSLA) and an additional – Deliberate Practice. The Deliberate Practice Targets are aligned to the School Improvement Goals. The alignment between the Deliberate Practice Targets and the School Improvement Goals will be identified on the Deliberate Practice Targets form. The FSLA contribution to evaluation is based on observation of the leader's actions **and** the leader's impact on the actions and behaviors of others.

The School Leader Evaluation System will consist of three components: the assessment of the school administrator's leadership practices by the evaluator (*Florida School Leader Assessment*), the development and evaluation of the school administrator's professional growth (*Deliberate Practice*), and student growth (Student Growth Measure) based on the aggregated FCAT Value Added Reading measurement for the teachers at the School.

The three components that make up the School Leader Evaluation System will have the following percentiles: 1. Student Growth Measure - 50%; 2. Assessment of the school administrator's leadership practices by the evaluator (*Florida School Leader Assessment*) – 40%, and the evaluation of the school administrator's professional growth (*Deliberate Practice*) – 10%. The School will employ the rating scales set forth in the state model.

Although the School's Board (and School Board Chairperson as Evaluator) ultimately are responsible for the evaluation of the school leader, it is expected that assistance in the evaluation process will be necessary. The School Board Chairman or President can opt to receive assistance from the Vice President of Newpoint Education Partners (NEP) to complete the evaluation process.

(See Sample School Leader Evaluation System in Attachment K.)

## Section 13: Student Recruitment and Enrollment

13.A. Describe the plan for recruiting students, including strategies for reaching the school's targeted populations and those that might otherwise not have easy access to information on available educational options.

The School will use a variety of strategies to publicize the school. At all times, the School's admission and enrollment practices will comply with Federal guidelines (Charter Schools Program, Title V, Part B, Non- Regulatory Guidance<sup>15</sup>), and with s. 1002.33, F.S. The School intends to contract with a proven, successful vendor with expertise in charter school marketing and media development, EMG Interactive. EMG Interactive has a long track record of supporting the marketing, branding, and outreach efforts for charter, private, and public schools. Their services include brand development, images, logos, websites, collateral materials, blogs, print campaigns, and video production.

The School will develop a comprehensive marketing plan with outreach activities taking place from January through the school opening (see exhibit below).

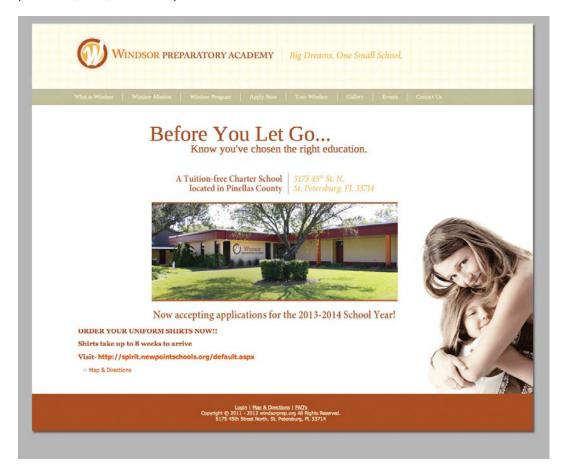


Based on the collective experience of NEP, EMG, school staff, and our Board members, we know that grassroots and other marketing efforts that generate word of mouth is the number one driver of student enrollment. The graph below is a result of a recent survey of Newpoint school parents regarding how they heard about the Newpoint school.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> <u>http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/cspguidance03.doc</u>

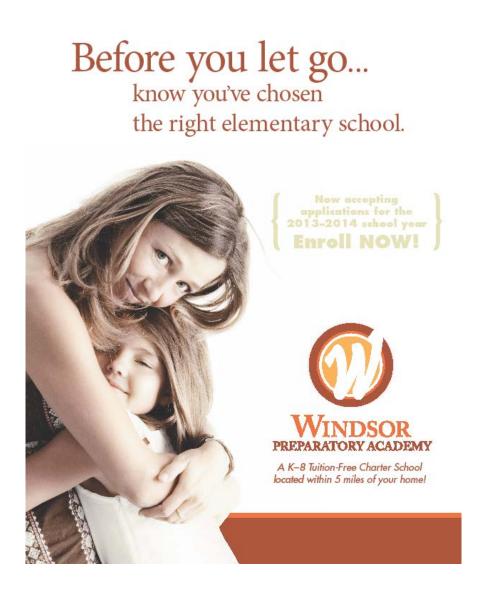
	Response Percent
Through TV news story	11.1%
From newspaper article(s)	14.8%
On the radio	3.7%
A friend	48.1%
Mailings from Newpoint	22.2%

Word of mouth (or "A friend") was the number one stated source of enrolled students in Bay County representing a total of forty-eight percent (48%) of survey respondents. Direct mail campaigns are a distant number two driver of enrollment representing a total of twenty-two percent (22%) of all respondents.



Based on these results, the School will use the same marketing campaign as a component of its overall outreach plan. This effort will begin with a website with video and text content that will provide families with information related to curriculum, enrollment, targeted student expectations, and staff qualifications. Visitors will be directed to this website through all communications as well as an ongoing Google "AdWords" online ad campaign.

The School will develop a comprehensive brochure to provide families with information, including the School's mission, and has also developed informational flyers that will be distributed in local shopping areas, public places, local youth programs, local athletic programs, local middle schools, and other areas as deemed appropriate to serve our mission and reach all families, including those that are typically hard to reach families. A sample of similar Newpoint Education Partners (NEP) materials is shown here.



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The School will distribute information to the parents of appropriately-aged students, hold open houses, and advertise via the local media. The School will utilize local public radio and print media to make announcements regarding enrollment opportunities and parent information meetings. The School will provide marketing materials in languages other than English. We will also make bilingual staff available to answer parent questions. The School will canvass neighborhoods considered "harder to reach" and provide flyers with School information.

13.B. Explain how the school will achieve a racial/ethnic balance reflective of the community it serves or with the racial/ethnic range of other local public schools.

The School will attempt to achieve racial and ethnic balance by being open to any student residing within the School District by openly marketing to every subsection of the potential student population. The School will be a public school and enrollment will not be denied to any eligible applicants on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability.

The School agrees to report its student enrollment to the Sponsor as provided in s. 1011.62, Florida Statutes, and, in accordance with the definitions in s. 1011.61, Florida Statutes, at the agreed-upon intervals and using the Sponsor's method when recording and reporting cost data by program.

# 13.C. Describe the school's enrollment policies and procedures, including an explanation of the enrollment timeline, criteria and/or any preferences for enrollment, and lottery process.

In the first year of operation, the School will hold an open enrollment period of thirty (30) days. Families will be able to apply in person or online using the School's website and the online enrollment system. The system will assign students a number based on grade level for which students are applying.

In the event that the number of applications exceeds the number of available spaces, the Director will conduct an enrollment lottery which will randomly select students until all spaces are filled and then randomly assign additional students to a waiting list. Students will be given ten (10) days from the notice of acceptance to confirm their attendance. If a student declines enrollment or fails to respond within the given timeframe, the enrollment will be offered to the next student on the waiting list until all student seats are filled.

In subsequent years, the School will provide currently enrolled families the opportunity to reenroll for the following school year. This shall take place no later than March of each year. At that time, families will also be allowed to apply for additional students who qualify for preferential enrollment under sibling preference. After the School has confirmed the number of available spaces for the upcoming academic year it will hold an open enrollment period of at least thirty (30) days and hold a lottery to address applications which exceed available space.

The School shall adopt and implement a non-discriminatory policy regarding the placement, assessment, identification, and selection of students with disabilities who are served in Exceptional Student Education (ESE) programs and students who are served in English or Speaker of Other Languages (ESOL) programs. The School shall not violate the anti-discrimination provisions of §1000.05, Florida Statutes.

The School may limit the enrollment process only to target student populations as set forth by s. 1002.33(10)(e), Florida Statutes. The School shall comply with s. 1003.22, Florida Statutes, and other applicable statutes concerning school entry, health examinations, and immunizations.

13.D. Explain any student and/or family contracts that will be used as a requisite for initial and continued enrollment in the school. Describe if and how the school will enforce such contracts.

A student will have been determined to have accepted enrollment when their acceptance letter and family contract have been returned to the School with the appropriate parent/guardian signature. The family contract shall include the following:

- Agreement to the academic standards of the School
- Agreement to the discipline procedures and student code of conduct

- Parent/Guardian agreement to volunteer for a minimum of ten (10) hours of service to the School each year their child is enrolled
- Acknowledgement of the safety procedures of the School

# **13.E. Explain any other efforts to encourage parental and community involvement, if applicable.**

#### 13.E.i. Parent Involvement

The School realizes that its strength lies in the hands of its parents and guardians and the extent to which they become involved in the daily activities of the students. Therefore, the School will involve parents in the operation of the School in a variety of ways.

- Parents or guardians shall be asked to volunteer for a minimum of ten (10) hours of service to the School each year their child is enrolled.
- Parents must participate in at least two (2) parent/teacher conferences each academic year.
- Parents will be invited to the School's governing board meetings and given the opportunity at all meetings to provide input.
- A School Advisory Council (SAC), or other parent organization as appropriate, may be formed to provide input from all stakeholders to the school administration and the Board of Directors.
- As required by law, parents will be invited and encouraged to participate in the development of a child's Individual Educational Plan (IEP) when a child meets the necessary requirements for exceptional education services.
- As a part of our commitment to continuous improvement, a parent survey will be distributed at least once per year to determine the level of parent satisfaction with the School, and improve our offerings and services to parents and students.

We anticipate that the School will have an active Parent Teacher Association (PTA) that will be a member of Florida PTA (www.floridapta.org). The School PTA will most likely be involved in fundraising activities and community events for the School. The funds will support field trips, classroom supplies and initiatives, needy students, and/or school-wide projects.

#### 13.E.ii. Community Involvement

The School will also build partnerships within the local community and the global community to better serve our students and offer them more learning opportunities. We anticipate that these relationships or partnerships will start with the Board, the Director, or parents. The Director will be an active member of the community and will be a member of the Chamber of Commerce as well as other civic or service organizations. These partnerships will include, but not be limited to:

- Local business partners
- Community non-profit organizations

- Local higher education institutions
- The local school board
- Local civic groups
- Global software organization
- Technical learning providers
- Software developers

# **Business Plan**

#### **Section 14: Facilities**

If the site is not acquired:

14.F. Explain the school's facility needs, including desired location, size, and layout of space. Describe the proposed facility, including location, size and layout of space.

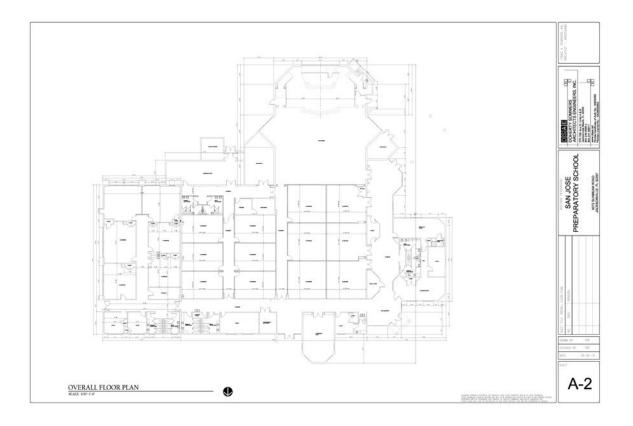
The School will utilize a facility that meets the following requirements:

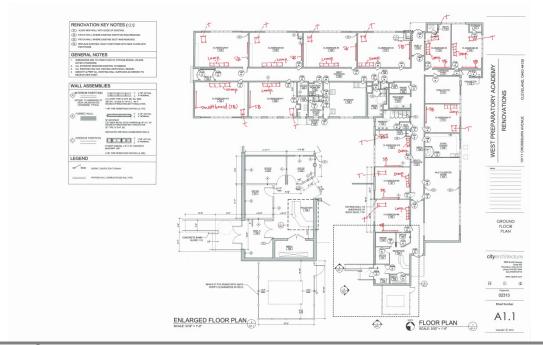
- Meets or exceeds all local building and fire/safety codes as outlined in chapter 533 Florida Building Code and chapter 633 Florida Fire Prevention Code
- Has appropriate space for classrooms, specialty rooms, a media center, a multi-purpose room, and administrative areas
- Has adequate parking for staff, students, and visitors
- Is accessible to persons with disabilities
- Has at least one (1) flushable toilet per twenty (20) occupants
- Has at least one (1) sink per forty (40) occupants
- Has a monitored fire/burglary system

Although locating, securing, and renovating an appropriate facility in Florida can be challenging; managed appropriately, excellent facilities can be secured and renovated within a 120-150 day timeline. The School will have more than adequate time to open the School for the start of the 2014-15 school year.

The School utilizes several parameters in its search for an acceptable site. Demographic maps of the school district that address median household income, population density, and households with children have been reviewed (See Attachment A). Our facility search also takes into consideration such factors as: square footage, accessibility, zoning, safety, exterior lighting, parking, and neighborhood demographics.

All efforts will be made to make certain that all settings are conducive to learning. This learning environment includes both the interior and exterior of the facility. Sample School layouts are included below.





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High standards have been established to assure students are learning in a safe and healthy environment. Upon approval of the charter, any necessary improvements and renovations will commence to meet our facility standards.

The School shall use facilities which comply with the Florida Building Code pursuant to Chapter 553, Florida Statutes. The School may also comply with the following: State Requirements for Educational Facilities of the Florida Building Code, adopted pursuant to §1013.37; the State Uniform Building Code for Public Education Facilities Construction, adopted pursuant to §1013.37, Florida Statutes; applicable state minimum building codes pursuant to Chapter 553, Florida Statutes; or state minimum fire protection codes, pursuant to §633.025, Florida Statutes, as adopted by the local authority in whose jurisdiction the facility is located.

The facilities also comply with the Florida Fire Prevention Code, pursuant to chapter 633. We will work closely with local officials to see that the School is in complete compliance with all zoning regulations, building and renovation permits, safety codes, occupancy permits and all other applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. The School will pay particular attention to compliance in the following areas: fire exits, parking, traffic, sprinkler systems, alarm systems, and keeping inspections current.

14.G. Provide an estimate of the costs of the anticipated facility needs and describe how such estimates have been derived.

The cost of the facility has been included in the School's budget proposal including lease and utility costs and all other occupancy costs, plus anticipated pre-start costs for renovations to meet the School's needs, state regulations, and local codes.

Estimates of facility expense were developed using current market value rates of commercial real estate as determined by the area market and based on actual lease costs of facilities under consideration.

14.H. Explain the strategy and schedule that will be employed to secure an adequate facility.

The School intends to use several method s for securing a suitable facility, including engaging a commercial real estate broker, working with companies who have built or renovated charter schools, and appropriate legal counsel. Based on NewPoint's track record in which 100% of their schools have opened on time, we are confident that we will have an appropriate facility for our students.

The School intends to utilize traditional real estate for its facility. The School anticipates securing a permanent facility (not modular units) which will afford ample classrooms, resource/specialty rooms, common use/multipurpose area, and administrative areas. The School will choose a location that is easily accessible to targeted students. Currently, the School is finalizing research on the target population in several geographic areas.

It is anticipated that the School will make a final facility decision within sixty (60) days following the approval of the charter.

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
Contractual									
•	LOI Signed								
•	Lease Signed								
Build Out									
•	Plans Approved								
•	Permit								
	Approved								
٠	Construction								
	Completed								
٠	Cert of								
	Occupancy								
٠	F&F Installed								
•	Insurance								

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#### 14.1. Describe the back-up facilities plan.

What is the alternate plan for facilities if the proposed facility is not available or is determined to be inappropriate for the school's opening? Describe the back-up facilities plan.

The Board has every expectation that we will be able to open our School on time. However, we also understand that unforeseen circumstances can occur. If the School opening is delayed to the point where we will not be able to open on-schedule, we will do the following:

- 1. Define the specifics of the delay and determine a realistic opening schedule.
- 2. Coordinate and communicate this information with School District personnel.
- 3. Determine whether the School can open on a delayed schedule.

Depending on the outcome of the above items, the School will proceed as follows:

#### Option 1

• If the School can open on a delayed schedule, School staff will relay all relevant information to the school district, parents, and students.

Option 2 - If the School cannot open on a delayed schedule:

- The School will temporarily lease and utilize appropriate space from a school or other educational institution such as a Community College, Private Technical College, Charter School, etc.
- Contingency plans for temporary space and short-term leases will be in-place by February 2014.

#### Option 3

• If the construction schedule is such that the School opening is delayed seven (7) or more months, the School will (as a last resort) request from the school district a one-year deferral for opening.

#### Section 15: Transportation Service

15.A. Describe the school's plan for transportation, including any plans for contracting services. Your plan should discuss, to the greatest extent possible, the issues relevant to the school's transportation plans.

Students will be dropped off and picked up by car. The School plans to locate on a major thoroughfare, which will makes it convenient for parents from all areas of the County to drop off students on the way to and from work. The School will coordinate a car-pool system to assist parents with transportation.

In accordance with Florida Statute, the Board understands that it is responsibility of the School and the district to work together to ensure that transportation is not a barrier for students who wish to attend the School. Therefore, if there is an eligible student who would like to attend the School but cannot due to transportation restrictions, the School will work with the district to develop a plan for transportation for that student.

Depending on need and demand, the School may provide transportation for the School's students who live between two (2) and four (4) miles from the School, consistent with the requirements of s. 1012.45 and Chapter 1006 (Part I), Florida Statutes, and state and federal rules and regulations. The School may contract with an outside provider in order to establish the capacity to provide proper, safe student transportation. The School will ensure that any transportation provider provides the following:

- Proof that all personnel who may have contact with students have appropriate background clearance in accordance with the Jessica Lunsford Act.
- Provide all staff with picture identification that list the staff member's name and the name of the company.
- Proof that all vehicles are properly maintained and meet security and safety requirements.
- Proof that students are only being transported in approved vehicles and that there is no use of passenger vans.

In order to use this service, parents must complete a Bus Request Form. A child may not ride the bus unless s/he is an assigned bus student. No one may ride a bus other than her/his assigned bus without a parental note and administrative approval. Families will be given a copy of the bus rules. Bus privileges will be revoked if a bus student does not follow these rules. It will then become the responsibility of the parent to transport the student to School.

#### Section 16: Food Service

# 16.A. Describe the school's plan for food services, including any plans for contracting services or plans to participate in the National School Lunch Program.

The School team believes that school lunches are a way to help the School differentiate itself from other school options. We intend to contract with local providers for food service to provide food service in a way that will serve all students.

The School will require that the provider show proof of the following:

- Proof of all applicable health and safety inspections
- Ability to deliver
- Meals are delivered in appropriate containers
- Non-nutritional items such as soda are not included

The School does not intend to participate in the National School Lunch Program.

#### Section 17: Budget

17.A. Provide an operating budget covering each year of the requested charter term that contains revenue projections, expenses and anticipated fund balances. The budget should be based on the projected student enrollment indicated on the cover page of the application.

A copy of the School's operating budget **c**overing each year of the requested charter term that contains revenue projections, expenses and anticipated fund balances can be found in Attachment L. These budgets contain all projected revenue and expenses except for:

- Public Charter School Grant: Because the competitive nature of this grant creates uncertainty as to availability, this potential source of revenue is omitted from these budgets. If grant funds are received, the primary focus will be classroom technology, equipment, furnishings and supplies, as well as staff development activities.
- Supplemental Federal Funds (IDEA, Title I, etc): Even though the School expects to qualify for these funds, they are supplemental to the academic program, each with a specific focus and cannot be used to supplant other expenses of the School. Therefore, these budgets demonstrate that the School will be adequately funded without these funds.

17.B. Provide a start-up budget that contains a balance sheet, revenue projections, including source of revenues, expenses, and anticipated fund balance. The start-up budget must cover any period prior to the beginning of FTE payments in which the school will expend funds on activities necessary for the successful start-up of school.

A copy of the School's start-up budget that contains a balance sheet, revenue projections, including source of revenues, expenses, and anticipated fund balance is included in Attachment L.

**17.C. Provide a detailed narrative description of the revenue and expenditure assumptions on which the operating and start-up budget are based.** *The budget narrative should provide sufficient information to fully understand how budgetary figures were determined.* 

Start-up related expenses will be incurred pursuant to the opening of the School. These expenses include but are not limited to legal fees, marketing and advertising, office supplies, facilities costs, utilities, and employment related costs. The total start-up related expense is projected to be \$25,000. Newpoint Education Partners will provide the funds needed to cover

these costs. No monies will need to be advanced by the School District or by the School itself per the terms of the management agreement.

The financial forms presented in this application reflect the combined budget projections for the total educational program provided by the School and Newpoint Education Partners.

The Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) will be the primary revenue source, and is based on the latest available Revenue Estimate Worksheet (as of FY14, 1<sup>st</sup> Calc) provided by the Florida Department of Education. A modest increase of one percent (1%) per year in Years 2-5 is included in these budgets.

As detailed above, expenses also are increased by an inflation factor of one percent (1%) per year in Years 2-5. The net effect is that revenue inflation totals 4% and expense inflations total four percent (4%) over the five (5) years budgeted.

The largest expenditure, of course, is instructional costs, with the largest portion of instructional costs being instructional salaries and benefits.

Newpoint Education Partners, LLC executives have led the development and launch of over fifty (50) schools and are keenly aware of the financial and support resources necessary to facilitate the start-up and continuation of schools. Based upon previous experience, Newpoint Education Partners understands the significant costs associated with the start-up of a new school, and is committed to the funding of such start-up costs, capital investment, and working capital requirements necessary for the School to successfully open and operate. The financial plan submitted to the District is developed based upon the successful principles that have enabled these schools to be economically sound.

Newpoint Education Partners will advance all capital required to cover the costs incurred in providing the educational program and day-to-day operation of the School. Such costs shall include, but not be limited to, required staffing, educational programs, technology, advertising, insurance, facility rent and improvements, occupancy costs, training, supplies, books, capital expenditures, and other educational and day-to-day management related items. In addition, Newpoint Education Partners will assume all financial risks associated with the day-to-day operations of the School and will hold reserves necessary to cover these risks.

Although Newpoint has the capital to pay for leasehold improvements and for all furniture and equipment in cash, Newpoint also has a working relationship with Hewlett Packard enabling the leasing of technology as needed. In the vast majority of Newpoint's schools, the landlord will finance the renovations to the school and build that cost into the lease. This arrangement has worked well because it ensures that both the school and the landlord have a vested interest in ensuring that the school opens on-time and on-budget.

# 17.D. Explain how the governing board will monitor the budget, including a strategy for addressing revenue shortfalls due to lower than expected enrollment.

The School's governing body will annually adopt and maintain the School's official operating budget and exercise oversight over the School's operation. In exercising its oversight and maintaining the budget, the governing body shall provide for a balanced general operating fund. The governing body shall review the School's financial statements quarterly. While board member Barbara Clark is a CPA and will provide oversight at the governance level, the governing board will receive monthly financial reports from School Financial Services, as the board's accountant. Beyond that, the board will select a CPA to conduct the School's annual audit. The board will review and approve the audit report, including audit findings and recommendations for the financial recovery plan, and monitoring a financial recovery plan in order to ensure compliance.

In the School's monthly financial statements, the Board will be able to see the budget to actual comparison, as well as notes to the financial statements which include projected and actual enrollment. Based on this information the governing board will be able to determine if enrollment is significantly lower (or higher) than expected and can begin to determine the appropriate budget cuts. If needed, budget cuts will begin in the administration level to ensure the quality of instruction of the School is maintained. If there are significant budget shortfalls, Newpoint will fund the shortfall to ensure that the School does not have financial emergencies and will not end the school year in a deficit.

17.E. Provide monthly cash flow projections for the school's start-up period (i.e. from the date on which the application is approved to the beginning of the first fiscal year of operation) through the first year of operation.

A copy of the School's monthly cash flow projections for the start-up period is included in Attachment L.

17.F. Describe the school's fundraising plan, if applicable. Report on the current status of any fundraising efforts, including verification of any fundraising monies reported in the school's start-up or operating budgets.

Although it is not assumed that the School will receive Federal Start-up grant funding, Newpoint was successful in being awarded start-up grants for four (4) recently approved schools, a 100% success rate. We believe this bodes very well for our future start-up grant funding opportunities including the funding for this School.

The School currently neither has plans for a concerted fund-raising effort nor has budgeted revenues from such efforts. Upon establishing a support organization (i.e., PTO) for the School, such possibilities will be investigated and evaluated. We expect any funds generated to be relatively small in comparison to FEFP, and will not allow fund-raising efforts to become such a focus that the instruction of students is compromised. Similarly, no designated gift will be accepted without the approval of the Charter School Board.

#### Section 18: Financial Management and Oversight

18.A. Describe who will manage the school's finances and how the school will ensure financial resources are properly managed.

The School's governing body will annually adopt and maintain the School's official operating budget and exercise oversight over the School's operation. In exercising its oversight and maintaining the budget, the governing body shall provide for a balanced general operating fund. The governing body shall review the School's financial statements quarterly to ensure that resources are properly managed. It shall be the governing body's responsibility for ensuring retention of a CPA or auditor for the annual financial audit, reviewing and approving the audit report, including audit findings and recommendations for the financial recovery plan, and monitoring a financial recovery plan in order to ensure compliance.

The Board will contract with School Financial Services (SFS) of Bonifay, Florida to provide assistance in the fiscal management of the School. The relationship between School Financial Services and the School has already been initiated, and will continue through the development of the School and into the operations phase of the School's life. In this way, the School will benefit from the experience and expertise that School Financial Services brings to bear.

School Financial Services provides back office accounting services to over fifty (50) charter schools in Florida. The firm limits its practice to charter schools, thereby providing access to competent professionals with relevant experience. The School will be working directly with Gary Scott, President of School Financial Services, and Keith Spence, Chief Operating Officer.

School Financial Services is SSAE 16 certified. SFS has undergone an attestation engagement performed by an independent certified public accounting firm under the guidelines of Statement on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE) No. 16, Reporting on Controls at a Service Organization. The resulting report indicated a positive opinion of management's description of SFS's internal control system and suitability of the design and operational effectiveness of internal controls. This report provides two (2) benefits to client schools of School Financial Services: (1) The school's independent auditor can reduce testing of transactions, thus reducing the cost of the school's audit, and (2) The school can have confidence in the services provided by School Financial Services.

School Financial Services uses Cougar Mountain Fund Accounting software, which is specifically designed for not-for-profits. Cougar Mountain has integrated general ledger, accounts payable, payroll, and bank reconciliation functions. The comprehensive nature of this software coupled with the internal controls in place facilitates the recording of transactions by fund, function, and object. This allows for transactions to be recorded accurately and appropriately, including

properly identifying purchases of property. Property records are maintained in accordance with state requirements. Source documents supporting transactions are preserved, facilitating the audit process. General ledgers and books of original entry are kept so as to allow the preparation of financial statements to be in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and in compliance with Redbook.

Having appropriate financial statements will allow the preparation of projections of budget performance and cash balances through the fiscal year, thus allowing the School to adjust activity as necessary to maintain fiscal integrity.

The system as described has undergone numerous audits of dozens of schools by at least seven (7) different auditors in three (3) states without any finding relating to the accounting system, demonstrating the effectiveness of the process of fiscal management.

School Financial Services will prepare, on an annual basis, a budget outlining all anticipated revenues and expenditures. The budget will be submitted to the governing board for approval. Upon approval, a copy of the budget will be filed with the board minutes for public record, a copy will be held at the School site, and a copy will be provided to School Financial Services.

SFS, on behalf of the School, shall prepare and maintain monthly financial statements, which shall include a balance sheet and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance. The monthly financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with the function/object dimensions prescribed in the Florida DOE publication, *Financial and Program Cost Accounting and Reporting for Florida Schools* (the "Red Book").

The School shall also prepare and maintain all reports required to be filed with the Government of the United States and the State of Florida. Such reports shall include, but are not limited to, all payroll tax returns and any required filing relating to the School's non-profit status.

Newpoint has an established banking relationship with Vision Bank, a Florida-based community oriented bank. As one of Florida's strongest banking institutions, Vision Bank has built a reputation on bringing modern banking services to individuals on a local, one-on-one basis. Vision offers the same in-depth product lines of a large institution with the personalized service of a local hometown staff. Vision Bank has been operating since 1983 with offices in Panama City Florida and throughout Florida.

Newpoint also has an established banking relationship with Bank of America a large and stable national lender which Newpoint has used for credit facilities including a Letter of Credit to guarantee lease obligations.

These banking relationships have been established and earned based on Newpoint's proven credibility and use of proper financial controls and should provide some assurance as to the ability to execute on these plans for starting the charter school described herein.

Unless otherwise exempted by §1002.33, F.S., the School will complete federal and state reports in accordance with the timelines and specifications of the state Department of Education.

18.B. Describe the financial controls, including an annual audit and regular board review of financial statements, which will be employed to safeguard finances.

#### 18.B.i Internal Controls

Internal controls are based on sound practice, such as segregation of duties or compensating controls, use of pre-numbered forms, limited access to cash, and monthly reporting to the Charter School Board and Sponsoring District. The business process also emphasizes the seamless and convenient delivery of service so that school staff can easily comply with internal controls and are able to concentrate on the educational process.

The internal control policy of the School shall be guided by the following broad principles:

- Responsibility will be clearly established.
- Adequate records will be maintained.
- Assets will be insured & inventoried and appropriate employees bonded.
- Adequate procedures for cash receipts, cash disbursements, and record keeping will be in place.
- The School will undergo regular and independent audits.

Specific internal controls include, but are not limited to:

- Only one primary operating bank account will be maintained by the school (others may be maintained for internal funds)
- The bank statement will be opened intact by the reconciler
- The bank statement will be reconciled by an employee who has access to neither the general ledger nor check-writing system
- Items outstanding for 180 days will be investigated
- All funds will be deposited to the bank account on a daily basis intact or whenever practical. At a minimum, no receipts will go longer than three days without being deposited
- All checks received will be immediately stamped "For Deposit Only"
- Printed, pre-numbered receipts will be issued for all cash received whenever possible
- All disbursements will be made by check (except for minor petty cash disbursements). Printed, pre-numbered checks will be used and voided checks will be maintained to complete the number sequence. (School personnel may be permitted use of a pre-paid

debit card for emergency purchases or to facilitate local transactions where a card is required. This account is only resupplied after reconciliation of prior use with a complete and full accounting of expenditures supported by receipts)

- Checks require two signatures
- Checks will not be pre-signed under any circumstances
- Checks for expenses other than payroll will be issued only upon verification by the Principal of receipt of the good or services ordered in good condition and correct quantity. The School may authorize SFS to make disbursements for contracted services, leases, notes payable, ongoing commitments, etc., payables for goods/services that are confirmed as rendered/received by the School and within the limits of the approved budget
- Appropriate documentation will be maintained for disbursements (invoice, contract, etc). All invoices will be reviewed and initialed for approval before a check is issued
- Employees will be paid only upon verification of employment by Charter School Board action
- Appropriate legal forms (W-4, I-9, etc) must be completed prior to employees being paid
- Investment activity will comply with 112.661, FS
- Property will be tagged
- Property will be inventoried at least annually
- Discrepancies in the property inventory will be investigated and reconciled
- Financial statements (see below) will be reviewed by Charter School Board monthly, evidenced by action
- The budget will be approved by the Charter School Board prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, evidenced by action
- Budget amendments will be approved as necessary
- Financial reports will be submitted to the sponsor as required by Charter and Rule
- School financial records, including files for receipts, invoices, bank statements, and cancelled checks will be kept up-to-date and fully accessible at all times
- An annual audit will be conducted by an independent CPA (see below)
- Under no circumstances are school funds to be used for personal benefit or gain or administration or staff

A copy of a generic Accounting Manual is provided in Attachment H. This will provide a conceptual framework to understand the internal controls that will in place, but many of the specific limits and individual assignments must be determined by the governing board.

Detailed financial statements will be prepared on a monthly basis for analysis by the Charter School Board. These financial statements will be reviewed by the Charter School Board at monthly meetings and will be submitted to the Sponsoring District for monitoring/review.

The monthly financial statements will be in compliance with Rule 6A-1.0081, F.A.C and include:

Balance Sheet

Revenue and Expense Report

- Year-to-date comparison of budgeted vs. actual revenues and expenditures
- Notes to Accompany Financials, to include:
  - o Actual enrollment at the time the statement is submitted
  - o Projected enrollment for the current school year
  - o Notes to the monthly financial statement to include other material information

During the first year of operations, beginning with the September financial statements, the board will receive a projection of both cash and budget performance monthly, including projected cash deficits and proposed budget amendments. After the first year, this projection will be provided to the board as needed or as requested by the board.

Additionally, Bank Reconciliation and Bank Registers will be submitted to the Charter School Board along with the financial statements.

Providing further transparency, the School Director and Charter School Board will have access to the bank register and images of paid invoices and checks at any time through an on-line document storage facility.

The School will adhere to the audit selection requirements per Florida Statutes and the Auditor General Requirements and ensure that the Audit Report checklist (§11.45(3)(a), Florida Statutes accompany the audit in a timely manner according to the dates agreed upon for audited and unaudited reports between the Sponsor and the Board in the Charter. The auditing firm shall be selected by request for proposal (RFP) process and only those firms experienced in audits of charter schools will be considered. The audit will be of assistance to the School's Governing Board in carrying out its responsibility to assure that its financial resources are properly managed.

#### 18.B.ii. Regular Board Review of Financial Statements

The Board will establish a procedure for monthly review of the financial statements to be provided to the School District. We anticipate that the process will contain the following steps:

- 1. SFS will prepare the monthly reports based on actual revenues and expenses for the School, and a budget-to actual comparison.
- 2. SFS will send these reports to the School for review and Board approval.
- 3. At the regularly scheduled board meetings, SFS will present the financial reports to the Board for their review, comment, and approval.

#### 18.B.iii. Annual Audit

An annual audit report will be furnished to the Board of Directors to provide an overview of the School's financial condition in both short and long term. The audit report will include a complete set of financial statements and notes to the statements, which will be prepared by an independent accounting firm. The audit report will be prepared in accordance with generally-

accepted accounting principles and GASB 34, and will give the Board an opportunity to assess the School's finances and projected enrollment trends.

These annual audits will be conducted for the School and its management company at the June 30 fiscal year end. We will submit the audit reports to the School District in compliance with the district deadline. Details regarding the annual audit are listed below:

- a. The Board of Directors will work together to determine the best firm to conduct the School's audit.
- b. The firm selected to conduct the audit will conduct the audit after the conclusion of the school-year and will report its results to the Board and the School District by the date specified in the charter contract.

#### 18.B.iii. Established Banking Relationship

NEP has an established banking relationship with Centennial Bank, formerly Vision Bank, a Florida-based community oriented bank. NEP also has an established banking relationship with Bank of America a large and stable national lender which NEP has used for credit facilities including a Letter of Credit to guarantee lease obligations.

These banking relationships have been established and earned based on NEP's proven credibility and use of proper financial controls and should provide some assurance as to the ability to execute on these plans for starting the charter school described herein.

Unless otherwise exempted by §1002.33, F.S., the School will complete federal and state reports in accordance with the timelines and specifications of the state Department of Education.

#### 18.C. Describe the method by which accounting records will be maintained.

In order to provide financial information that is comparable to that reported for other public schools, the School will maintain all financial records in an accounting system that is in accordance with the accounts and codes prescribed in the most recent issue of the publication titled, *Financial and Program Cost Accounting and Reporting for Florida Schools* (Redbook), pursuant to s. 1002.33(9)(i)1, F.S. Thus, the School's accounting will be consistent with accounting conducted for Florida school districts and will contain a uniform chart of accounts for budgeting and financial reporting. The uniform chart of accounts addresses topics that include governmental accounting standards, program cost accounting, and reporting.

The documents comprising the accounting records will be kept in accordance with the General Records Schedule for Local Government Agencies GS1-L, as authorized by 119 and 257, F.S.

#### 18.D. Describe how the school will store student and financial records.

The School will ensure that all student records are kept confidential as required by applicable state and federal law, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The School shall maintain all student data reporting elements in the Sponsor's Student Information System. The School shall maintain pupil attendance records in the manner specified in Rule 6A-1.044, Florida Administrative Code.

All student and financial records will be stored electronically on dedicated servers and on special backup tapes. In addition to this, paper versions of student and financial records will be stored in secure cabinets or be reduced to electronic documents for storage. All required student records will be prepared and stored in a manner consistent with Florida statutes. Retention periods and disposition of records shall be as specified in the local School Board Records Management Manual.

18.E. Describe the insurance coverage the school will obtain, including applicable health, workers compensation, general liability, property insurance and directors and officers liability coverage.

The School shall, at the School's sole expense, procure, maintain, and keep in force the amounts and types of insurance conforming to the minimum requirements set forth in the Charter. The School will obtain all required and applicable insurance coverage including health, workers' compensation, general liability, property insurance, and directors' and officers' liability coverage. NEP currently works with Johnson and Bryan, a full-service commercial insurance brokerage firm, operating since 1931. Johnson and Bryan specializes in public schools, including charter schools, and writes insurance in all fifty (50) states and place coverage with more than 300 insurance carriers.

The School shall, at its sole expense, procure, maintain, and keep in force Commercial General Liability Insurance, which shall cover the School for those sources of liability which would be covered by the latest occurrence form as filed for use in the State of Florida by the Insurance Services Office. The minimum limits to be maintained by the School shall be one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) annual aggregate.

The School shall, at its sole expense, procure, maintain, and keep in force Automobile Liability Insurance which shall cover the School for those sources of liability which would be covered by Section II of the latest occurrence edition of the standard Business Auto Policy. Coverage shall be included on all owned, non-owned, and hired autos used in connection with the Charter. The minimum limits to be maintained by the School shall be one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, and if subject to an annual aggregate, two million dollars (\$2,000,000) annual aggregate.

The School agrees to provide adequate workers' compensation insurance coverage, at its sole expense, as required by Chapter 440, Florida Statutes. The School shall, at its sole expense, procure, maintain, and keep in force the School Leader's Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance, which shall be on a form acceptable to the Sponsor.

The School will obtain all required and applicable insurance coverage including health, workers' compensation, general liability, property insurance, and directors' and officers' liability coverage.

#### **Section 19: Action Plan**

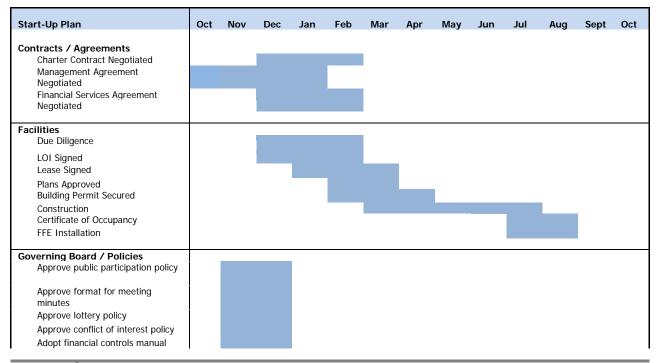
# **19.A.** Present a timetable for the school's start-up, including, but not limited to the following key activities:

- i. Identifying and securing facility
- ii. Recruiting and hiring staff
- iii. Staff training
- iv. Governing Board training
- v. Policy Adoption by Board (if necessary)
- vi. Lottery, if necessary
- vii. Student enrollment

The activities included should align with the start-up budget described earlier in the application. If an activity will be paid for by a source of funding not included in the start-up budget, it should be clearly indicated. (This timetable is a projection and is not meant to be binding on the school or sponsor.)

We believe the following plan reflects realistic timeframes and covers the critical elements required for the School to be launched in a timely and quality manner.

Each of the items in the plan will be assigned to the appropriate expert on the School's staff or an external expert (e.g. attorney, architect, accountant, contractor, etc.). In our experience, with clearly documented and communicated expectations and highly qualified people, this plan can be executed well within the time allotted.



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Start-Up Plan Approve procurement policy Approve dispute resolution policy Approve Bullying policy Complete Governance Training	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
Approve operating budget													
Enrollment / Marketing / Lottery School Logo determined													
Website created Brochures / materials created Advertising / Promotion													
Community / Parent Meetings Registration Open Enrollment Office Open													
Lottery Conducted Grand Opening Event													I
Staffing and Training Plan Director Recruitment Staff Recruitment													
Staff Secured Curriculum Training PBL Training School Safety Training Systems Training - SIS, Network, facility, HRIS, etc School Policy training													
Academics and Scheduling Curriculum Review Curriculum Ordered													
Master Schedule determined Student Schedules determined Produce and distribute student schedules													
Technology Plan Technology Plan and pricing finalized Equipment delivered Equipment connected and tested Administrative Systems installed School District terminal connected													
Online systems launched													
Administrative Plan Bank determined and secured Transportation agreement / plan Food Service agreement / plan Apply for 501c3 status													
Begin SACS accreditation Process													

#### **III. STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES**

This form must be signed by a duly authorized representative of the applicant group and submitted with the application for a charter school.

As the authorized representative of the applicant group, I hereby certify that the information submitted in this application for a charter for <u>Magnolia Academy of the Arts</u> is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and further, I certify that, if awarded a charter, the school:

- Will be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices and operations.
- Will enroll any eligible student who submits a timely application, unless the school receives a greater number of applications than there are spaces for students, in which case students will be admitted through a random selection process.
- Will adhere to the antidiscrimination provisions of section 1000.05, F.S.
- Will adhere to all applicable provision of state and federal law relating to the education of students with disabilities, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1974; and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
- Will adhere to all applicable provisions of federal law relating to students who are limited English proficient, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974.
- Will participate in the statewide assessment program created under section 1008.22, F.S.
- Will comply with Florida statutes relating to public records and public meetings, including Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and section 286.011, F.S., which are applicable to applicants even prior to being granted a charter.
- Will obtain and keep current all necessary permits, licenses and certifications related to fire, health and safety within the building and on school property.
- Will provide for an annual financial audit in accordance with section 218.39, F.S.

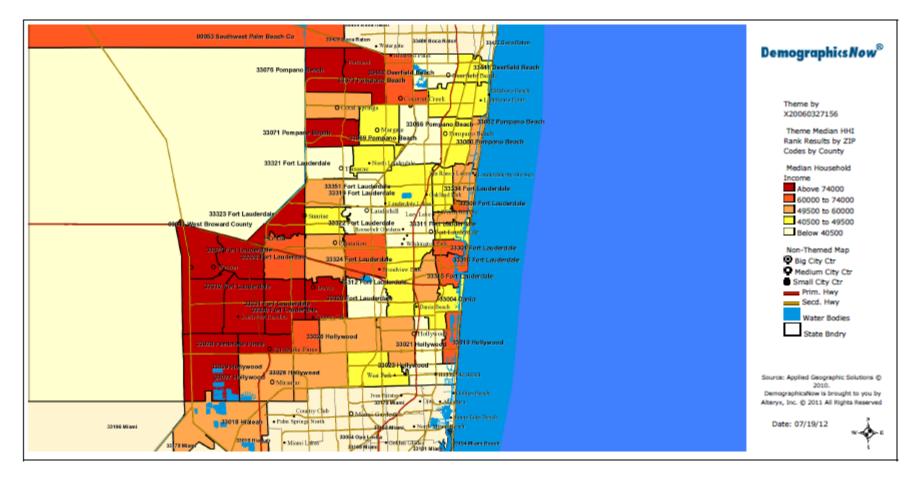
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Signature

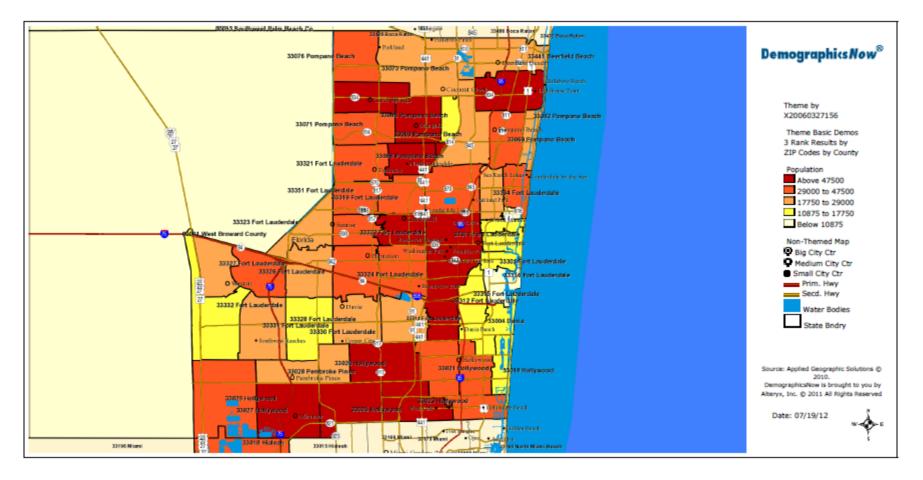
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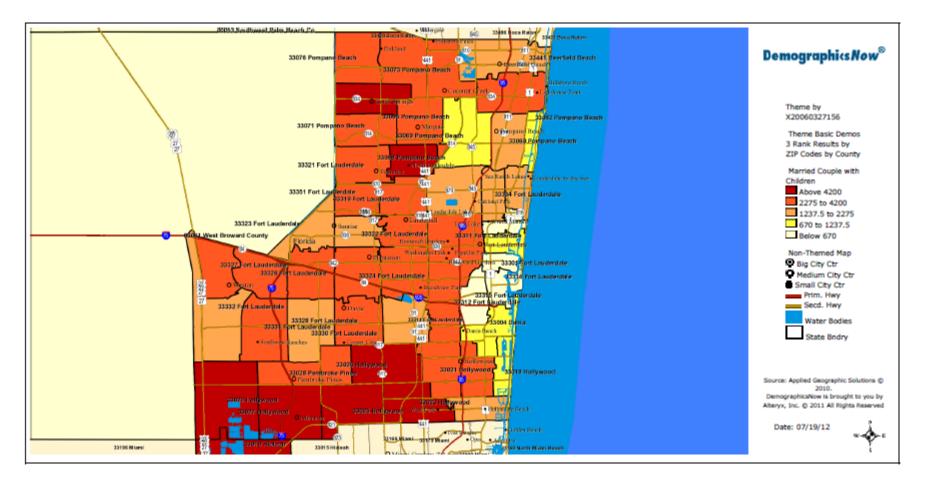
# Median Household Income



# **Total Population**



# Married Couples with Children at Home



# PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK

# Welcome to Magnolia Academy of the Arts

We are excited that you are a member of our school community! We invite you to help us in the creation of a school where everyone is valued and treated with respect and where exciting learning experiences are taking place daily.

# **School Information**

#### Mission

Magnolia Academy of the Arts is dedicated to improving the lives of its students by providing authentic learning experiences in a collaborative, nurturing environment that will build a foundation for students' success in school, at work, and in life.

#### **School Hours**

Our school is open daily from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

#### School Calendar

Our school calendar will correspond to the Broward County Schools calendar. (See calendar in the appendix of this handbook.)

#### ARRIVAL

The school doors will open at \_\_\_\_\_\_ each day. No student should arrive before \_\_\_\_\_\_ unless participating in the before care program. The building is not open and adult supervision is not available.

#### BREAKFAST

Breakfast is available from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ AM.

## **BICYCLE RIDERS**

We require all bicycle riders to follow all safety rules and cross only at cross walks and with the crossing guard. <u>State law requires bicycle helmets</u> <u>must be worn by children under 16 years of age. Students are to</u> <u>always wear a bike helmet.</u> Park and lock bicycles in the bike compound. Always walk your bike on the school grounds.

## **DISMISSAL TIMES**

The school will close at \_\_\_\_\_\_ each day. All parents must pick up their children by \_\_\_\_\_\_ unless the child is enrolled in the aftercare program or in after school enrichment activities.

## CAR RIDERS

Parents unload and pick up quickly at the car circle at the front of the building. Please have your child's name tag visible in the car's windshield to speed up the pick-up time. **Do not leave your car in the loading/drop off area to enter the building**. Any students not picked up by\_\_\_\_\_ will be taken to the office to call a parent/guardian. If we are unable to contact parents, students will be sent After School Program and parents will be charged for this service.

### ABSENCES

Each child is expected to be punctual and regular in attendance. Perfect attendance will be recognized each grading period. Students with more than two tardies per grading period or leaving early more than two times per grading period will not be eligible for this award. Absences are excused in the event of illness of the student or severe illness or death in the immediate family. Certain other absences may be excused if arrangements are made in advance with the principal and approved. When your child returns to school after an absence, he/she is expected to provide a written excuse from a parent/guardian explaining the absence. Children who are excessively absent will be referred to the school social worker. (Please refer to our absence policy on our website)

### TARDINESS

Students arriving after \_\_\_\_\_ should report to the office before going to class. Parents are expected to sign them in when late. Repeated tardiness will be followed by a phone call and/or letter sent to the parent. It could result in a referral to the truancy office. **Three tardies equal one unexcused absence** 

## **APPOINTMENTS/LEAVING EARLY**

Students should only be signed out early for scheduled student related health care appointments or for emergencies. In order to leave school early, a student must bring a note from home with the date, time and parent/guardian signature. This note must be shown to the teacher and then sent to the office. Teachers are NOT allowed to release students from the classroom. Students will be released only to parent/guardians/others showing proper identification who are listed on the office clinic card and must be signed out from school in the office. No student is to leave the school grounds at any time without permission from the office. If there is someone who is not to pick up your child for any reason, notify the office in writing. Students will NOT be called down to office unless the parent/guardian is present. Students will not be released early from school without a note from a parent.

# **BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Before and after school care is provided for parents of students registered at the parent's expense. This program provides an affordable, safe, nurturing learning environment for children before and after school. The afternoon consists of workshops, snack times, and recreation.

The before and after care program is available from \_\_\_\_\_\_ am and \_\_\_\_\_\_ pm. Please visit our school website for more information

#### **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT**

Parents are required to volunteer a minimum of 10 hours per school year. If you are unable to fulfill these hours, you will be scheduled for a conference with the Principal to discuss your options.

## PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Parents are encouraged to join and attend at PTA meetings. General membership meeting dates will be announced at the beginning of the school year. Your active participation is vital to the success of this organization.

#### SCHOOL EVENTS

Parents are required to attend a minimum of 4 school events throughout the school year

Please note: parent/ teacher conferences do not count toward your volunteer hours or your required attendance in school events.

# VISITORS

All visitors and parents are welcomed and encouraged to visit the school. All visitors and parents must report to the office, show a valid identification card, such as a driver's license, and receive a visitor's tag. Visits should not interrupt the regular classroom procedure in any way.

#### Visitation to classes requires administrative approval.

**Eating lunch with your child in the cafeteria Guidelines:** Sign in at front office, get badge after clinic card confirmation. Eat with your child inside at an available round table or eat outside. Use the picnic tables near the cafeteria only. No other students may eat outside with you unless you are the students have teacher permission. Students are to be respectful and responsible at all times. Clean up as necessary.

## **Bus Transportation**

In order to use this service, parents must complete a Bus Request Form and receive approval. A child may not ride the bus unless s/he is an assigned bus student. Bus transportation will be available for students who live between 2 and 4 miles from the school. Actual bus routes and schedules will be distributed to parents 2 weeks before school starts. No one may ride a bus other than her/his assigned bus without a parental note and administrative approval. Families will be given a copy of the bus rules. Bus privileges will be revoked if a bus student does not follow these rules. It will then become the responsibility of the parent to transport the student to school.

# **COMMITTMENT AGREEMENT**

This commitment outlines the responsibilities that each person has towards helping students become successful learners in our program. Each person is to sign the form and a copy is kept on file at school. This commitment is provided to families during the first teacher conference.

#### NEWSLETTER

A newsletter will be emailed weekly by the Director. It will keep you informed about the school calendar, special daytime and evening events, school improvement activities, PTA meetings and more. Teachers will send a separate newsletter

#### COMMUNICATION

Agenda/communication books will be sent home every day with students, or will be posted on each teacher's website. All important school information, student papers, and teacher notes will be posted on the website or placed inside the front cover of the agenda book. Parents, please read the contents, sign daily and return the notebook/folder to school with your child the following day. Students will be responsible for replacing lost agenda books.

## HABITS OF MIND/POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SYSTEM

Magnolia Academy of the Arts uses Habits of Mind and Positive Behavior System to create an environment saturated with the character traits to be respectful, responsible, safe and on-task. Students are actively involved and responsible for their own education. They are motivated to reach goals they set for themselves and to honestly examine and evaluate their own performance. Students must show respect to themselves and to others.

# CONFERENCES

Parents are required to attend parent/ teacher conferences to ensure success. A parent-teacher conference is one of the best ways of helping students and collaboratively gaining insights and information about their progress. Cooperation is critical for a conference to be an effective means of communication. Individual conferences between the parents and teachers may be arranged at either one's request. Conferences are usually held before and after the student's school day. Please inform the teacher if your child has any physical, emotional or personal problems that might hamper his/her learning.

# HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework packets go home every Friday and are due back the following Thursday. Higher student achievement gains are made when teachers assign homework and students complete the assigned work. Homework helps children assume responsibility, teaches self-discipline and helps to form good study habits. Homework is given in proportion to the child's ability, needs and grade level. Contact your child's teacher if you have homework questions or concerns.

# CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Students are expected to behave themselves at all times and show proper respect to teachers, other staff members, their classmates and to school property. Magnolia Academy of the Arts will follow the Broward County code of conduct, which is included with the handbook as an attachment.

## Discipline

Magnolia Academy of the Arts will follow the Broward County Code of Conduct. The school may develop policies to further define expectations of students. Some of these policies may include:

- 1. Process for Dealing with Put-Downs, Threats, Gossip, Exclusion, Victimization
- 2. Process for Dealing with Chronically Disruptive Students
- 3. Process for Dealing with Serious Offenses
- 4. Documentation and Progressive Disciplinary Procedures
  - a. Incident Reports
  - b. Isolated Lunch
  - c. Suspension
    - i. If a student is involved in any of the above serious offenses, the following things will happen:
    - ii. A teacher or staff member will complete an incident report describing the incident. This report will be given to the Principal.

- iii. The Principal will investigate the incident by speaking to the staff person and any other witnesses.
- iv. The Principal (or her designee) will call the parents of the student who committed the serious offense and inform them that the student is suspended from school.
- v. The length of suspension will be based on the severity of the offense and/or the repetition of the offense.
- vi. A student who is suspended several times for the same offense may face expulsion procedures.
- d. Expulsion
  - i. The school understands that it cannot expel a student from school. In situations where expulsion is contemplated, the Principal and Board of Directors will work with the district on the most appropriate course of action.

#### **DRESS CODE**

Students should be in uniform every day.

Uniform includes: polo and khaki shorts, skirts, skorts, pants, and jumpers. **NO CARGO SHORTS OR CARGO PANTS**. Students may wear jeans on Fridays with either their polo shirts or spirit shirts. **Requirements for student dress in all schools are listed below:** 

1. All shirts must be tucked in at all times.

2. All trousers, pants or shorts must totally cover undergarments, including boxer shorts.

3. Safe and appropriate footwear must be worn. Inappropriate footwear includes, but is not limited to, sandals, flip flops, roller skates, skate shoes and bedroom slippers.

#### EXPECTION FOR STUDENTS IS TO WEAR CLOSED TOE, CLOSED HEEL, FLAT SHOES SUCH AS SNEAKERS. This is necessary for participation in PE.

4. Sweaters and Jackets: Must be solid and in the following colors: white, burgundy or black. Sweaters and Jackets must be button down or zipper. No hoods are permitted.

# PLEASE VISIT THE SCHOOL SPIRIT STORE ON OUR WEBSITE TO ORDER UNIFORM SHIRTS AND SWEATERS.

## LOST AND FOUND

A 'Lost & Found' box is kept in the clinic. To help us locate the owners of lost items, PLEASE LABEL ALL STUDENT BELONGINGS. Periodically, lost items are donated to a local charity.

## MEDICATIONS

School personnel may assist students in taking medication when official authorization forms are on file in the school office. Please note the following important points before bringing any type of medication to school.

## **Prescription Medication**

1. Must be in the original container with current date, dosage, name of drug, student and the physician's name clearly marked.

2. Authorization form completed and signed by the parent/guardian giving details as to the time and amount to be given to the child.

3. Parents must pick up unused medications at the end of the school year.

## **Nonprescription Medication**

1. Must be in the original container with the original label. It must be readable and have the student's name.

2. An authorization card must be signed by the Physician or Dentist and the Parent before the medication can be administered

## CLINIC

A school clinic is maintained in the office area for temporary placement of children who become sick at school. If the child is very ill, we will contact the parent/guardian to come for him/her. Therefore it is vitally important that we have information regarding names; home, business, and cell phone numbers; and email address of whom to contact in an emergency. Please do not send seriously ill students to school.

## FIRST AID

In the event of an accident, first aid is given by authorized trained school personnel. In all cases every effort is made to contact the parent. In minor cases, ice and band aids can be given to students. In the case of a serious accident or illness, the parent/guardian is called and the child is taken to the nearest hospital emergency room. If we are unable to contact anyone, Emergency Medical Services will be summoned. It is very important that your current home, business, and cell phone numbers, as well as two emergency contacts are always on file in the school office.

## HEALTH SERVICES

All students entering school for the first time and all students new to Broward County must have a current physical examination dated within 12 months of registration for school. An immunization record, social security number, and a birth certificate are also required.

Children should not be sent to school with any communicable diseases, unidentified rash, fever or illness. In order for children to achieve their best, it is important that they get adequate sleep and practice good personal hygiene.

## FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT

The Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act is a federal law to protect the accuracy and privacy of your child's education records. A parent or guardian may arrange an appointment with the principal to review his/her child/s records.

## EMERGENCY DRILLS

In accordance with state laws, fire drills are held each month. Lockdown and tornado drills are also held periodically. Visitors in the building during a drill should follow procedures posted throughout the building. Students are issued an emergency tag which is kept by the classroom teacher.

## FIELD TRIPS

All field trips are an extension of what is being studied in the classroom. Trips are approved by the principal and the school district. A county approved permission slip must be signed by a parent/guardian before a student can go on a field trip. Telephone permission is not acceptable. A student without a signed permission will be left behind at school. Children not registered at Windsor may not attend the field trip. Often parents/guardians are asked to drive and/or chaperone on field trips. Drivers must fill out an insurance form to be kept on file at school. Chaperones and drivers must be registered and approved as volunteers at the school at least two weeks prior to the field trip.

## CAFETERIA

Magnolia Academy of the Arts offers lunch to all students. Students may opt to purchase a lunch daily or bring a lunch from home. Applications for free and reduced meals are available in the office. An application must be completed for each child in the family. Applications may be submitted at any time throughout the school year. Please do not send soft drinks or candy for lunch as we encourage healthy eating habits. Each student is expected to practice good manners and courteous behaviors while eating in the cafeteria.

## CANDY, GUM & SODA

Foods of "Minimal Nutritional Value" such as candy, gum and soda are not permitted. We encourage healthy food and snacks at school. Snack suggestions include fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, raisins or other dried fruits, grains (such as unsweetened cereals, crackers, unbuttered popcorn, baked tortilla chips, pretzels, graham or animal crackers, goldfish crackers, baked chips), cereal bars, Bakery Items (Whole grain breads, bagels, English muffins, mini muffins), Beverages (bottled water, 100% fruit juices), low fat cheeses, salsa, yogurt.

## **CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC TOYS**

Magnolia Academy of the Arts provides all of the technology necessary for the educational program. Accordingly, no electronic toys or games should be brought to school. These items are distracting to the learning environment. They include tape player/recorder, CD player, radio, camera, cellular phone (including the camera that may be part of the phone), camcorder, hand held games, or MP3 player. The school is not responsible for the loss of these items. Due to special requests, a child may bring a cell phone to school. This phone is to **be kept turned off and out of sight on school grounds** for the entire school day. **School staff is not responsible if these items are stolen, lost or broken.** 

## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

The entire school day is dedicated to instruction. Parties will not be held, as this takes time away from the instructional day. Activities and refreshments relating to classroom instruction and celebration of students successes may be arranged with the principal's approval. All food must be purchased from a store or bakery and foods of "Minimal Nutritional Value" such as candy, gum, and soda are not permitted. Teachers may deviate from this policy no more than three times per year and at these agreed upon days: Friday afternoon before Winter Holidays, Valentine's Day, and the last day of school.

## TELEPHONE

Telephone messages regarding school business will be placed in the teacher's mailbox or sent via email. Teachers will not be called from the classroom to answer a phone call unless an emergency exists. Students are NOT permitted to receive phone calls. Students' use of the phone is for EMERGENCIES ONLY. Parents, please plan ahead with your children so that it will not be necessary for them to use the school phone after dismissal. Have a "Rainy Day" plan for walkers and bike riders.

## **TEXTBOOKS/LIBRARY BOOKS**

All textbooks and library books are loaned to students free of charge. They are responsible for lost or damaged books and are expected to pay for them. Students are urged to take good care of books to avoid a fine at the end of the year.

## TRANSFER/WITHDRAWALS

Please notify the office and teacher in writing if you are transferring or moving. Return all textbooks and library books before your child leaves. Check with the school cafeteria to see if your child owes lunch money.

## Expectations for Parents at \_

Although \_\_\_\_\_\_ School is a public school and is open to anyone living in \_\_\_\_\_ County, it is also a *school of choice*. In accepting a position at this school for your child, you are *choosing* the curriculum design that is outlined in our charter and you are agreeing to adhere to the principles of respect and high standards that form the basis of our school philosophy. In the interest of creating a cohesive team between teachers and parents who will work cooperatively to educate the students, we ask that you understand and abide by the following expectations:

### 1. Maintain current contact information.

Parents are expected to keep their current address and contact information on file in the school office so that we can contact you immediately in case of an emergency, accident or illness, or other concern involving your child.

### 2. Attend important meetings and read communications.

Parents are expected to attend Open House at the beginning of the school year and the Conferences. Parents are expected to read the School updates and emails each week and other communications from teachers.

### 3. Value school attendance.

Parents are expected to make sure that their child is in school every day for the entire time unless it cannot be avoided due to illness, doctor's appointment, emergency, or religious holiday.

### 4. Support school safety.

Parents are expected to check in at the office and wear a visitor's tag when on campus in order to help us keep the campus safe from those who don't belong here.

### 5. Volunteer regularly.

Parents are expected to volunteer one (1) hour per month (per family). There are many ways to volunteer: making phone calls, serving on a committee, participating in a fundraiser, bringing refreshments, as well as, helping in the classroom.

### 6. Show respect for everyone.

Parents are expected to help us maintain our environment of respect among all members of the school community by communicating in an open and respectful way and trying to resolve conflicts when they arise.

### 7. Respect the learning environment.

Parents are expected to respect the learning environment by not taking a teacher's attention off the classroom during the school day. Rather than interrupting the class, we request that you make an appointment to talk to a teacher outside of class time and leave messages on the voicemail system to convey information during the school day.

### 8. Maintain good relationships with teachers.

Parents are expected to work cooperatively with teachers and to talk directly to them if there is a problem. Going to an administrator is a last resort, not the first step.

### 9. Support teachers.

Parents are expected to support a teacher in front of children and deal with issues privately in order to not undermine the effectiveness of the teacher.

## What Parents Can Expect From Teachers

Teaching is one of the most challenging and rewarding professions in the world. It requires countless hours of work (outside of school time) to be an extraordinary teacher. We have a group of very creative and hardworking teachers who are committed to thematic, project-based learning. To plan and manage a curriculum like ours requires much from our teachers. (Remember to appreciate them!)

## This is what you can expect from them:

1. An innovative and challenging learning environment for your child.

Teachers work long hours to plan and develop interesting hands-on activities for students based on the Common Core Standards. They hold students to a high standard and require that they take charge of their learning and develop initiative and responsibility. They encourage and give students the opportunity to develop research skills, speaking and presentation skills, collaboration skills, and critical thinking.

### 2. Assessment of your child's strengths and weaknesses.

All parents will receive a report every nine weeks on your child's progress, in addition to a Conference each semester. If your child uncharacteristically starts to show a lack of progress during a nine weeks period, you can expect an e-mail or a phone call to alert you. You can expect notification if your child's absences are affecting her/his academic progress. You can expect that your child will begin the RTI (Response to Intervention) process and be given the opportunity to get intensive help if there appears to be an academic difficulty.

### 3. Respectful interactions.

At our school, we share a philosophy of respecting every individual. You can expect that you and your child will be treated with respect at all times. We do not spank, yell at, intimidate, put down, belittle, or humiliate students; likewise, we expect that students treat teachers and classmates with respect as well. You can expect teachers to do everything possible to maintain an environment of respect among all members of the school community.

### 4. Open, honest communication.

You can expect your child's teacher to send you information through email, take-home folders, and on their website. You can expect teachers to answer your e-mails and phone calls within a 24-48 hour period (not counting weekends or emergency situations). You can expect your child's teacher to set up a special conference with you if there is a difficulty. You can expect to be notified in December if there is a danger of retention.

If you believe that any teacher has not lived up to these expectations, please speak directly to that individual in an open and respectful way and try to resolve the issue. Together, we can model for our children a peaceful way to deal with conflict and solve problems. Our goal is to create a cohesive team between teachers and parents who will work cooperatively to educate the students.

## **Policies & Procedures**

All school policies and procedures are the best thinking of the school community at this point in time. Policies and procedures are always in draft form and may be revised as new ideas and issues come from the students, parents, or staff. The Board of Directors must approve all policies (or changes in policies) and the school administration, with input from teachers, develops procedures for carrying out school policy. See the appendix of this handbook for diagrams on the decision-making process.

A complete listing of all school policies and procedures will be posted on the school website. We anticipate that we will adopt policies in the following areas.

## Admissions

Admissions occur through a lottery system, with a random, general lottery held once a year (in spring) for Fall openings (mostly kindergarten), and other lotteries during the year as openings become available. Any Broward County resident who is eligible to attend an Broward County Public School may submit an application. Children of board members, school staff and siblings of enrolled students are given first priority for open slots.

## **Pupil Progression**

The school will follow the Broward County Pupil Progression Plan.

## Discipline

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## Acknowledgment of Parent Student Handbook 2014-2015

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/ Guardian's name\_\_\_\_\_

We have read and understand all of the information contained in the Parent-Student Handbook including the safety procedures and academic standards. We agree to abide by and support the school's rules and regulations **INCLUDING THE DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT**, as outlined in the Student/Parent Handbook.

We agree to volunteer at the school, or assist the school in fundraising or related events for a minimum of one (1) hour per month.

Agreed to by:

Student's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Date

This agreement will be placed into the student's file.

\*\*Not receiving this signed agreement will be cause for nonenrollment at the school.

### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE MAGNOLIA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY, INC.

The undersigned hereby forms a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, and, for these purposes, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

#### <u>ARTICLE I - NAME</u>

The name of the Corporation shall be THE MAGNOLIA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY, INC.

#### **ARTICLE II - PURPOSES**

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are:

In particular, to: establish and operate a charter school as defined in the laws of the State of Florida within the borders of Broward, Florida. The charter school shall be organized so that it presents a system of formal instruction of its curriculum to a regularly enrolled student body through its faculty for the benefit of the general public. In particular, the Corporation will establish programs prepare students to reach their maximum potential in all subject areas with special emphasis on providing students with the opportunity to become well versed in the areas of the arts and technology and awakening students sense of curiosity.

In general, to do any and all acts and things, and to exercise any and all powers which now or hereafter are lawful for the Corporation to do or exercise under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida for the purpose of accomplishing any of the purposes of the Corporation. The purposes for which this Corporation is organized shall be limited to those which are strictly charitable and educational. In no event shall this Corporation engage in any activity which would be contrary to the purposes and activities: (1) permitted to be engaged in by any organization the activities of which are exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or (2) of a Corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder.

The Corporation shall not engage, nor shall any of its funds, property, or income be used, in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall the Corporation participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, nor shall the Corporation engage in subversive activities.

The Corporation shall not be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on an unrelated trade or business as defined in Section 513 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder.

No compensation shall be paid to any officer, director, trustee, creator or organizer of the Corporation or substantial contributor to it except as a reasonable allowance for services actually rendered to or for the Corporation.

The Corporation is organized to serve public interests. Accordingly, it shall not be operated for the benefit of private interests.

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#### ARTICLE III - POWERS

The Corporation shall have all the powers granted to not for profit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida which are necessary or convenient to effect any and all purposes for which the Corporation is organized. In no event, however, shall the Corporation have or exercise any power which would cause it not to qualify as a taxexempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) or Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder; nor shall the Corporation engage directly or indirectly in any activity which would cause the loss of such qualification. No part of the assets or the net earnings, current or accumulated, of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private individual.

#### ARTICLE IV - MEMBERS

This Corporation shall have no Members.

#### ARTICLE V - TERM OF EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

The affairs of the Corporation in operating the charter school shall be managed on a day-to-day basis by the principal of the school. The Board of Directors shall set policy for the Corporation including but not limited to, the academic, financial and operation policies of the charter school, with the principal charged to implement these policies pursuant to the Bylaws. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall serve for a term of two (2) years and the Vice Chairman and the Secretary/Treasurer shall serve for a term of one (1) year, beginning the 1st day of the month immediately following his

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or her election by a majority of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Officers may be re-elected to serve subsequent terms. In the event of a vacancy in any office for any reason, the Board of Directors shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired term. An officer does not have to be a member of the Board of Directors and a member of the Board of Directors does not have to be an officer.

### ARTICLE VII - NAMES OF OFFICERS

The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election under the Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

<u>Name</u>

**Office** 

Glen Byron Cynthia Hazelwood Tricia Cepeda President/Chairman Vice-Chair Secretary/Treasurer

The first election shall occur no later than the date the Board of Directors is selected and sworn in immediately before the execution of the Charter between the School Board of Broward County and the Corporation.

### ARTICLE VIII - FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The number of persons constituting the first Board of Directors shall be three (3) but shall never be more than seven (7), and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors until the first election under these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

Name	Address			
Glen Byron	7027 West Broward Blvd. #297 Plantation, FL 33317			
Cynthia Hazelwood	7027 West Broward Blvd. #297 Plantation, FL 33317			

Freda Merriman	7027 West Broward Plantation, FL 33317	Blvd.	#297
Kema Neal	7027 West Broward Plantation, FL 33317	Blvd.	#297
Tricia Cepeda	7027 West Broward Plantation, FL 33317	Blvd.	#297
Felicia Rattray	7027 West Broward Plantation, FL 33317	Blvd.	#297
Felicita Santiago	7027 West Broward Plantation, FL 33317	Blvd.	#297

At the first election of Directors to be held no later than the date the Charter between the Broward County and the Corporation is executed no fewer than five (5) individuals shall be selected (which may include the members of the first Board of Directors as set forth herein) to serve as Directors.

The number of Directors shall be fixed in the Bylaws of this Corporation. Directors shall be elected and serve such terms as provided in the Bylaws of this Corporation.

#### ARTICLE IX - BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the Corporation shall be initially approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, and thereafter may be altered or rescinded by a majority vote of the Directors at the annual meeting of the Directors or at a duly called meeting of the Directors in accordance with the Bylaws.

### ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law.

#### ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION

Upon the liquidation or dissolution of the Corporation, its assets, if any,

remaining after payment (or provision for payment) of all liabilities of the Corporation, shall be distributed to, and only to, any one or more organizations qualified as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder. No part of the assets or the net earnings, current or accumulated, of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of a private individual.

### ARTICLE XII - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation shall be:

7027 West Broward Boulevard #297 Plantation, Florida 33317

The name of the initial registered agent of this Corporation shall be:

#### Glen Byron

#### ARTICLE XIII - CORPORATION'S PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND/OR MAILING ADDRESS

The mailing address of this Corporation shall be:

c/o Glen Byron 7027 West Broward Boulevard Plantation, FL 33317 The mailing address of this Corporation shall be:

c/o Glen Byron 7027 West Broward Boulevard Plantation, FL 33317

### ARTICLE XIV - INCORPORATOR

The following is the name and street address of the incorporator signing these

Articles:

#### Glen Byron 7027 West Broward Boulevard #297 Plantation, FL 33317

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and seal this 20th day of July,

2012.

### CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE AS REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as the Registered Agent in the Articles of Incorporation of, THE MAGNOLIA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY, INC. I hereby accept and agree to act in this capacity.

Dated: July 20, 2012.

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## Electronic Articles of Incorporation For



THE MAGNOLIA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY, INC.

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a Florida not-forprofit corporation, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

## Article I

The name of the corporation is:

THE MAGNOLIA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY, INC.

## Article II

The principal place of business address: 7027 WEST BROWARD BOULEVARD NO. 297 PLANTATION, FL. 33317

The mailing address of the corporation is: 7027 WEST BROWARD BOULEVARD NO. 297 PLANTATION, FL. 33317

## Article III

The specific purpose for which this corporation is organized is:

THE MAGNOLIA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY, INC., A CHAPTER SCHOOL, ORGANIZED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE, SCIENTIFIC, AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, MORE SPECIFICALLY TO BENEFIT THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

## Article IV

The manner in which directors are elected or appointed is: AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BYLAWS.

## Article V

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

GLEN M BYRON 7027 WEST BROWARD BOULEVARD NO. 297 PLANTATION, FL. 33317

I certify that I am familiar with and accept the responsibilities of registered agent.

Registered Agent Signature: GLEN M.BYRON

## Article VI

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The name and address of the incorporator is:

GLEN BYRON 7027 WEST BROWARD BOULEVARD NO. 297 PLANTATION, FL 33317

Electronic Signature of Incorporator: GLEN M. BYRON

I am the incorporator submitting these Articles of Incorporation and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S. I understand the requirement to file an annual report between January 1st and May 1st in the calendar year following formation of this corporation and every year thereafter to maintain "active" status.

### **Article VII**

The initial officer(s) and/or director(s) of the corporation is/are:

Title: P GLEN M BYRON 7027 WEST BROWARD BLVD NO. 297 PLANTATION, FL. 33317 US

Title: VP CYNTHIA HAZLEWOOD 7027 WEST BROWARD BLVD NO. 297 PLANTATION, FL. 33317 US

Title: S/TR TRICIA CEPEDA 7027 WEST BROWARD BLVD. NO. 297 PLANTATION, FL. 33317 US

## Article VIII

The effective date for this corporation shall be:

07/20/2012

# Certified Copy

I certify the attached is a true and correct copy of the Articles of Incorporation of THE MAGNOLIA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY, INC., a Florida corporation, filed electronically on July 23, 2012 effective July 20, 2012, as shown by the records of this office.

I further certify that this is an electronically transmitted certificate authorized by section 15.16, Florida Statutes, and authenticated by the code noted below.

The document number of this corporation is N12000007137.

Authentication Code: 120724134122-900237707969#1

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Florida at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the Twenty Fourth day of July, 2012



Ken Detzner Secretary of State

# Certificate of Status

I certify from the records of this office that THE MAGNOLIA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY, INC. is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, filed electronically on July 23, 2012, effective July 20, 2012.

The document number of this corporation is N12000007137.

I further certify that said corporation has paid all fees due this office through December 31, 2012, and its status is active.

I further certify that said corporation has not filed Articles of Dissolution.

I further certify that this is an electronically transmitted certificate authorized by section 15.16, Florida Statutes, and authenticated by the code noted below.

Authentication Code: 120724134122-900237707969#1

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Florida at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the Twenty Fourth day of July, 2012



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### THE MAGNOLIA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY, INC.

### ARTICLE I THE CORPORATION

Section 1. <u>Identity</u>. These are the Bylaws of The Magnolia School for the Arts, Inc., a corporation not-for-profit ("Corporation"), which was formed under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes ("Act") by filing the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation ("Articles") with the Office of the Florida Secretary of State on October 30, 2007. The purposes for which the Corporation has been organized are set forth in the Articles.

Section 2. <u>Principal Office</u>. The principal office of the Corporation in the State of Florida shall be located in Broward County, with a street address of 7027 West Broward Boulevard #297. Plantation, FL 33317. The Corporation may have such other offices, either within or without the State of Florida, as the Board of Directors ("Board") may designate or as the business of the Corporation may require from time-to-time.

Section 3. <u>Registered Office</u>. The registered office of the Corporation, required by the Act to be maintained in the State of Florida, may be, but need not be, identical with the principal office in the State of Florida, and the address of the registered office may be changed from time-to-time by the Board.

### ARTICLE II NO MEMBERS

Section 1. <u>No Members</u>. The Corporation hereby elects to have no members. Any action which would otherwise require a vote of members shall require only a vote of the members of the Board, and no meeting or vote of members shall be required for this Corporation, any provision of the Articles of this Corporation or the Bylaws to the contrary notwithstanding. All rights which otherwise would vest in the members shall vest in the Directors.

### ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. <u>General Powers</u>. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be conducted and all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the direction of its Board.

Section 2. <u>Number, Tenure and Qualifications</u>. The number of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of no more than seven (7) Directors. Directors must be natural persons who are

eighteen years or older. Directors shall be elected or appointed by a majority of the remaining Directors or by the sole remaining Director. Subject to Sections 11, 13 and 14 of this Article, and except for those initial directors who are appointed for shorter terms in order to allow for staggered terms within the Board, each Director shall serve for a three year term. At least one Director's term shall expire at the end of each fiscal year. A board member may serve a maximum of 3 consecutive 3-year terms.

Section 3. <u>Regular Meetings</u>. A regular meeting of the Board shall be held on November 1 of each year at 10:00 a.m., or, if such date is not a business day, on the next business day. The Board may provide, by resolution enacted by or delivered to all members, the time and place, within or without the State of Florida, for the holding of additional regular meetings without other notice than such resolution.

Section 4. <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Board may be called by or at the request of the Chairman or any two Directors.

Section 5. <u>Notice</u>. Notice of any special meeting shall be given at least forty-eight (48) hours previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or by overnight courier or mailed to and received by each Director at his business address, or by telefax. If notice be given by telefax, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the telefax is sent and acknowledged. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a Director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting.

Section 6. <u>Quorum</u>. A majority of the number of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board, but if less than such majority is present at a meeting, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

Section 7. <u>Manner of Acting</u>. The act of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present is necessary to constitute the act of the Board unless a greater number is required under the Act.

Section 8. <u>Action Without a Meeting</u>. Any action that may be taken by the Board at a meeting may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Directors.

Section 9. <u>Compensation</u>. By resolution of the Board, the Directors may be paid their expenses, if any, of attendance at each meeting of the Board. Directors shall not receive any compensation, other than reimbursement of expenses, for serving as Directors.

Section 10. <u>Committees</u>. The Board may, by resolution or resolutions, passed by a majority of the whole Board, designate one or more committees, each of which shall consist of two or more Directors and which to the extent provided in said resolution or resolutions or in the Bylaws of the Corporation shall have and may exercise all of the powers of the Board in the management of the activities and affairs of the Corporation, fill vacancies on the Board or any committee thereto; or

adopt, amend or repeal these Bylaws. The designation of such committee or committees or the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the Board or any individual Director of any responsibility imposed by law.

Section 11. <u>Resignations</u>. Any Director of the Corporation may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to the Board or the Corporation. Such resignation shall take effect at the time of delivery unless a later date is specified therefor. The acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 12. [Reserved]

Section 13. <u>Removal of Director</u>. A Director of the Corporation may be removed, with or without cause, at any time, by a majority of the other members of the Board.

Section 14. <u>Vacancies</u>. Any vacancy occurring in the Board, for whatever reason, shall be filled by a majority of the remaining Directors or by the sole remaining Director. A Director elected or appointed, as the case may be, shall be elected or appointed for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor in office.]

#### ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. <u>Number</u>. The officers of the Corporation shall be a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected by the Board, and each of whom may be a member of the Board. Such other officers and assistant officers as may be deemed necessary may be elected or appointed by the Board. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person. The failure of the Board to elect any officer other than a Chairman and a Secretary shall not constitute a violation of these Bylaws.

Section 2. <u>Election and Term of Office</u>. The officers of the Corporation to be elected shall be elected annually at the regular meeting of the Board. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified or until his death or until he shall have resigned or shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided; provided however, that each officer who is a Director shall hold office until the end of his term as a Director; and further provided, that the Board may, in their sole discretion, set fixed terms for any officer.

Section 3. <u>Removal</u>. Any officer or agent elected or appointed by the Board may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of the Board. Any such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed. Election or appointment of any officer shall not of itself create any contract rights in favor of such officer.

Section 4. <u>Vacancies</u>. A vacancy in any office elected or appointed by the Board because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise may be filled by the Board for the

#### unexpired portion of the term.

Section 5.. The Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and, subject to the direction of the Board, shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Corporation. He shall preside at all meetings of the Board. The Chairman may sign, with the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other instruments which the Board has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board or by these Bylaws to some other officer or agent of the Corporation, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed; and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of Chairman and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board from time-to-time.

Section 6. <u>Vice Chairman</u>. In the absence of the Chairman or in the event of the Chairman's death, inability or refusal to act, the Vice Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chairman. The Vice Chairman shall perform such other duties as from time-to-time may be assigned to the Vice Chairman by the Chairman or by the Board.

Section 7. <u>Secretary</u>. The Secretary shall: (a) keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Board in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of the corporate records and of the seal of the Corporation and see that the seal of the Corporation is affixed to all documents the execution of which on behalf of the Corporation under its seal is duly authorized; and (d) in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time-to-time may be assigned to him by the Chairman or by the Board.

Section 8. <u>Treasurer</u>. The Treasurer shall: (a) have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Corporation; (b) receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Corporation from any source whatsoever and deposit all such monies in the name of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Article V of these Bylaws; and (c) in general perform all of the duties as from time-to-time may be assigned to the Treasurer by the Chairman or by the Board. If required by the Board, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board shall determine.

Section 9. <u>Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers</u>. The Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers, in general, shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to them by the Secretary or the Treasurer, respectively, or by the Chairman or the Board. The Assistant Treasurers shall respectively, if required by the Board, give bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties in such sums and with such sureties as the Board shall determine.

Section 10. <u>Salaries</u>. Officers shall not receive any compensation, other than reimbursement of expenses, for serving as officers.

### ARTICLE V CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECK AND DEPOSITS

Section 1. <u>Contracts</u>. The Board may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2. Loans.

(a) No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Corporation and no evidences of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

(b) No loans shall be made by the Corporation to any of its Directors, officers or employees, nor to any corporation, firm or other entity in which one or more Director, officer or employee is a Director, officer or employee or holds a substantial financial interest. Any Director or officer who assents to or participates in the making of such loan shall be deemed to be in violation of his duty to the Corporation, but the obligation of the borrower for the amount of such loan shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. <u>Checks, Drafts, Etc</u>. All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation, shall be signed by such officer of officers, agent or agents of the Corporation and in such manner as shall from time-to-time be determined by resolution of the Board.

Section 4. <u>Deposits</u>. All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time-to-time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board may select.

Section 5. <u>Proxies</u>. Unless otherwise provided by resolution of the Board, the Chairman may from time-to-time appoint an attorney or agent of the Corporation, in the name and on behalf of the Corporation, to cast the votes which the Corporation may be entitled to cast as the holder of stock or other securities in any other corporation any of whose stock or other securities may be held by the Corporation, at meetings of the holders of the stock or other securities of such other corporation, or to consent in writing, in the name and on behalf of the Corporation, as such holder, to any action by such other corporation, and may instruct the person or persons so appointed as to the manner of casting such votes or giving such consent, and may execute or cause to be executed, in the name and on behalf of the Corporation and under its corporate seal or otherwise, all such written proxies or other instruments as he may deem necessary or proper in the premises.

### ARTICLE VI BOOKS AND RECORDS

Section 1. <u>Accounting</u>. The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of the Board and committees thereof and shall

keep at its registered or principal office in Florida, a copy of the Article and the Bylaws of the Corporation, as each has been amended, and a record of the names and addresses of Board entitled to vote in alphabetical order. The accounting records shall be maintained in written form or in another form capable of conversation to written form within a reasonable time. All books and records of the Corporation shall be open to inspection by the Board or their authorized representatives for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

Section 2. <u>Budget</u>. The Board shall adopt a budget for each calendar year that shall include the estimated funds required to defray expenses, according to good accounting practices.

#### ARTICLE VII SEAL

The Board may provide a corporate seal which shall be circular in form and shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation and the state of incorporation and such other words as the Board may prescribe.

### ARTICLE VIII WAIVER OF NOTICE

Whenever any notice is required to be given to any Director of the Corporation under the provisions of these Bylaws, the Articles, the provisions of the Act, and any act amendatory thereof, supplementary thereto or substituted therefor, or the Florida Constitution, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

#### ARTICLE IX FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be July 1 through June 30.

#### ARTICLE X INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. <u>Indemnification for Claims</u>. The Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, and whether formal or informal (other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation), by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation, as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct

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was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of *nolo contendere* or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

Section 2. Indemnification for Expenses. The Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation, as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement not exceeding, in the judgment of the Board, the estimated expense of litigating the proceeding to conclusion, actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication or liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses that the court shall deem proper.

#### Section 3. Method of Indemnification.

(a) To the extent that a Director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in Sections 1 and 2, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he or she shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection therewith.

(b) Any indemnification under Sections 1 and 2 (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the Director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Sections 1 and 2. Such determination shall be made (i) by the Board by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, or (ii) by a majority vote of a committee duly designated by the Board (in which Directors who are parties may participate) consisting of two or more Directors not at the time parties to the proceeding; or (iii) by independent legal counsel selected by the Board as prescribed in (i) above or by the committee as prescribed in (ii) above, or if a quorum of the Board cannot be obtained for (i) and the committee cannot be designated under (ii), then selected by a majority of the Board (in which Directors who are parties may participate).

(c) Expenses incurred by an officer or Director in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Board in the specific case upon

receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the Director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this section. Expenses of other employees and agents may be paid in advance upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate.

(d) The indemnification provided by this section shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under any by-law, agreement, vote of disinterested Director or otherwise, both as to action in his or her official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

(e) Notwithstanding the foregoing, no indemnification or advancement of expense shall be made to or on behalf of any officer, Director, employee or agent if a judgment or other final adjudication establishes that his actions, or omissions to actions, were material to the cause of action so adjudicated and constitute:

(i) a violation of the criminal law, unless the Director, officer, employee or agent had reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was lawful or had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful;

(ii) a transaction from which the Director, officer, employee or agent derived an improper personal benefit; or

(iii) willful misconduct or a conscious disregard for the best interests of the corporation in a proceeding by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor.

#### ARTICLE XI AMENDMENT

The Bylaws may be amended, altered or repealed by the Board at any regular or special meeting upon the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the total members of the Board.

DATED this  $20^{\text{Th}}$  day of  $\overline{JUly}$ , 2012

THE MAGNOLIA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation

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## **Conflict of Interest Policy**

### <u>Article I</u> Purpose

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect the School's interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the School or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable Schools.

### <u>Article II</u> Definitions

#### 1. Interested Person

Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

#### 2. Financial Interest

A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

- A. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the School has a transaction or arrangement,
- B. A compensation arrangement with the School or with any entity or individual with which the School has a transaction or arrangement, or
- C. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the School is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

### Article III Procedures

#### 1. Duty to Disclose

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the

proposed transaction or arrangement.

### 2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

#### 3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

#### 4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

- A. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- B. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

### Article IV Records of Proceedings

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- 1. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- 2. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

### Article V Compensation and Employment

- 1. No member of the governing board will receive compensation, directly or indirectly, from the School for services.
- 2. No voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters will receive compensation, directly or indirectly, from the School for services.
- 3. No relatives of a school owner, president, governing board member, principal or assistant principal with hiring or promotion authority may be appointed, employed, promoted, or

advanced. Recusal from the hiring or promotion decision or the delegation of hiring or promotion authority to another individual is not sufficient to avoid a violation of this conflict provision.

- 4. No governing board member may accept anything of value based upon any understanding that any vote or official board action would be influenced. Governing board members and any business entity in which they or their immediate family have a material interest, are prohibited from contracting with the School for the purchase, rent or leasing of any realty, goods or services.
- 5. No governing board members may vote on any matter that would benefit any relative, business associate, or entity for whom that individual has been retained. In addition to recusing him/herself from any such vote, the board member must publicly disclose the interest prior to the vote being taken and must provide a written memorandum within 15 days after the vote explaining the nature of the interest which must be included in the minutes of the governing board meeting.

### Article VI Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

- 1. Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
- 2. Has read and understands the policy,
- 3. Has agreed to comply with the policy, and
- 4. Understands the School is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

### Article VII Periodic Reviews

To ensure the School operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- 1. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.
- 2. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management Schools conform to the School's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

### Article VIII Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the School may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

- 1. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- 2. The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- 3. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the School can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
- 4. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the School's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

#### TRICIA M. WILLIAMS CEPEDA

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#### **CAREER PROFILE**

Passionate to bring secondary students into the twenty- first century using a unique combination of my educational experience and over ten years of interpersonal skills. I am committed to the enthusiasm and dynamics of teaching as a mean of creating nurturing knowledge, and engage students in active learning. A self-motivated team member who effectively collaborates with all levels of staff members and establishes quality relationship with students.

#### EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION

Masters of Science, Major: Reading Education-Nova Southeastern University, Davie, Florida Bachelors of Arts, Major: English Literature-Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida Associate of Arts, Major: Hospitality Management- Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale, Florida *Computer Skills*: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Delphi, Meeting Matrix, LMS, SPSS, and Internet (research & navigation)

#### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN EDUCATION**

Florida Educator's Certification English (6-12) & Reading Certification (K-12)

Practicum (K-12), Oriole Elementary School, 120 practicum hours, Nova Southeastern University, Davie, FL

Florida Treasures Training (K-3) Development Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

9 High Yield Strategies Training Development Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Secondary School Effective Instruction (6-12), South Plantation High School, 90 practicum hours, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

TESOL I & II (K-12), South Plantation High School and Hallandale Elementary, 16 practicum hours, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

Reading in Content Areas (6-12), Plantation High School, 8 observational hours, Florida Atlantic University Boca Raton

Introduction to Education (6-12), Piper High School, 15 observational hours, Florida Atlantic Hours, Boca Raton

Teaching Diverse Population (6-12), Piper High School, 15 observational hours, Florida Atlantic Hours, Boca Raton

#### EMPLOYMENT

#### **FLITE Center**

3521 West Broward Blvd Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312 Tel-954-530-4686

#### **Educational Coordinator**

Create and update lesson plans as needed for the success of the program. Plan and coordinate education program activities, including scheduling, hire teachers and educators to administer program. Develop budgets, teaching classes and lead tours; schedule volunteers to provide tutoring services. Administer assessments to include TABE and Pre-GED test. Measure the success of the program on a regular basis, making changes when necessary to improve its quality.

#### Atlantic Community High School

2455 West Atlantic Blvd Delray Beach, FL 33445 Tel- 561-243-1500

#### English Teacher (August 2010-June 2011)

Write and execute lesson plans that appeal to all learning styles based on state educational reading standards Effective written and verbal communication skills, interpersonal relations skills, time management and organizational skills, as well as excellent teaching skills. Initiate, facilitate, and moderate classroom discussions. Evaluate and grade students' class work, assignments, and papers. Prepare course materials such as syllabi, homework assignments, and handouts. Prepare and deliver lectures to students on topics such as grammar, poetry, novel and novel structure, translation and adaptation.

#### Reading Teacher (August 2010-June 2011)

Help students improve reading skills through vocabulary and fluency, comprehension strategies, observing and addressing specific needs of the student; working with other teachers to help those with reading problems; designing interventions based on a child's learning style or needs; conducting assessments to determine a student's reading levels; guiding students through reading and writing activities; consulting with parents and recommending at-home reading activities; and coordinating school-wide reading and literacy programs, among others.

#### Arthur Ashe Middle School-Interim Teacher (April 2010-June 2010)

1701 NW 23rd Ave Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 Tel- 754-322-2800

#### Oriole Elementary School-Interim Teacher (August 2008-March 2009)

3081 NW 39th St, <u>Lauderdale Lakes</u>, FL, <u>33309</u> Tel-754-322-7550

#### Kerzner International Resort, Inc.

Atlantis Paradise Island, Bahamas 1000 South Pine Island Road Plantation, FL 33319 Tel-954-809-2000

#### Conference Planning Coordinator (March 2000-May 2007)

Facilitate and complete corporate and leisure group ranging from 200-1500 people. Responsibility entails event and meeting planning, menu design, food and beverage service, set-up procedures for banquet operations and negotiation of contract.

#### Quality Assurance Representative (June 1998-March 2000)

Address all post travel related feedback. Investigate and seek proactive resolution to guests' travel experience. Respond to client via telephone and/or mail. Acquired extensive customer service training to ensure customer satisfaction.

#### Reservation Agent (January 1997-June 1998)

Convert highest number of calls into actual sales while following standard operating procedures. Presenting travel agents and direct customer with highest level of customer service.

#### **References upon request**

## **CYNTHIA HAZLEWOOD**

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#### EXPERIENCED ADMINISTRATOR AND EDUCATOR

Passionate, innovative secondary educator and administrator with experience teaching in a variety of educational environments. Expert in creating and implementing differentiated curriculum that addresses individual learning styles. Proven ability to motivate students and instill a love of learning within a well-managed classroom setting. Experienced in collaborating with other educators in an effort to encourage writing and reading across the curriculum. Strong believer in the importance of educating the "whole child", socially, mentally, and academically. Experienced in initiating and strengthening the home-school connection in order to maximize students' potential. Demonstrated ability in providing compassionate, proactive methods as a secondary administrator.

### Education

#### UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX-FT. LAUDERDALE, FL

• M.A., Education (Summa Cum Laude)

#### UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS-ST. CROIX, VI

• B.A., English (Cum Laude)

#### **Endorsements and Certifications**

#### FLORIDA

• Professional certification in English 6-12

#### **Professional Experience**

#### LIFE SKILLS SCHOOL- FT. LAUDERDALE, FL

2011 to Present

#### Assistant Principal

#### Highlights:

- Maintain a safe learning environment through proactive methods
- Oversee curriculum and student progression
- Serve as Testing Coordinator
- Assist classroom teachers in applying effective elements of instruction, including planning, modeling, coaching, and the use of feedback
- Maintain alignment with NCLB and implementation of FCIM
- Serve as Team Leader for Response to Intervention (RtI) and Student Advisory Committee

#### LIFE SKILLS SCHOOL – FT. LAUDERDALE, FL

2007-2011

#### Reading Coach

#### Highlights:

- Implemented blended instructional model, including traditional direct instruction and online (APEX) curriculum
- Taught Intensive Reading courses to Level 1 and 2 students designed to increase self-monitoring and reading comprehension
- Provided resources and training to staff using evidence-based reading research and best practices
- Counseled senior students regarding post-graduation options and served as a liaison between students and representatives from various post-secondary institutions
- Established and monitored peer mentoring support network for teachers
- Provided vocational, intrapersonal, and interpersonal skills training for non-traditional high school students
- Gathered and assessed student academic data in order to create Reading and ESOL lessons tailored to individual needs
- Administered progress monitoring, diagnostic and outcomes measurement assessments to students according to district guidelines

### LIFE SKILLS SCHOOL-FT. LAUDERDALE, FL

Instructor/Language Arts Chair

- Monitored student computer activity using APEX, A+ and Sparks programs
- Updated databases and provided written log entries with regard to all student information and records
- Conferenced with parents and other teachers as necessary regarding student performance and individual issues
- Provided direct instruction in secondary English using CRISS and other best-practices
- Successfully implemented new FCAT training techniques with senior re-take students
- Launched a writing club to increase student motivation and inspire creativity

### THE WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTER-ST. CROIX, VI

2000-2004

#### Instructor

- Created programs focused on skill development for women, including teenage mothers and emotionally/physically abused women
- Assisted parents with questions and concerns
- Provided after-school assistance to women preparing to take standardized tests
- Collaborated with administrator to determine which English courses would be provided

#### ST. CROIX SDA PRIVATE ACADEMY

1999-2000

#### Teacher Assistant

- Helped children to develop fine motor, comprehension, and vocabulary skills
- Individualized instruction for students according to learning needs and styles
- Gauged student progress through the examination of portfolios and projects
- Planned lessons and activities according to appropriate curricular guidelines
- Provided evening remedial writing and reading classes for adults

### **Related Skills and Abilities**

- Excellent interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills
- Ability to use following applications extensively: Microsoft Office Suite (Outlook, Powerpoint, Excel, Word), Macintosh programs, Blackboard, Gradequick, Edline, TERMS, APEX, Powerschool, E2020 and FLVS
- Ability to type 85+ wpm

### \*\*REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST\*\*

# Freda A. Merriman, MSHRM

## 2572 Garden Court ◆ Cooper City, FL 33026 ◆ (954) 559-6170 ◆ <u>fredamerriman@hotmail.com</u>

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

## SAPOZNIK INSURANCE — N. Miami Beach, FL

Senior Benefit Administrator,

- Manage employee benefits for more than 20 companies and governmental agencies
- Assist clients with Open Enrollment Coordination and group implementation with carriers
- Oversee two junior benefit administrators and two benefit enrollers
- Assisted in the revision of current job descriptions and training program
- Assisted with the implementation of uniformed policy and procedures, employee expectations, and skills required for each position

## UNITED HEALTHCARE — Miramar, FL

## **Cost Management Analyst**

- Analyzed healthcare claims
- Tracked billing errors and overpayments
- Identified trends of complex claims analysis and audit activities

## UNITED HEALTHCARE — Sunrise, FL

## <u>Supervisor</u>

- Recruited, interviewed and hired for call center employees
- Developed and implemented processes and procedures for a new team due to a company acquisition
- Conducted employee training & development
- Resolved employee relations issues
- Payroll processing
- Performance management using MAP 360 evaluations
- Managed employee leaves of absence through PeopleSoft HRMS System

## Provider Specialist & Customer Service

- Inbound and outbound calls
- Researched and resolved escalated benefits and claims issues
- Training & development coach

## EDUCATION

Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FLGraduation Date: June, 2012Masters of Science, Human Resources ManagementGraduation Date: June, 2012

**North Carolina A&T State University**, Greensboro, NC Bachelor of Arts, Speech and Language Pathology

Graduation Date: May, 1999

05/2006 to 11/2007

8/2001 to 5/2006

11/2007 to 04/2011

04/2011 to Present

- Benefits Administration including Short Term and Long Term Disability
- HIPAA Compliance
- Interviewing & Hiring
- Orientation & On-Boarding
- Training & Development
- Performance Management
- HR Policies & Procedures
- HR Laws & Regulation
- Claims Analysis & Auditing

## SKILLS

- Proficient in Word, Excel, Power Point and Access
- Lotus Notes & Outlook
- PeopleSoft HR Application

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), member since January 2009
- Human Resources Association of Broward County, member since October 2009

## VOLUNTEER WORK

- Nova Southeastern University Student SHRM Group, Current Chapter President
- Graduate Assistant

**Objective:** Team Leader/Manager

#### **Professional Summary**

Highly skilled in multiple areas of World Services. Strong leadership and motivational skills. Proven ability to quickly build rapport and establish trust. Progressive change agent and creative problem solver. Respected for a wide range of industry knowledge and demonstrated passion to serve. Recognized for professionalism, positive attitude, commitment to excellence and demonstrated ability to communicate and interact effectively with senior management. Master of Science Degree in Management, with a focus on leadership. Successful completion of the Leadership Readiness Program (LRP). Certified, by Dr. Paul Hersey's Center for Leadership Studies, in Situational Leadership.

#### **Education**

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY – Davie, FL M.S., Business Management

FLORIDA METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY- Fort Lauderdale, FL **B.S.**, **Business Administration** 

#### **Certifications**

- American Society for Training and Development (ASTD)
- Center for Leadership Studies Situational Leadership
- Human Resource Management Program
- Center of Business Solution Call and Collect Model

#### **Professional Experience and Achievements**

American Express – Plantation, FL

Learning Specialist/Training Team Leader, World Service Learning Network 2001-2007/2008-Present

#### Duties:

- Delivered training programs for the Global Dispute Network, Telephone Service Center and the Risk Customer Service Network, which included e-learning through the Learning Management System.
- Utilized appropriate training techniques, such as the Adult Learning Theory, training aids and media.
- Supervised, monitored and coached teams of up to 15 Customer Care Professionals.
- Observed, evaluated and measured trainees' performance.

## Highlights:

- Exceeded annual training targets by producing learners for RCSN within the top 25<sup>th</sup> percentile.
- Spearheaded workshops to drive leadership development within WSLN.
- Created and implemented step by step procedures for user id password reset. Partnered with BUSA to receive approval for steps to be published in PORT/ECCO.
- Identified areas of concern in regulatory compliance and partnered with RCSN Compliance Team to discover solutions to reduce compliance opportunities.
- Reduced uncollectible accounts by retraining the credit department on the new Call and Collect Model.

## Acting Team Leader, Telephone Service Center <u>Duties:</u>

2007-2008

- Managed up to17 Customer Care Professionals.
- Monitored productivity and TBASS results.

- Prepared and delivered performance appraisals.
- Provided coaching and feedback to increase performance.
- Improved customer retention by recovering on escalated calls.

## <u>Highlights:</u>

- Increased TBASS disputes survey results by 9.7%.
- Improved performance from G4 to G2, 2 months after taken over the team.
- Maintain high retention rate among staff by ensuring constructive work environment, resulting in positive productivity impact.

## Customer Care Professional, Global Dispute Network 1996-2001

## Duties:

- Reviewed, analyzed, researched and resolved cardmembers' billing inquiries.
- Communicated, both written and verbally, with the cardmembers and the merchants.
- Interacted with merchants and cardmembers, providing technical information on the company's products and services.
- Performed on-line financial adjustments to the cardmembers' and merchants' accounts, whenever necessary.

## Highlights:

- Ranked in the top five customer care professionals among a team of fifteen within a month of being crossedtrained to a new industry.
- Crossed-trained into another industry and was able to work independently in a week, rather than two weeks, due to quick learning capacity.

## Certified Tours- Fort Lauderdale, FL

- Reservation/Sales Agent, Delta Dream Vacations Project 1995-1996
  <u>Duties</u>:
- Scheduled Air/Ground Transportation and Hotel Accommodations for Delta Airlines.
- Customized vacation packages based on individual customer desires.
- Collected payments to confirm tour packages via credits cards and miscellaneous charge order forms.

#### Highlight:

 Promoted from the Orlando Vacation Project to the Delta Dream Vacation Project one month after certification.

"When the customer comes first, the customer will last." - Robert Half

## Felicia Rattray 7001 NW 16<sup>th</sup> Street A319, Plantation, FL 33313 Telephone: (954) 804-2432 Email: <u>Felicia.rattray@als-education.com</u>

## Curriculum Vitae

## Education

Currently Enrolled

Doctor of Education- Special Education

Nova Southeastern University Master of Science-School Guidance Counseling

Nova Southeastern University

Bachelor of Science-Psychology

March 2006 3.2 GPA

4.0 GPA

**April 2011** 

## **Education Experience**

## Ben Gamla Charter School- Elementary, Middle and High School Professional School Counselor 2012-Present

- Provide classroom/ small group developmental guidance activities
- Provide personal-social, behavioral, and academic counseling
- Provide information and counseling in the areas of career exploration and selection, further education, college entrance exams, financial aid, and employment opportunities
- Identify and counsel potential school dropouts
- Assist in the registration and scheduling of students
- Provide assistance in the screening, referral, identification, and placement of students with special needs
- Serve as testing coordinator for all grade levels
- Assist and counsel students with low attendance
- Assist students in developing peer relationships and decision making skills
- Advise school administration and faculty on the matter of student discipline
- Serve as mediator and/or advisor in parent-teacher-student conferences
- Provide input in the development of curriculum
- Provide appropriate consultation and staff development to school personnel and/or parents/ community as requested
- Plan school-wide guidance program for all grade levels
- Review, evaluate and input student transcripts
- As case manager, create a course of action to promote academic achievements
- Coordinate dual enrollment, advance placement, and early admission programs

ALS-North University High School Executive Assistant

## 2010-2012

o Provide administrative assistance and general office support to the Principal

- Establish, update and maintain the filing system for the Principal while actively retrieving information from those files when necessary
- Schedule and organize complex activities such as FTE activities, management staff meetings, travel itineraries, professional conferences, and school departmental initiatives
- o Order, receive, stock and distribute office supplies
- Research any problems or complaints employees may have about Kronos or their payroll checks
- o Maintain cordial and professional relationship with the corporate Payroll Department
- Organize and prioritize large volumes of information while displaying professionalism in writing and oral communication skills when interfacing with employees, students, family members and community leaders
- Meet with new employees and go over their hire packet, explaining the company's medical, dental, vision, short and long-term disability, life insurance, tuition reimbursement program, and other benefits the company provides
- Collect all necessary paperwork, signed by the employee and forward to People Services in a timely manner
- Request funds from the ALS controller to maintain the petty cash account adequately
- Coordinates and completes clerical related duties such as photocopying, faxing, filing and collating
- Maintains awareness of the physical control of entry into the receptionist area and notify security when necessary
- Answers telephones and all other communications in a professional manner and direct the caller to the appropriate extension
- Appropriately greet and direct visitors

## ALS-North University High School

## 2008-2010

Social Science Teacher

- Created Individual Graduation Plan for each student which is used as a tool to track each student's academic performance
- Served as a mentor, facilitator, advocate and coach to support, mentor and guide students through their Individual Graduation Plan using the technology and other resources available
- Provided positive support for all the students within the classroom in conjunction with overseeing and monitoring individual student progress and the use of resources and equipment
- $\circ$   $\,$  Used only forms and recording records approved by the company
- Provided direction and leadership within the classroom by displaying an effective working knowledge of the subject matter and by demonstrating best practices relating to teaching/instructional techniques
- Maintained progress monitoring reports, attendance and behavioral records, academic grades and other student records as required by state regulatory guidelines and company policy and procedures
- Effectively facilitated positive interaction between students and their peers as well as with the instructional staff
- Collaborated with peers to develop, plan and implement best educational practices based upon the individual academic needs of the students that are aligned with company goals
- Employed excellent customer service principles when working with school staff members, parents and students
- Participated in professional development courses or activities to maintain appropriate certification or credentials based on position
- o Assisted FCAT Test Administrator
- Administered FCAT to students
- Conducted Teacher Advisement sessions with students to review progress
- o Performed all other instructional and academic duties as deemed necessary

## ALS-North University High School

## 04/09-08/09

Family Support Specialist

- Worked collaboratively with professional social/educational services and agencies to obtain health, financial, vocational and social services to help students and their families work through the barriers to education
- Maintained related student records and prepared clear, concise, and complete reports to fulfill contractual accountability and day to day management for ALS
- Collaborated with school's community partners, community colleges and universities, vocational and technical schools, local unions and employers to coordinate and develop support systems to meet students' social, medical, financial, vocational, and educational needs
- o Evaluated student risk and assess need for immediate intervention
- o Assisted teachers and other staff with non-disciplinary behavioral interventions
- Established and maintained positive working relationships with co-workers, ALS employees, School District personnel, community partners, various cultural and ethnic groups, and the public using principles of excellent customer service
- Planned and lead professional development trainings
- Developed, prepared and presented training and educational/workshops

## Life Skills Center-Opa Locka

## 11/07-08/08

Senior Lab Teacher

- Evaluated student transcripts from ISIS to determine course selection to meet graduation requirements
- o Developed an action plan for each Senior
- Advised students of courses needed to complete program according to Florida's Sunshine Standards
- o Served as motivator and mentor
- Advised students on various subjects such as college admission, military opportunities, technical and vocational options
- Kept accurate records on students in grade book, report cards, lesson plans, attendance records, and behavior/discipline records
- Maintained positive learning environment
- o Assisted FCAT Test Administrator
- o Established best practices for senior lab

## **Management Experience**

## Nova Southeastern University

Supervisor, Data Entry & Degree Conferral

03/07-11/07

- o Served as Hiring Committee Chair
- o Conducted staff evaluations and development
- o Conducted audits of data input of admission applications and degree conferral application
- o Responsible for the document retention policy
- Conducted meetings with individual staff members to discuss job performance
- Provided excellent communication with staff concerning issues and/or brainstorming opportunities to improve the department
- o Assisted the Director with creating departmental policies and procedures and calendars
- Conducted professional development trainings

## Florida Department of Health-*Broward Co. Health Dept.* 09/05-03/07 Assistant Purchasing Director/PA III

- Provided administrative, customer service and technical support for the Broward/Monroe County purchasing consortium
- o Organized data analysis of purchasing consortium
- Processed orders requested by Monroe County staff
- o Recommended policy for Monroe County consortium
- Used and monitored appropriate budget and organization codes as they pertained to procurement
- Created purchase requisitions for consortium regarding commodities and services using appropriate purchasing methods in accordance with laws, rules, policies and procedures contained in the State of Florida Purchasing Policy Procedures Manual
- o Coordinated all incoming invoices for payables
- Planned and developed best practices for Purchasing and Payables Department concerning Broward/Monroe County consortium
- o Assigned purchasing requisitions to staff to begin gatekeeper functions
- o Audited workflow and data input of requisitions as end gatekeeper
- o Trained staff via powerpoint presentations, telephone conferences and webinars
- o Conducted staff evaluations and development
- o Conducted meetings with individual staff members to discuss job performance
- o Facilitated bid openings with vendors and other health officials

## **Entrepreneurial Experience**

## The Self Development Institute of Florida President & CEO

02/2008-Present

1990-1995

- o A personal and professional development company for young adults
- o Co-author of : The Woman's Handbook for Self-Confidence
- o Co-author of : Living Your Vision & Purpose
- o E-Mentoring program for at-risk students
- o Life Skills mentoring
- o College admission & financial aid preparation
- o Cultural diversity training

## Military Experience

United States Army Persian Gulf War Veteran

## Certifications

- Professional Certification- School Counselor PK-12
- Professional Certification -ESE Specialist PK-12
- Certified Diversity Trainer
- Certified Entrepreneur Coach

## Memberships

- American School Counselor Association
- Florida School Counselor Association
- Professional Woman Network

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clinical opportunity to make positive impact here at Plantatic	on General Hospital
EDUCATION	
<b>/icki Milazzo Institute –</b> Houston, TX <i>Certification</i> – Legal Nurse Consultant	12/2011 – 2/2012
<b>Jniversity of Phoenix</b> - Plantation, FL Bachelor of Science in Nursing	3/2004 – 9/2005
<b>Jniversity of the Virgin Islands –</b> St. Croix, USVI A <i>ssociate of Science</i> in Nursing	9/1997 – 5/1999
WORK EXPERIENC	E
<ul> <li>Staff Registered Nurse (Clinical Ladder III)</li> <li>Relief Charge Nurse – Unit staffing, assignment, a</li> <li>Newborn Nursery Nurse – Transitioning of the we experiencing hypothermia and/or transient tachypned</li> <li>OB/GYN Nurse – Nursing care of the: 1) Postpartur patient recuperating from procedures such as laparase assist hysterectomies, salpingoopherectomies, uterin Antepartum patient suffering from hyperemesis gravit preeclampsia, HELLP syndrome</li> </ul>	ell newborn, monitoring infants a of the newborn (TTN) um patient; <b>2)</b> Post surgical gynecologic scopic/vaginal/total abdominal/robotic ne embolizations, myomectomies; <b>3)</b>
All About Staffing (a/d/a Paralon) Traveling/Agency Nurse • Staff relief at Plantation General Hospital (PNU/Wom	2002-2003 nen's Pavilion)
<ul> <li>Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital</li> <li>Staff Registered Post Partum/Newborn Nursery</li> <li>Relief Charge Nurse</li> <li>Newborn Nursery Nurse</li> <li>OB/GYN Nurse</li> </ul>	2000 - 2002
RELEVANT SKILLS	
Foreign Language(s): Fluent in Spanish (verbal and writte	en)

## **Sample Job Descriptions**

## **School Director**

## Reports To: Board of Directors

## Job Purpose:

The School Director is responsible for providing, contractual accountability, and day-today leadership of educational and operational activities of the school. This includes the recruiting, hiring, supervision, evaluation, and development of staff; maintenance of a safe environment conducive to teaching and learning; assurance of effective delivery and improvement of instruction; enforcement of the school's policies and procedures; safety of students; and implementation of student disciplinary measures when necessary.

## Responsibilities:

Executing and administering the policies of the school, as set by the board of trustees

- Supervising any administrators, teachers, or other staff whose job descriptions designate that they report directly to the Director
- Hiring, evaluating, and terminating as necessary and appropriate, of all other employees of the school
- Supervising the preparation and administration of the annual budget as approved by the board
- Monthly reporting to the board
- Overseeing the external operations of the school, such as enrollment, fundraising, marketing, relations with the charter authorizer, and communication with the school's constituencies
- Overseeing the curricular and co-curricular programs of the school, including focused effort on improving student achievement
- Overseeing the academic and social progress of the students and responding to students' needs and transgressions consistent with the school's philosophy and with applicable laws
- Modeling the mission and philosophy of the school
- Other duties as assigned

## Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Education or related area. Masters Degree is preferred
- Educational leadership experience
- Experience setting and managing budgets
- Experience in communicating with diverse populations

Accountability: Annual evaluation by the Board of Directors

## Assistant Director

## Reports To: School Director

## Job Purpose:

The Assistant Director is responsible for managing the academic progress of students; maintaining a climate conducive to teaching and learning; assuring effective delivery and improvement of instruction; supervising, mentoring, and developing instructional staff; and ensuring that the school meets its defined goals. The Assistant Director will model and enforce the policies and procedures of the School. The Assistant Director reports to the Director and assists the Director with all of the educational and operational aspects of the school.

## Responsibilities:

Supports the school Director and serves as Acting Director in their absence

- Assistant Director is responsible for the oversight and evaluation of all teaching faculty, curriculum design and improvement, coordination of classroom activities with internship activities, teacher professional development, and teacher assignment in close cooperation with the Director.
- The position includes support of extracurricular activities, and the fulfillment of administrative duties as assigned by the Director. The Assistant Director is a twelve-month position.
- Other duties as assigned

## Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Education or related area. Masters Degree is preferred
- Educational leadership experience or program management experience
- Experience setting and managing budgets
- Experience in communicating with diverse populations

Accountability: Annual evaluation by the School Director

## ESE Teacher

<u>Reports To:</u> School Director or designee

## Job Purpose:

The Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Teacher position is responsible for coaching, motivating, and instructing students with disabilities within the school's model with attention given to each student's Individual Education Plan (IEP). The ESE Teacher will collaborate with general education teachers and support staff to ensure that each student's needs outlined in their IGP are being met and that the student is progressing. All lessons are aligned to state standards and are taught by student's teacher with the ESE Teacher acting in a support role. The ESE Teacher will work directly with the School's Administrators to ensure that all ESE paperwork and reporting requirements are in compliance with Federal, State, and local school district regulations.

Responsibilities:

- Provides a learning environment that is team-oriented, student-centered, and aligned with the school's academic goals and specified objectives.
- Creates and or updates Individual Education Plans (IEP) for each of his/her students and uses this as the basis to track each student's academic performance.
- Acts as a mentor, facilitator, advocate, and coach to support, mentor, and guide students through their IEP using the technology and other resources available.
- Provides positive support for all students with disabilities within the school in conjunction with overseeing and monitoring individual student progress and the use of resources and equipment.
- Uses only forms or reporting records approved and /or adopted by the school.
- Maintains progress monitoring reports, IEP compliance, attendance and behavioral records, academic grades, and other student records as required by state regulatory guidelines and school policies and procedures.
- Collaborates with peers to develop, plan and implement best educational practices based upon the individual academic needs of the students and aligned with the goals of the school.
- Performs all other instructional and academic duties as deemed necessary, which are aligned in accordance with the school's policies and procedures that ensure educational goals are achieved.
- Maintains all ESE records and works collaboratively with school staff to ensure all records are in compliance.
- Serves as a member of the school's Student Study Team (SST).
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Special Education or similar
- Appropriate Certifications and endorsements
- Positive work history

Accountability: Annual evaluation by the School Director or designee

## Teacher

<u>Reports To:</u> School Director or designee

## Job Purpose:

The Teacher position is responsible for coaching, motivating, and instructing high school students within the school's model with attention given to each student's Individual Graduation Plan. All for-credit courses are aligned to state standards and are delivered in such a way to engage student learning, and accelerate the accumulation of credits through a mastery-based educational model. In many respects, the teacher acts more like a coach and mentor in this environment and is specifically focused on ensuring the success of his/her students.

## Responsibilities:

- Provides a learning environment that is team-oriented, student-centered, and aligned with school academic goals and specified objectives.
- Creates Individual Pacing Guides for each of his/her students and uses this as the basis to track each student's academic performance.
- Provides positive support for all the students within the classroom in conjunction with overseeing and monitoring individual student progress and the use of resources and equipment.
- Appropriately enforces the School's Code of Conduct
- Provides direction and leadership within the classroom by displaying an effective working knowledge of the subject matter and by demonstrating best practices relating to teaching/instructional techniques.
- Maintains progress monitoring reports, attendance and behavioral records, academic grades, and other student records as required by state regulatory guidelines and school policies and procedures.
- Collaborates with colleagues to develop, plan, and implement best educational practices based upon the individual academic needs of the students that are aligned with the goals of the school.
- Participates in professional development courses or activities to maintain appropriate certification or credentials based on position.
- Other duties as assigned

## <u>Qualifications</u>

- Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education or similar
- Appropriate Certifications and endorsements
- Positive work history

Accountability: Annual evaluation by the School Director or designee

## Office Manager

Reports To: School Director or designee

## Job Purpose:

The Administrative Assistant is responsible for modeling the appropriate image for the school; creating a welcoming environment for students, staff, parents, and visitors; and providing administrative assistance and general office support to the Director.

Responsibilities:

- Answers telephones and all other communications in a professional manner, and directs the caller to the appropriate extension.
- Appropriately greets and directs visitors to the school campus in a manner that is respectful and professional.
- Establishes, updates, and maintains the filing system for the Director while also being actively involved in retrieving information from those files when necessary.
- Sets up all new employee files in the time and attendance system, noting information that is pertinent to the employees' position. Enrolls all employees digitally in the time and attendance system.
- Maintains spreadsheet, recording checks received and expenditures. Submits a monthly report of deposits and expenditures to the management company
- Assists in the ordering, receiving, stocking, and distribution of office supplies.
- Adheres to school policies and procedures relating to visitors to the campus (i.e. visitor sign-in log and visitor ID badges).
- Maintains awareness of the physical control of entry into the reception area and notifies security of suspect unauthorized visitors to the school campus.
- Follows school policies and procedures regarding authorized/unauthorized removal of students from the campus.
- Effectively performs all other duties as assigned and necessary in order for the school to achieve the educational and behavioral goals and objectives.
- Other duties as assigned

**Qualifications:** 

- Associate's Degree. Bachelor's Degree preferred
- Experience with managing complex tasks involving a variety of resources
- Human resources and benefits administration experience
- Demonstrated competence with bookkeeping and related tasks
- Demonstrated ability to manage the details of multiple tasks

Accountability: Annual evaluation by the School Director or designee

## CHARTER SCHOOL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into effective as of this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2010, by and between Newpoint Education Partners, LLC, a Florida limited liability company (the "Company") and The Magnolia School for the Arts and Technology, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation (the "School").

## WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the School is a not-for-profit corporation which continuously strives to improve its community and the lives of its residents;

WHEREAS, the School has become aware of the increasing need for greater alternatives for school aged children in its community desiring to receive an engaging and relevant education, which is vital to their success in life;

WHEREAS, the School has become aware of a unique school model which strives to prepare students for secondary and post-secondary education through the use of technology and project-based learning opportunities

WHEREAS, the Newpoint model utilizes the proprietary Newpoint Educational Plan which has been developed by the Company (the "Plan" or "Model"), and the Company has researched, developed and provides the requisite educational, managerial, financial and other consulting services necessary for the implementation of the Plan, which would not normally be available to the School from other sources;

WHEREAS, the School desires to form a school organized and conducted in accordance with the Newpoint Educational Model and Plan and utilizing the Program;

WHEREAS, the School does not currently possess all of the requisite knowledge, skills and experience to form and operate a charter school;

WHEREAS, the School desires the Company to provide such requisite management, educational, financial and other consulting services necessary to form and operate a Newpoint school all in accordance with the community school contract it will enter into with its Authorizer (the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the Company desires to provide the aforementioned services and other expertise referenced above with respect to the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of their mutual promises and covenants, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Statement of Mission and Purpose; Services and Deliverables.

a. <u>Mission and Purpose</u>. The parties acknowledge and agree that the following statement (herein referred to as the "Statement of Mission and Purpose") reflects the overall principles and philosophy upon which the School is being developed and that all services to be provided and all obligations of the parties hereunder are to be in accordance with these overriding principles:

i. The School has developed a philosophy of recognizing each student as an individual, each with unique interests, aspirations, and passions. The educational program and methods utilized must be meaningful and relevant, and may differ according to the situation of each individual student.

ii. The School has selected a project-based, technology infused, charter school as the model to implement this philosophy. The goal of the charter school is to provide a school program and educational opportunities for students that might not be best suited for larger, traditional schools and to maximize development and learning for students leading to a successful transition to high school. The characteristics of these students and their parents include, but are not necessarily limited to:

A. Students who, regardless of being high performing or low performing, have parents who want a different option that is not the traditional school environment.;

B. Parents who desire a more relevant learn-by-doing educational environment not generally available within traditional school environments;

C. Parents who desire a more challenging, individualized and hands-on program which cannot be obtained in a traditional school environment; and

D. Parents who desire a project-based, technology infused learning environment which cannot be obtained in a traditional school.

iii. The Educational Model must offer students the ability to be challenged, and it must support remediation efforts that might be applicable. Students should not be limited in development in one subject area due to performance limits in other subject areas.

iv. Objectives for academic progress for each school calendar period must be defined, and progress toward these objectives must be demonstrated and communicated to the student in each calendar period.

v. Students must accomplish progress towards grade promotion and toward all other School requirements in its Contract on an annual basis.

vi. Enrollment of each student must be reviewed, documented, and controlled to be able to justify that: (i) the student meets recommendations supporting admission to the School; and (ii) academic progress is being met according to the student's objectives.

vii. Recognizing that student learning is often related to a teacher's ability to assist the learning process, the School requires a teacher development program to define teacher qualifications and performance requirements, to regularly document and communicate perceived performance, and to implement a professional development program aimed at improving the effectiveness of each teacher's ability to help students' learning, in general.

viii. The School must demonstrate curriculum alignment with the Sponsor's standards applicable to the School and must identify any specific instances of non-compliance with the standards. Further, the School must define and implement a program that will lead to compliance in a reasonable time frame.

ix. In particular, the School should provide development of communication skills, writing and speaking, and should offer a mechanism for development of teamwork skills.

x. All requirements of local, state and federal laws relating to charter schools must be met, and all audits relating to the demonstration of these requirements must be successfully completed, given allowance for appropriate time for documentation, reporting, analysis, and rectification of any non-compliance and complaints.

b. In accordance with the foregoing, and subject to the other terms of this Agreement, the Company shall provide the School with the goods and services set forth on Schedule A hereto, subject to the approval of the School Board as indicated, and upon the fee and reimbursement basis set forth in such Schedule, the terms of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

c. In accordance with the foregoing, and subject to the other terms of this Agreement, the School shall be solely responsible for providing the goods and services, and making the payments, relating to the formation and operation of the School, set forth on Schedule A hereto, the terms of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

d. The Company shall perform such other services and provide such other goods as are from time to time requested by the School Board and mutually agreed upon.

2. <u>Term</u>. The initial term of this Agreement shall commence on the date of full execution of this Agreement, and shall continue for a term of five (5) academic years, unless terminated sooner pursuant to the terms herein. Thereafter, this Agreement will automatically renew for additional successive five (5) year terms unless one party notifies the other party at least six (6) months prior to the expiration of the then-current term of its intention not to renew this Agreement.

3. <u>Contract</u>. The School's board of trustees/directors (the "Board") shall govern the School and be responsible for its operation in accordance with the Contract. In order to assist the Board and the School in carrying out the terms of the Contract, the School hereby contracts with the Company to provide the School and the Board the Educational Model and the functions, equipment, supplies, facilities, services and labor relating to the provision of education, management and day-to-day operation of the School as set forth in Schedule A hereto, all in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract and in keeping with the Statement of Mission and Purpose. Except as otherwise specifically set forth herein, the Company will assume the financial risk associated with the day-to-day operation of the School to the extent set forth in Schedule A hereto. Subject to Section 4 below, the School will be responsible, at its sole cost and expense, for all remaining expenses of the School (the "School Expenses"), including those expenses and duties set forth on Schedule A hereto and allocated to the School.

4. <u>School Expense Accommodation by the Company</u>. During the time this Agreement is in effect, the Company shall pay, which payment shall be treated as an advance against future revenues by the Company to the School and which shall be evidenced by a loan, any properly incurred School Expense under the following terms and conditions: (a) a reasonable estimate of the expense is submitted to the Company by the School and is approved by the Company, in writing, prior to the expense being incurred; (b) the School has not received funding from any source for the operation of the School sufficient to pay the School Expense; and (c) such School Expenses advanced by the Company as set forth above, shall be payable by the School, in whole or in part, at such time as the School receives revenue to pay the same and carry a cash surplus in its accounts to cover reasonably anticipated operating expenses. Such advance shall be evidenced by a Promissory Note acceptable to the Company and the School. In no event shall any such promissory note provide for recourse against any member of the Board, the individual managers of the School or any other third party.

5. <u>General Responsibility of the Company</u>. The Company shall be responsible and accountable to the School Board for the administration, operation and performance of the School in accordance with the School's Contract, the Statement of Mission and Purpose and the laws of the State of Florida.

6. <u>Educational Program</u>. The Educational Model and program developed and provided by the Company to the School has been approved by the School and may be materially adapted and modified by the Company from time to time only upon obtaining prior written approval of the School Board. The School and the Company agree to work together to effectuate any necessary change in the educational program, recognizing that an essential principle of this educational program is its flexibility, adaptability and capacity to change in the interest of continuous improvement and efficiency, provided that any such changes shall be consistent with the Statement of Mission and Purpose.

7. <u>Subcontracts</u>. The Company reserves the right to subcontract any and all aspects of services it agrees to provide to the School, but may only do so upon the prior approval of the School Board. The Company shall be solely responsible for all costs, expenses and fees associated with such subcontractors.

8. <u>Rules and Procedures</u>. The Company shall propose and the School Board shall adopt reasonable rules, regulations and procedures applicable to the School and the Company shall be required by the School to enforce such rules, regulations and procedures at all times.

9. <u>Authority</u>. The Company shall have the authority and power necessary to undertake its responsibilities described in this Agreement, subject at all times to the direction of the School Board.

10. <u>Obligation of the School Board</u>. The School Board shall work with the Company to develop policies, rules, regulations, procedures and budgets which the Company shall implement and follow in providing the Educational Model.

11. <u>Fees</u>.

a. <u>Educational Model Development Fee</u>. The School shall reimburse the Company for any start-up expenses advanced by the Company in furtherance of this agreement. To the extent that the expenses are allowable under the terms of a grant or other targeted funding, the Company will be reimbursed for allowable expenditures as outlined by the terms of the grant.

b. <u>Continuing Fee</u>. The School shall also pay a monthly continuing fee to the Company of eighteen percent (18%) of the School's Qualified Gross Revenues, less the amount of any outstanding Default Costs and Expenses. "Qualified Gross Revenues" shall mean revenues and income received by the School from the following sources: Basic State Funding, FEFP Funding, Special Education Funding, Class Size Funding, Safety Funding, and income sources provided by state, federal and local law and/or obtained through the Company's efforts, which are not specifically excluded herein and/or which are not otherwise provided for below. Qualified Gross Revenue does not include student clubs income or PTA/PTO income, which shall be retained 100% by the School. Qualified Gross Revenue also does not include any state or federal funding that is meant to be a dollar for dollar reimbursement for expenditures made by the School/Company, such as Lunch Program Revenues, which funding shall be paid 100% to the party incurring such expenditures for expenditures previously made. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the School will pay the Company 100% of all contributions and grants not specifically referenced above received by the School as a result of the Company's efforts, which are to assist in the implementation of the educational program, model and/or the day-to-day operations of the School. For Company fees and expenses incurred pursuant to this Agreement, the School may advance such fees and expenses provided that documentation for the fees and expenses are provided to the School for ratification. All distributions by the School to the Company not contemplated by this Section 12 shall require the prior written approval of a designated member of the School Board.

## c. <u>Payment of Costs and Fees</u>.

(i) Except as otherwise explicitly provided in this Agreement, the costs allocated to the Company set forth on Schedule A and incurred in providing the Educational Model in consideration of the fee provided for above shall be borne by the Company, whether or not the fees to be paid to the company by the School in Section 12 (a) and (b) are sufficient to satisfy the same. The School shall make all such fee payments to the Company within ten (10) calendar days of the delivery by the Company to the School of an invoice therefore.

(ii) Except as otherwise explicitly provided in this Agreement, the School shall be liable for and shall reimburse the Company for, all payments to be made by the Company subject to reimbursement as set forth on Schedule A hereto. The School shall make all such reimbursement payments to the Company within ten/fifteen/twenty/thirty (10) calendar days of the delivery by the Company to the School of an invoice therefore. Late payments shall accrue interest at the lesser of the maximum allowed by law and 2% above the prime rate as published from time to time in the *Wall Street Journal*.

(iii) All amounts payable by the School hereunder shall, at the Company's option, shall be made via electronic funds transfer. The School shall cooperate with the Company to set up and establish necessary accounts and procedures.

d. <u>Survival of Obligations</u>. This Section 12 shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement until all payments earned prior to the date of such expiration or termination shall have been paid in full.

- 12. [Reserved]
- 13. [Reserved]

14. <u>Additional Programs</u>. The Company shall not be obligated to provide any goods or services under the Agreement that are not explicitly agreed to on Schedule A

hereto. The School Board and the Company may decide that the Company may provide additional programs which are not inconsistent with the Contract or state or federal law. Any revenues collected from such programs will go directly to the Company and Schedule A hereto may be modified as needed to reflect the allocation of responsibility for the costs thereof.

## 15. <u>Termination</u>

a. <u>Termination by the School</u>. The School may terminate this Agreement in the event (i) the Contract is not awarded, or (ii) the Company materially breaches this Agreement or the Contract and (A) the Company does not cure said material breach within 60 days of its receipt of written notice from the School, or (B) if the breach cannot be reasonably cured within 60 days, the Company does not promptly undertake and continue efforts to cure said material breach within a reasonable time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that a material breach shall be such that it creates an imminent danger to the life of students, parents or others, said breach must be cured immediately upon written notice from the School.

b. Termination by the Company. The Company may, at its option, terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of any of the following events: (i) excluding the first year of operation, if any academic year results in operating deficits, provided that any notice of termination delivered to the School after school opens for education of students for any school year shall not be effective until the next succeeding academic year; (ii) the School fails to pay any fees due to the Company within fourteen (14) days of receiving written notice that such fees are due; (iii) the School is in material default under any other condition, term or provisions of this Agreement or the Contract, and (A) the School does not cure said material breach within 30 days of its receipt of written notice from the Company, or (B) if the breach cannot be reasonably cured within 30 days, the School does not promptly undertake and continue efforts to cure said material breach within a reasonable time; (iv) any decrease in state or federal funding for the School's students provided that any notice of termination delivered to the School after school opens for education of students for any school year shall not be effective until the next succeeding academic year; or (v) any Company facility that is instrumental to the implementation of the Educational Model or the day-to-day operations of the school is damaged so that, in the Company's reasonable discretion, providing, maintenance or continuing of School operations would be unfeasible, uneconomical or impractical, provided that notice of termination is delivered by the Company to the School within sixty (60) days after the occurrence of the event(s) giving rise to such right of termination.

c. <u>Obligation to Continue Performance</u>. In the event that the School or the Company elects to terminate this Agreement for any of the aforementioned reasons, except for failure to pay, and the School continues to pay the Company the fees due the Company pursuant to Section 12, then the Company shall continue to perform its obligations hereunder, notwithstanding such notice of termination, until the end of the then current academic year. In the event that the School fails to continue to pay the fees

owed to the Company pursuant to Section 12, the Company may terminate the Agreement after the expiration of the 14-day period for notice and cure of non-payment.

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16. [<u>Reserved</u>]

## 17. <u>Duties Upon Termination</u>.

a. Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason whatsoever, the School shall (i) immediately pay to the Company and/or any of the Company's affiliates any monies owing to such person or entity, and (ii) promptly return to the Company any materials containing the Educational Model, the Company's methods of instruction or operation and, subject to paragraph (b) below, all Company real and personal property, the parties acknowledging that, subject to paragraph (b) below, all such material purchased by the Company in furtherance of this Agreement shall be property of the Company. The Company shall assist the School in any transition of management and operations, including, but not limited to, (i) the orderly transition of all student records and other School property, equipment and material (if any), (ii) sending notices to students as reasonably requested by the School, and (iii) at the School's option, delivering student records directly to the students. The This Section 17(a) shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement.

Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, the School shall have b. the right at its sole option, exercisable by written notice to the Company delivered within 30 days of the final date of termination, to (i) have all personal property leases relating to operation of the School assigned to and assumed by the School, to the extent permitted by the terms thereof and to the extent that such a right can be negotiated into any leases, and (ii) purchase all personal property owned by the Company and used exclusively or primarily in connection with the operation of the School. The purchase price for any such owned assets acquired under clause (ii) above shall be the "remaining costs basis" of such assets (as that term is defined below) at the time of purchase. This Section 17(b) shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, The "remaining cost basis" of such personal property shall be calculated based upon the straight line method of depreciation over the life of such property, as established by the following property classifications: computers and software, three (3) years; furniture, fixtures and textbooks, five (5) years; buildings or leasehold improvements, twenty (20) years. Depreciation will begin on the date that each item of personal property was acquired by the Company. In the event that School purchases the personal property it must purchase all of said personal property, except any proprietary materials, and must also exercise the school's option to assume the lease of the School Facility and vice versa.

c. All financial, educational and student records of the School are School property and such records are subject to the Freedom of Information Act. In addition, all School financial records shall be made available to the School's independent auditor.

18 <u>License</u>. As was delineated earlier, the Company developed and owns proprietary rights to the Newpoint Educational Model. The Company hereby grants the School a limited license to use the Educational in regards to its operation of the School. At such time as this Agreement is terminated or otherwise expires, the license granted herein shall automatically terminate and the School shall (a) immediately cease use of the educational Model or Plan, including any software associated therewith and (b) notify the sponsor of the Contract, the Department of Education and any other oversight entity of a change in any regulatory or educational component of the School and its operations. This Section 18 shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement.

19. <u>Relationship of the Parties</u>. The parties hereto acknowledge that their relationship is that of independent contractors. No employee of either party shall be deemed an employee of the other party. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to create a partnership or joint venture between the parties.

20. <u>No Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. This Agreement and the provisions hereof are for the exclusive benefit of the parties hereto and their affiliates and not for the benefit of any third person, nor shall this Agreement be deemed to confer or have conferred any rights, express or implied, upon any other third person.

21. <u>Notices</u>. Any notices to be provided hereunder shall be in writing and given by personal service, mailing the same by United States certified mail, return receipt requested, and postage prepaid, facsimile (provided a copy is sent by one of the other permitted methods of notice), or a nationally recognized overnight carrier, addressed as follows:

If to the Company, to: Newpoint Education Partners, LLC. 2461 North McMullen Booth Rd Building B Clearwater, FL 33759 Attention: Legal Dept.

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If to the School, to:

Facsimile:

With a copy to:

## Facsimile:

22. <u>Severability</u>. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision or clause hereof shall in no way effect the validity or enforceability of any other clause or provision hereof.

23. <u>Waiver and Delay</u>. No waiver or delay of any provision of this Agreement at any time will be deemed a waiver of any other provision of this Agreement at such time or will be deemed a waiver of such provision at any other time.

24. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida without regard to any jurisdiction's conflict of laws provisions.

25. <u>Assignment; Binding Agreement</u>. Neither party shall assign this Agreement without the written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

26. <u>Independent Activity</u>. All of the parties to this Agreement understand that Newpoint Education Partners LLC's business is to operate and manage community schools throughout the State. As such, the parties agree that Newpoint Education Partners LLC, and its affiliates, may operate other community schools in the State of Florida or anywhere else, whether the same may be considered competitive with the School or not.

27. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Company</u>. The Company hereby represents and warrants to the School as follows:

a. The Company is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the State of Florida and has the authority to carry on its business as now being conducted and the authority to execute, deliver, and perform this Agreement.

b. The Company has taken all actions necessary to authorize the execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement, and this Agreement is a valid and binding obligation of the Company enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except as may be limited by federal and state laws affecting the rights of creditors generally, and except as may be limited by legal or equitable remedies.

c. The Company has made, obtained, and performed all registrations, filings, approvals, authorizations, consents, licenses, or examinations required by any government or governmental authority, domestic or foreign, in order to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement.

d. The Company has the financial ability to perform all of its duties and obligations under this Agreement.

28. <u>Representations and Warranties of the School</u>. The School hereby represents and warrants to the Company as follows:

a. The School is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the State of Florida and has the authority to carry on its business as now being conducted and the authority to execute, deliver, and perform this Agreement.

b. The School has taken all actions necessary to authorize the execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement, and this Agreement is a valid and binding obligation of the School enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except as may be limited by federal and state laws affecting the rights of creditors generally, and except as may be limited by legal or equitable remedies.

c. The School has made, obtained, and performed all registrations, filings, approvals, authorizations, consents, licenses, or examinations required by any government or governmental authority, domestic or foreign, in order to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement.

d. The School has the financial ability to perform all of its duties and obligations under this Agreement.

## 29. Arbitration.

a. In the event of any dispute between the parties hereto, the parties shall settle said dispute through arbitration (unless otherwise required by any applicable insurance policy or contract). In the event arbitration is the applicable form of dispute resolution, each party shall appoint one arbitrator and then the two previously selected arbitrators shall agree upon a third. The arbitration shall take place utilizing the thencurrent rules of the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") and shall take place in the State of Florida, County of Sarasota.

b. The parties shall have the right of limited pre-hearing discovery, in accordance with the U.S. Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as then in effect, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days.

c. As soon as the discovery is concluded, but in any event within thirty (30) days thereafter, the arbitrators shall hold a hearing in accordance with the aforesaid AAA rules. Thereafter, the arbitrators shall promptly render a written decision, together with a written opinion setting forth in reasonable detail the grounds for such decision. Any award by the arbitrators in connection with such decision may also provide that the prevailing party shall recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and other costs incurred in the proceedings, in addition to any other relief which may be granted.

d. Judgment may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the award entered by the arbitrators.

30. <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement may not be modified or amended except by a writing signed by each party hereto against which any relevant term hereof is being enforced.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands by and through their duly authorized officers as of the date first above written.

SCHOOL: The Magnolia School for the Arts and Technology, Inc.

Its:\_\_\_\_\_

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COMPANY Newpoint Education Partners, LLC.

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **CHARTER SCHOOL**

**Your Financial Services** 

Handbook

By

**School Financial Services** 

## Introduction

This handbook is to serve as a guide for various financial processes from your perspective.

Current technology is utilized so that completion of the processes can be expedited. As technology changes, procedures will be enhanced to continually advance our level of service.

The mission of SFS is to provide quality business and financial services to your school. This mission shall be accomplished using sound managerial and stewardship principles in an environment that stresses teamwork and cooperation at all levels.

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## **Charter School Employee Responsibilities**

This section focuses primarily on activities involving charter school employees. There are also responsibilities of School Financial Services employees detailed in this section as well as they relate to the topics covered.

## Deposits

## Local Bank Account

- A local bank account has been or will be established to which all operating revenue, capital funding, and state and federal grants received by school will be deposited immediately upon receipt.
- Funds are deposited by the administrative assistant or designated school employee per Charter School Board policy. One employee will prepare the deposit slip and another will make the deposit, thus ensuring 2 employees are involved in cash receipts and deposits.
- Depending on the district, funds are deposited by the use of these methods:
  - Direct Deposit Money from the district is transferred to the school's bank account. The validated deposit slip is then mailed to the school. In this instance, no one at the school is involved in making a deposit.
  - Remote Deposit Money from the district is mailed or picked up by the school. After it is received by the administrative assistant or designated school employee approved by the Charter School Board, this employee will scan all checks or money orders into the remote deposit machine provided by the bank. Daily deposit limits are set by bank but can be overridden by bank if necessary. Original checks and money orders are kept in a locked, fireproofed cabinet for 90 days then destroyed by designated school employee such as administrative assistant per Charter School Board requirements.
  - Mailed or taken directly to bank Money from the district is mailed or picked up by the school. The administrative assistant or designated school employee approved by the Charter School Board stamps checks or money orders "for deposit only" with school stamp noting the schools account number, fills out a deposit slip, makes a copy for record purposes and then mails or takes money for deposit to the bank.

- After administrative assistant completes the deposit, they will fax or email a copy of the checks received, the validated deposit slips and backup documentation to the banking specialist at SFS. The SFS banking specialist is responsible for reconciling the bank account and is not an authorized check signer.
- All fundraising activities, parent groups, or school support groups which do not use the school's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) but have their own FEIN may establish a separate bank account for their use. The receipt and disbursement of these funds will not be accounted for by SFS or included in any financial reports prepared by SFS. Any group that uses the school's FEIN must be included in the school's General Ledger and Financial Statements.

## Purchasing

(If applicable)

## **Purchase Requests**

- To purchase goods and services, a Purchase Request (Appendix A) will require 2 or more people to approve. A Purchase Request will be initiated by the school employee or Charter School Board member making the request. The request will be approved by the site administrator or the designated Charter School Board member such as treasurer or similarly positioned member if one is delegated with this authority depending on Charter School Board policy. Typically RFP's over \$10,000 need to be approved by the Charter School Board but Charter School Board can adjust this limit as per their policy. Purchase request is emailed or faxed to SFS for processing. The Charter School Board sets the amounts that the site director may approve for purchase and the amounts the Charter School Board must approve.
- CSP purchases over \$750 will require approval of 2 or more employees or Board Members.
- The Purchase Request must be verified for transaction and budget authority. After the Purchase Request is processed, a Purchase Order (Appendix B) will be generated by SFS. Three copies of the Purchase Order will be generated. Two copies will be sent to the school, one copy to the originator of the Purchase Request and the receiving copy to the designated person to receive the goods. The third copy is the vendor copy used for order confirmation.

## Travel

## **Reimbursement Requests**

- Travel Reimbursement will be completed by submitting a Reimbursement of Travel Expense form (Appendix C). Only travel and related expenses approved by the site administrator or the delegated Charter School Board member will be reimbursed, according to Charter School Board policy.
  - 1. The mileage rate is set by Charter School Board.
  - 2. Meal reimbursement usually follows federal guidelines depending on Charter School Board policy.
  - 3. Lodging expenses are reimbursed fully unless Charter School Board policy states otherwise.
  - 4. Reimbursements for toll fees incurred are paid fully unless Charter School Board policy states otherwise.

## **Grant Travel (Effective During the Project Duration)**

• Travel Reimbursement for CSP reimbursed travel: mileage and per diem are set to match the published guidelines by the Florida Department of Education.

## **Prepaid Credit Card Purchases**

## Uses and Limits of the Prepaid Credit Card

• The site administrator or administrative assistant may be issued a prepaid credit card upon Charter School Board request. The Prepaid Credit Card is primarily for low cost or urgent / emergency purchases. A monthly limit is established by Charter School Board not to exceed \$2,500.

## **Reconciliation Requirements**

- Each purchase must be listed on the Prepaid Credit Card Log (Appendix D). On each Tuesday (providing the card has been used), this log and matching receipts will be sent by administrative assistant or card holder to SFS for reconciliation of purchases and restoration of the allotment if needed. The card will be restored to the account balance when it drops to or below 25% of the card limit. The designated ESP representative must approve expenses before any card is restored. It is recommended that the cardholder retain a copy of the log and receipts for their records.
- Each cardholder will receive a monthly printout of their individual Prepaid Credit Card Register. In the event a charge is incorrect, the cardholder can contact SFS to dispute the charge within 60 days of the transaction date.

### **Petty Cash Purchases**

#### Uses and Limits of the Petty Cash Fund

• The site administrator or administrative assistant may be issued a petty cash fund upon Charter School Board request. The Petty Cash Fund is primarily for low cost or urgent / emergency purchases. A monthly limit is established by Charter School Board not to exceed \$500.

#### **Reconciliation Requirements**

• Each purchase must be listed on the Petty Cash Log (Appendix E). When requesting the fund be replenished, this log and matching receipts will be sent by administrative assistant or administrator to SFS for reconciliation of purchases and restoration of the allotment. The fund will be restored to the account balance when it drops to or below 25% of the limit. The designated ESP representative must approve expenses before any fund is restored. It is recommended that the school retain a copy of the log and receipts for their records.

### **Mail Received**

#### **Incoming Mail**

• The site administrator or administrative assistant will be responsibility to receiving and distributing incoming mail as needed.

#### **Incoming Checks**

• Checks received by the school are given immediately to the designated school employee approved by the Charter School Board. Designated employee stamps checks or money orders "for deposit only" with school stamp noting the schools account number, fills out a deposit slip, makes a copy for record purposes and then mails or takes money for deposit to the bank.

## Invoice

#### **Payment Process**

- In order to process an invoice, the invoice must be approved by the site administrator via bill transmittal. After approval, the administrative assistant emails or faxes the bills to SFS. Due to auditing purposes, original invoices must be kept. If bills are emailed or faxed, originals can be mailed to SFS or housed at school depending on Charter School Board policy. Note on invoice or transmittal if previously submitted. The Accounts Payable Specialist then confirms the bill transmittal with invoice amount, verifying mathematical accuracy of the invoice and extensions. Accounts Payable Specialist must pay from an invoice rather than a statement or quote. This will help avoid duplicate payments or paying sales tax. Prior to payment, the bank register balance must be confirmed to have sufficient funds for invoice batch. The Accounts Payable Specialist, using Cougar Mountain Software, will process the checks. Once checks are printed, Accounts Payable Specialist will enter into bank register noting any special routing instructions.
- In order to meet the deadline of check processing, SFS must receive the bill transmittal no later than on Tuesday at noon of each week, unless it is urgent. The accounts payable specialist is required to generate a spreadsheet detailing invoices due before check processing begins on Thursday of each week. This is sent to and approved by designated ESP representative.
- Any Accounts Payable Specialist, who did not process the check batch, may review the batch. This includes checking that the amount has been approved and has supporting documentation, the check amount is correct, the remittance address has been verified, and initials check copy.

• SFS president will confirm the Accounts Payable Specialist's initials, spot checks for documentation at random, signs checks, and gives to mail clerk for distribution. The SFS president is not responsible for maintaining the general ledger. The mail clerk then checks for signature, makes copy of remittance to send with payment, and mails check by selected carrier, being UPS, Priority Mail, Express Mail, or regular mail.

#### Contracts

• The school will only enter into contracts supporting the mission of the school. All contracts will be written, signed and dated by the Board Designee, and approved by the Charter School Board.

### **Other Reimbursements and Payments**

#### **Reimbursement Requests**

• In most cases, school related purchases will be handled by a Purchase Request, Prepaid Credit Card, or Travel Reimbursement. However, if a faculty member incurs a school-related expense that could not have been purchased by normal procedures he / she can submit the receipt to the site administrator for approval and submission for reimbursement to SFS. This request will be in writing with the original receipts attached.

### Property

#### **Property Requirements**

- The State of Florida defines equipment as accountable property if the following criteria is met:
  - 1. It can last more than one year.
  - 2. It is nonexpendable; that is if damaged or worn out, it can be repaired without replaced.
  - 3. It does not lose its identity through fabrication or incorporation into a different or more complex unit.
  - 4. It exceeds \$750 per unit cost in value (see Grant Property below).
- When a school purchases equipment that meets the criteria above, SFS will send the site administrator a property number to attach to the property.

#### **Annual Inventory**

• An annual inventory, by each school, will be required of all property. SFS will send the site administrator an inventory list to verify the equipment's location.

#### **Disposal Requests**

- Property that has been assigned an inventory number and is listed on the annual inventory **cannot** be disposed of until approved. The site administrator will complete a Property Disposal Form (Appendix F) and send it to SFS.
- After SFS completes the request, approval and instructions for disposition will be sent back to the school.

## **Grant Property (Effective During the Project Duration)**

• Property purchased with CSP Grant funds will meet all requirements as above, with the exception of it exceeds \$500 per unit cost in value

## Budget

#### **Annual Budget Requests**

• SFS will prepare a proposed budget which combines input from the site administrator, Charter School Board, and ESP. Discretionary fund amounts will be budgeted by the site administrator and / or Charter School Board. SFS will send budget request information to the site administrator and / or Charter School Board for completion and will assist with projections and determining historical costs as needed.

#### **Budget Amendment Requests**

• The site administrator and / or Charter School Board may adjust and amended the school's discretionary budgeted funds as needed during the year. This will be done by submitting the request to SFS for approval and posting.

## Investments, Loans, & Contributions

#### Investments

• The school will invest only in money market funds or certificates of deposit.

#### Loans

• All funds borrowed will be approved by the Charter School Board.

### Contributions

- Donor Restricted
  - All funds accepted which are donor restricted shall be used only according to the terms of the donor
- Non-Restricted
  - All funds accepted which are non-restricted can be used for school operations or special projects as determined by the Principal and Charter School Board.

### Insurance

The School will, at its own expense, provide evidence of insurance consistent with the Sponsor's requirements for insurance and in accordance with the time frame for providing that insurance as stated in the charter. The School will only acquire insurance from an insurer (carrier) that is authorized by the Department of Insurance of the State of Florida, or an eligible surplus line insurer under Florida Statutes. The insurer will have an AM Best rating of "A-" or better and financial size category of "IV" or better according to the latest edition of Best's key rating guide published by AM Best Company.

Insurance coverage will be in procurer and maintain coverage consistent with the Sponsor's requirements for insurance and expected to be as follows.

1. Health

The school will provide health and other group insurances to employees in amounts competitive with other employers.

2. Worker's Compensation Insurance Part 1 as required in Florida Statute and Part II shall have the

following limits: \$500,000 each accident; \$500,000 Disease - each employee; and \$500,000 disease – policy limit.

3. Commercial General Liability Insurance One million per occurrence/3 million annual aggregate. The coverage for property damage may be subject to a maximum deductible of \$1,000 per occurrence.

4. Property Coverage

Property coverage insurance will be carried on all real and tangible property with a value greater than \$500.

5. School Leaders Errors and Omissions Insurance One million dollars per claim/annual aggregate, maximum \$25,000 deductible. Additionally, as needed, the school will establish the following coverages:

1. Fidelity Bonds The School will carry fidelity bonds (limits as per charter agreement) on all employees whose duties include receiving or disbursing cash.

2. Automobile Liability Insurance One million per occurrence/3 million annual aggregate including all owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles.

3. Builder's Risk Insurance Insurance equal to the actual replacement cost for construction work.

## SFS Employee Responsibilities

This section focuses primarily on activities involving employees of School Financial Services. These responsibilities are in additional to those of SFS Employees detailed above.

### **Company Overview**

The school will contract with School Financial Services of Bonifay, Florida to provide assistance in the design, development, planning, financing, staffing, maintenance, operations, and fiscal oversight of the school.

School Financial Services provides back office accounting services to over 50 charter schools in Florida. The firm limits its practice to charter schools, thereby providing access to knowledgeable professionals who are focused on charter schools. The school will be working directly with Gary Scott, President of School Financial Services, and Keith Spence, Chief Operating Officer.

School Financial Services is SSAE 16 certified. SFS has undergone an attestation engagement performed by an independent certified public accounting firm under the guidelines of Statement on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE) No. 16, Reporting on Controls at a Service Organization. The resulting report indicated a positive opinion of management's description of SFS's internal control system and suitability of the design and operational effectiveness of internal controls. This report provides two benefits to client schools of School Financial Services: (1) The school's independent auditor can reduce testing of transactions, thus reducing the cost of the school's audit, and (2) The school can have confidence in the services provided by School Financial Services.

### **Accounting System**

School Financial Services uses Cougar Mountain Fund Accounting software, which is specifically designed for not-for-profits. Cougar Mountain has integrated general ledger, accounts payable, payroll, and bank reconciliation functions. The comprehensive nature of this software coupled with the internal controls in place facilitates the recording of transactions by fund, function, and object. This allows for transactions to be recorded accurately and appropriately, including properly identifying purchases of property. Property records are maintained in accordance with state requirements. Source documents supporting transactions are preserved, facilitating the audit process. General ledgers and books of original entry are kept so as to allow the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and in compliance with Redbook.

Having appropriate financial statements will allow the preparation of projections of budget performance and cash balances through the fiscal year, thus allowing the school to adjust activity as necessary to maintain fiscal integrity.

The system as described has undergone numerous audits of dozens of schools by at least 7 different auditors in three states without any finding relating to the accounting system, demonstrating the effectiveness of the process of fiscal management.

In order to provide financial information that is comparable to that reported for other public schools, the school will maintain all financial records in an accounting system that is in accordance with the accounts and codes prescribed in the most recent issue of the publication titled, "Financial and Program Cost Accounting and Reporting for Florida Schools" (Redbook), pursuant to § 1002.33(9)(i)1 of the Charter School Law. Thus, the School's accounting will be consistent with accounting conducted for Florida school districts and will contain a uniform chart of accounts for budgeting and financial reporting. The uniform chart of accounts addresses topics that include governmental accounting standards, program cost accounting, and reporting.

The documents comprising the accounting records will be kept in accordance with the General Records Schedule for Local Government Agencies GS1-L, as authorized by 119 and 257, FS.

### **Financial Statements**

SFS, on behalf of the School, shall prepare monthly financial statements, which shall include a balance sheet and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance. The monthly financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with the function/object dimensions prescribed in the Florida DOE publication, Financial and Program Cost Accounting and Reporting for Florida Schools (the "Red Book").

The School shall also prepare and maintain all reports required to be filed with the Government of the United States and the State of Florida. Such reports shall include, but are not limited to, all payroll tax returns and any required filing relating to the School's non-profit status.

Detailed financial statements will be prepared on a monthly basis for analysis by the Charter School Board. These financial statements will be reviewed by the Charter School Board at monthly meetings and will be submitted to the Sponsoring District for monitoring/review.

The monthly financial statements will be in compliance with Rule 6A-1.0081, F.A.C and include:

- Balance Sheet
- Revenue and Expense Report
- Year-to-date comparison of budgeted vs. actual revenues and expenditures
- ✤ Notes to Accompany Financials, to include:
  - Actual enrollment at the time the statement is submitted
  - Projected enrollment for the current school year
  - Notes to the monthly financial statement to include other material information

### **Internal Controls**

Internal controls are based on sound practice, such as segregation of duties or compensating controls, use of pre-numbered forms, limited access to cash, and monthly reporting to the Charter School Board and Sponsoring District. The business process also emphasizes the seamless and convenient delivery of service so that school staff can easily comply with internal controls and are able to concentrate on the educational process.

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The internal control policy of the School shall be guided by the following broad principles:

- Responsibility will be clearly established.
- ✤ Adequate records will be maintained.
- Assets will be insured & inventoried and appropriate employees bonded.
- Adequate procedures for cash receipts, cash disbursements, and record keeping will be in place.
- The School will undergo regular and independent audits.

Specific internal controls include, but are not limited to:

- Only one primary operating bank account will be maintained by the school (others may be maintained for internal funds)
- The bank statement will be opened intact by the reconciler
- The bank statement will be reconciled by an employee who has access to neither the general ledger nor check-writing system
- ✤ Items outstanding for 180 days will be investigated

- All funds will be deposited to the bank account on a daily basis intact or whenever practical. At a minimum, no receipts will go longer than three days without being deposited
- All checks received will be immediately stamped "For Deposit Only"
- Printed, pre-numbered receipts will be issued for all cash received whenever possible
- All disbursements will be made by check (except for minor petty cash disbursements). Printed, pre-numbered checks will be used and voided checks will be maintained to complete the number sequence. (School personnel may be permitted use of a pre-paid debit card for emergency purchases or to facilitate local transactions where a card is required. This account is only resupplied after reconciliation of prior use with a complete and full accounting of expenditures supported by receipts)
- Checks require two signatures
- Checks will not be pre-signed under any circumstances
- Checks for expenses other than payroll will be issued only upon verification by the Principal of receipt of the good or services ordered in good condition and correct quantity. The School may authorize SFS to make disbursements for contracted services, leases, notes payable, ongoing commitments, etc., payables for goods/services that are confirmed as rendered/received by the School and within the limits of the approved budget
- Appropriate documentation will be maintained for disbursements (invoice, contract, etc). All invoices will be reviewed and initialed for approval before a check is issued
- Employees will be paid only upon verification of employment by Charter School Board action
- Appropriate legal forms (W-4, I-9, etc) must be completed prior to employees being paid
- Investment activity will comply with 112.661, FS
- Property will be tagged
- Property will be inventoried at least annually
- Discrepancies in the property inventory will be investigated and reconciled
- Financial statements (see below) will be reviewed by Charter School Board monthly, evidenced by action

- The budget will be approved by the Charter School Board prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, evidenced by action
- ✤ Budget amendments will be approved as necessary
- Financial reports will be submitted to the sponsor as required by Charter and Rule
- School financial records, including files for receipts, invoices, bank statements, and cancelled checks will be kept up-to-date and fully accessible at all times
- An annual audit will be conducted by an independent CPA (see below)
- Under no circumstances are school funds to be used for personal benefit or gain or administration or staff

Additionally, Bank Reconciliation and Bank Registers will be submitted to the Charter School Board along with the financial statements.

Providing further transparency, the Principal and Charter School Board will have access to the bank register and images of paid invoices and checks at any time through an on-line document storage facility.

### Annual Financial Audit

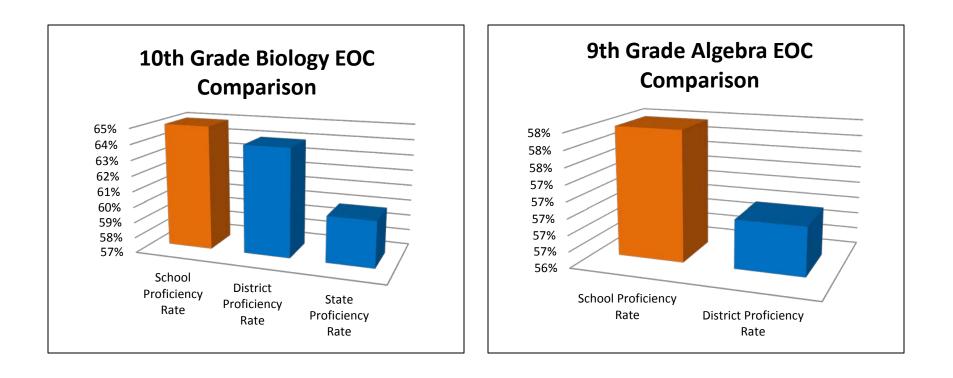
The School will adhere to the audit selection requirements per Florida Statutes and the Auditor General Requirements and ensure that the Audit Report checklist (§11.45(3)(a), Florida Statutes accompany the audit in a timely manner according to the dates agreed upon for audited and unaudited reports between the Sponsor and the Board in the Charter. The auditing firm shall be selected by request for proposal (RFP) process and only those firms experienced in audits of charter schools will be considered. The audit will be of assistance to the School's Governing Board in carrying out its responsibility to assure that its financial resources are properly managed.



## 2012-13 Academic Performance

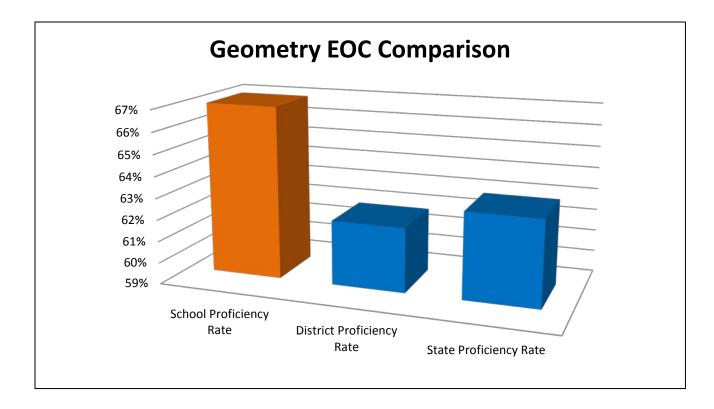


# **Newpoint Bay High School**



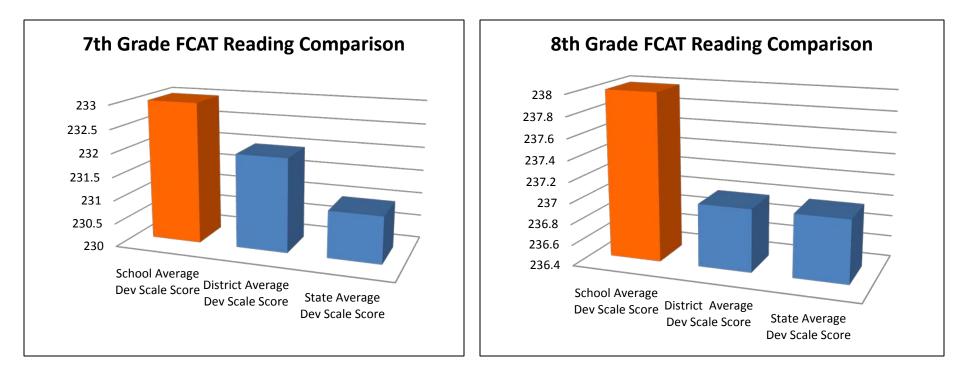


# Newpoint Bay High School





# Newpoint Bay Middle Academy





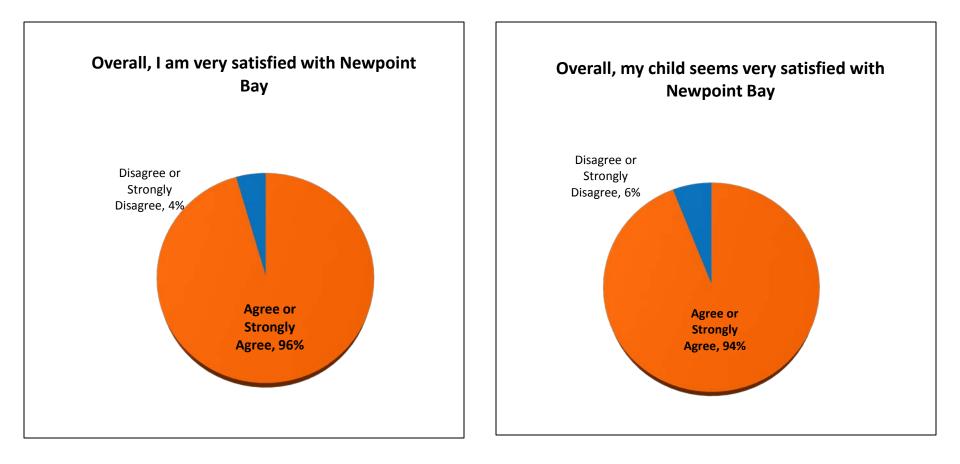
# Newpoint Bay Middle Academy

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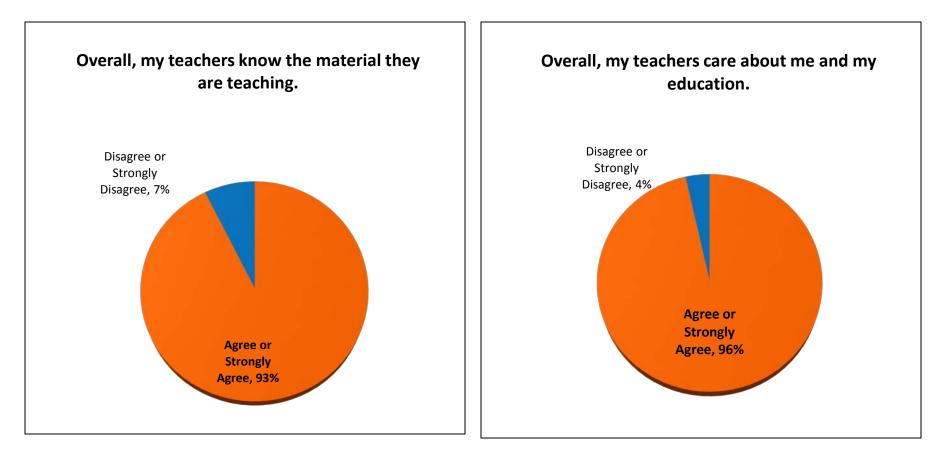


# Newpoint Bay Parent Satisfaction Surveys, Spring 2013



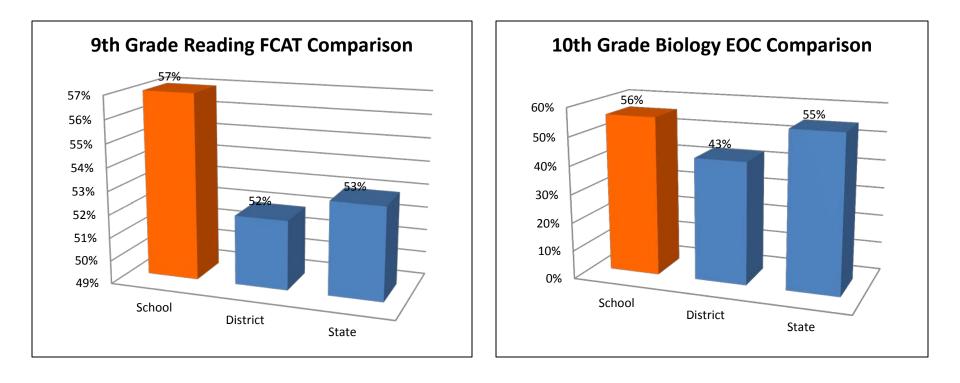


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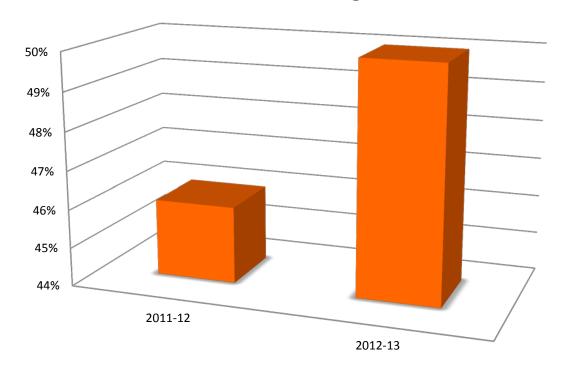
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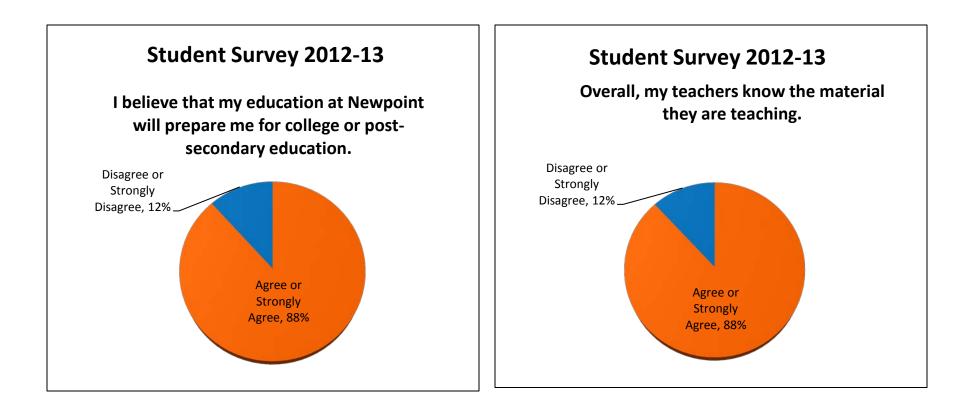
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Year-to-Year Growth Algebra EOC



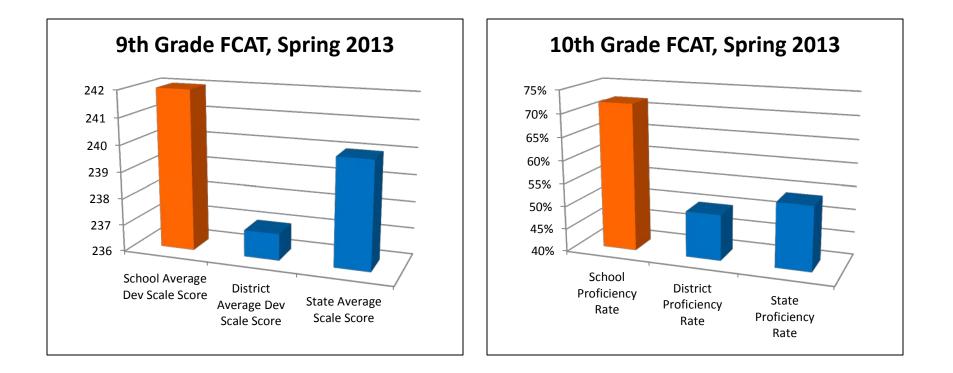


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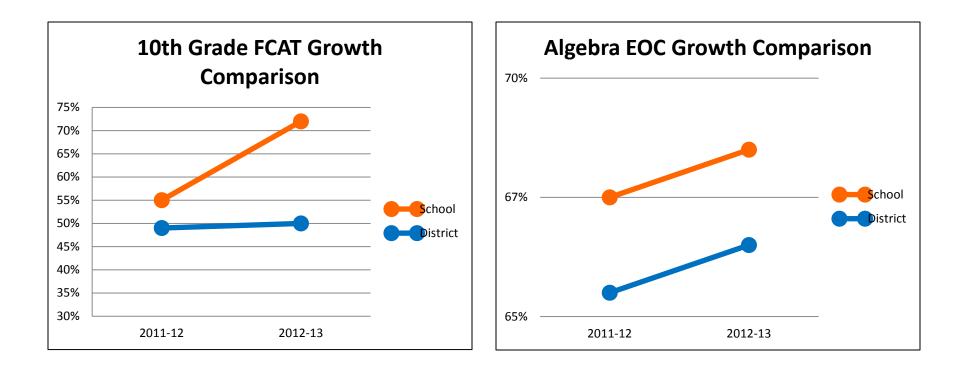


# Newpoint Pensacola High School



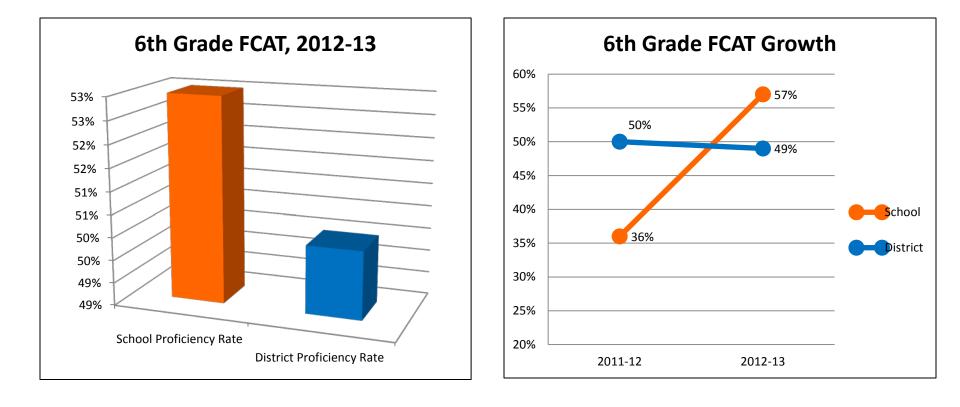


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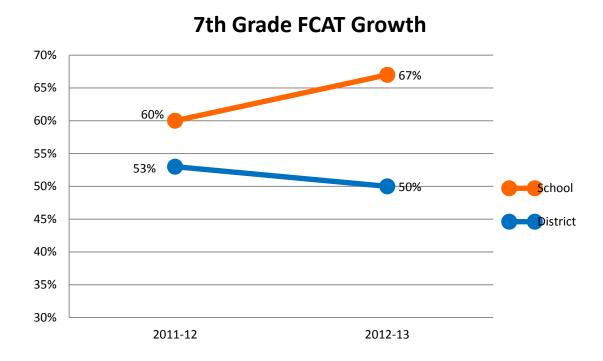


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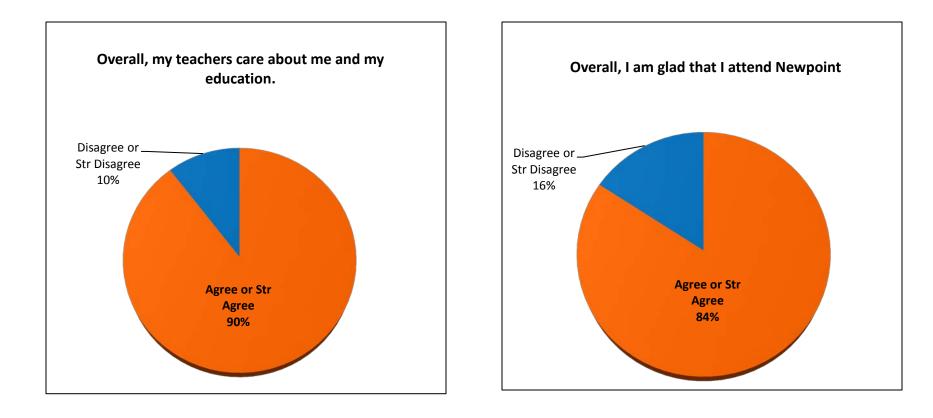


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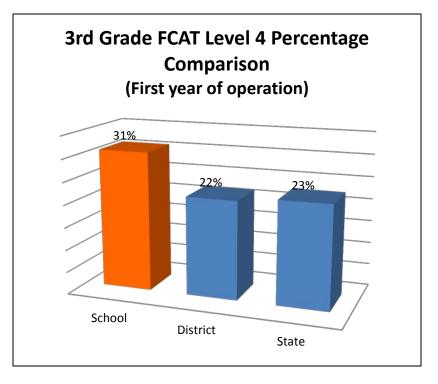


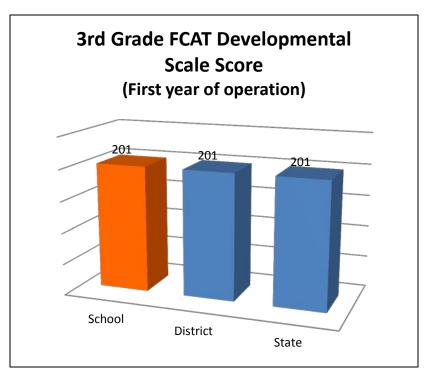
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# Windsor Preparatory Academy

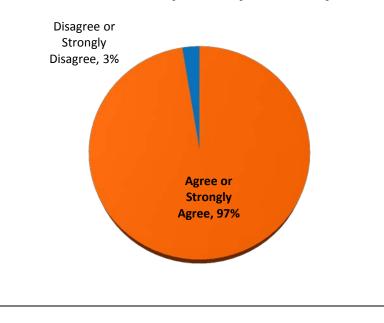




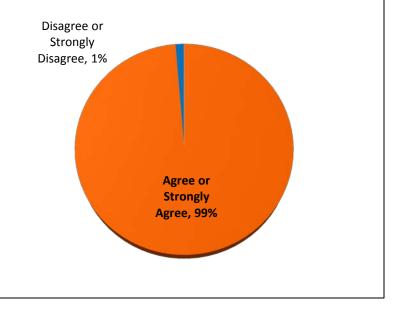


# Windsor Preparatory Academy Parent Satisfaction Surveys 2012-13

# Overall, I am very satisfied with Windsor Preparatory Academy

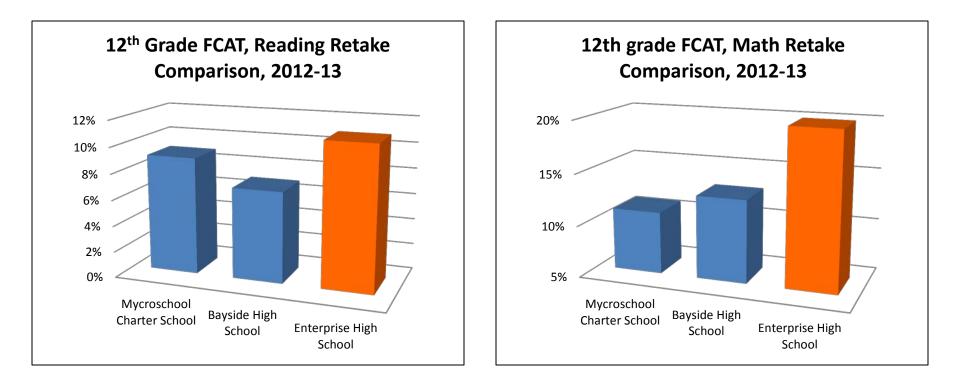


# I am satisfied with the frequency of communications from the school





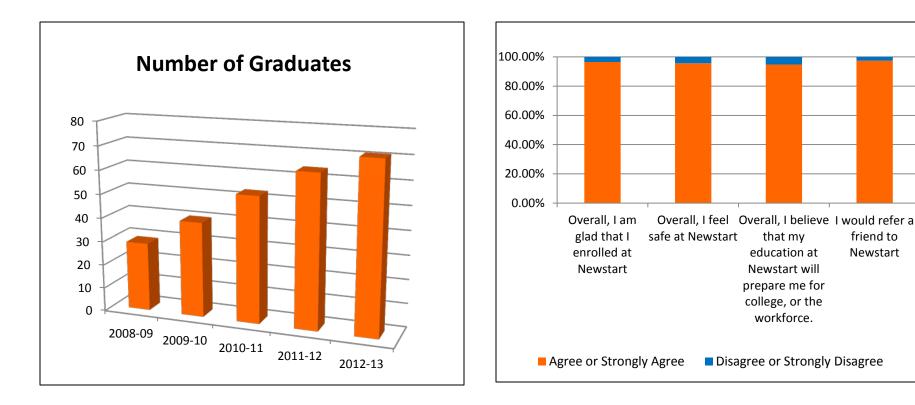
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Enterprise High School is an alternative charter high school that serves students who have dropped out or are at-risk of dropping out of high school



# **Enterprise High School Student Satisfaction Surveys 2012-13**

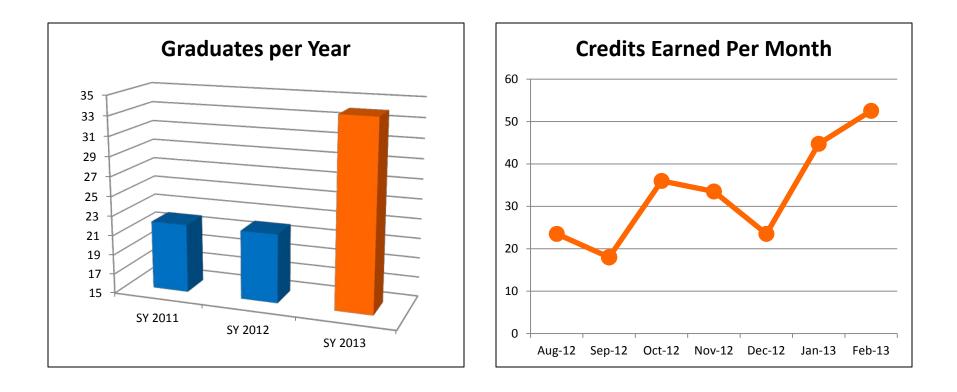


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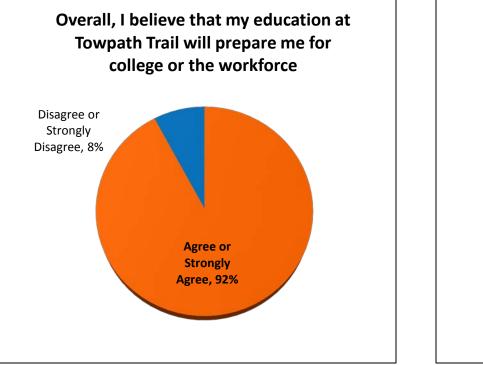


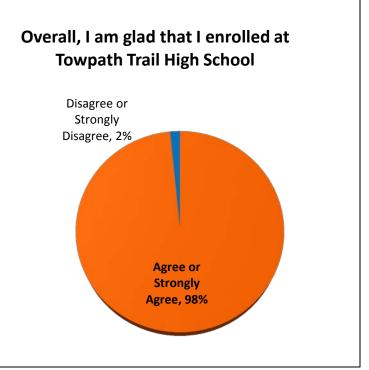
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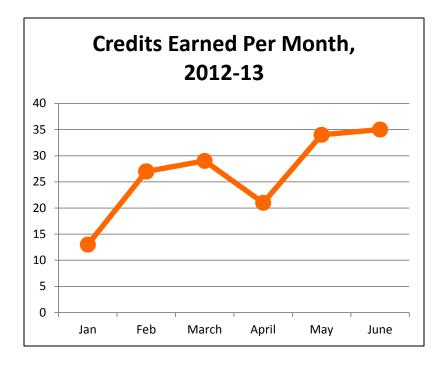
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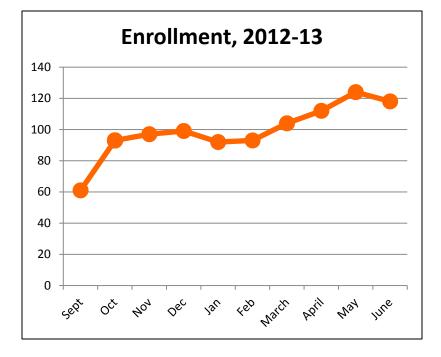






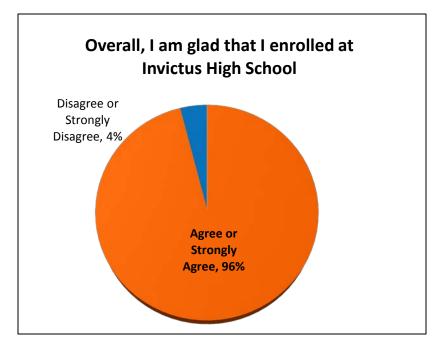
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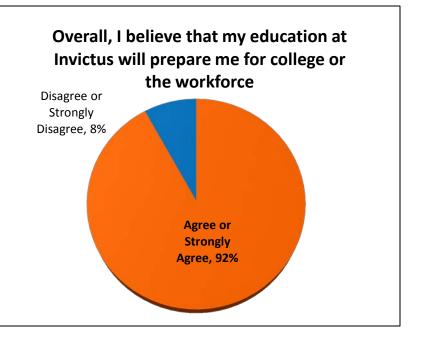






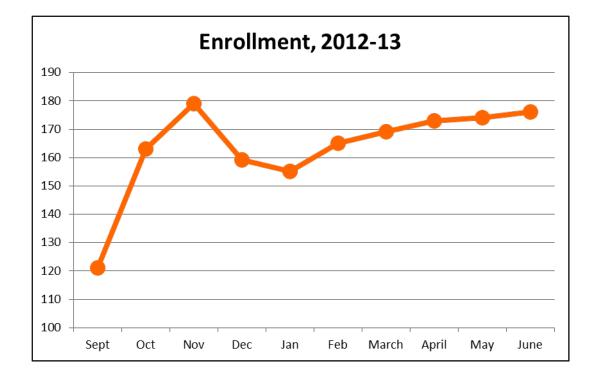
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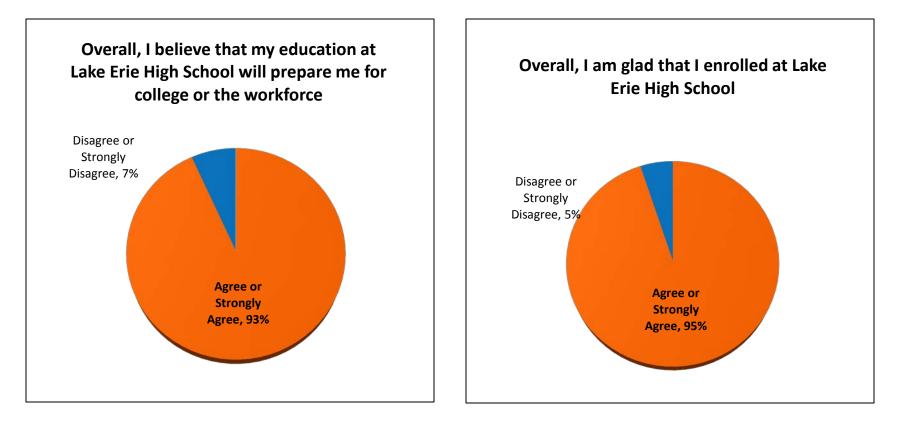


# Lake Erie International High School





# Lake Erie international High School Student Satisfaction Surveys 2012-13



# NEWPOINT BAY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

A Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Bay County, Florida

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section of the annual financial report of the Newpoint Bay Charter High School ("School") provides an overview of the School's activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

Because the information contained in the MD&A is intended to highlight significant transactions, events, and conditions, it should be considered in conjunction with the School's financial statements and notes to financial statements found on pages 8 through 23.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- ➢ For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, the School's expenses exceeded revenues as shown on the School's statement of activities by \$49,449.
- As shown on the statement of net assets, the School reported an unrestricted Net Asset balance of \$144,671.

# **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The basic financial statements consist of three components:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to financial statements

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the School's overall financial condition in a manner similar to those of a private-sector business. The statements include a statement of net assets and a statement of activities that are designed to provide consolidated financial information about the governmental and business-type activities of the School presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The statement of net assets provides information about the government's financial position, its assets and liabilities, using an economic resources measurement focus. The difference between the assets and liabilities, the net assets, is a measure of the financial health of the School. The statement of activities presents information about the change in the School's net assets and the results of operations, during the fiscal year. An increase or decrease in net assets is an indication of whether the School's financial health is improving or deteriorating. To assess the overall financial position of the School student base funding level.

# **Fund Financial Statements**

Fund financial statements are one of the components of the basic financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the School's financial activities, focusing on its most significant funds rather than fund types. This is in contrast to the entity-wide perspective contained in the governmentwide statements.

<u>Governmental Funds</u>. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the governmental funds utilize a spendable financial resources measurement focus rather than the economic resources measurement focus found in the government-wide financial statements. The financial resources measurement focus allows the governmental fund statements to provide information on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources as well as balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year.

The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that may be used to evaluate the School's near-term financing requirements. This short-term view is useful when compared to the long-term view presented as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. To facilitate this comparison, both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation of governmental fund to governmental activities.

The governmental funds balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide detailed information about the School's most significant funds. The School operates one fund, a General Fund to account for its general operations and internal account activities. For reporting purposes the General Fund is the only major fund of the School.

The School adopts an annual budget for its governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule, as required, has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

### Notes to Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The following is a summary of the School's net assets as of the fiscal years ended June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2012:

	Net Assets, End of Year					
	Governmental Activities					
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ASSETS						
Current and Other Assets	\$	150,156	\$	166,061	\$	15,905
Capital Assets, Net		222,823		173,274		(49,549)
Total Assets	\$	372,979	\$	339,335	\$	(33,644)
LIABILITIES						
Current Liabilities	\$	5,585	\$	21,390	\$	15,805
Total Liabilities		5,585		21,390		15,805
NET ASSETS						
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of						
Related Debt		222,823		173,274		(49,549)
Unrestricted		144,571		144,671		100
Total Net Assets		367,394		317,945		(49,449)
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	372,979	\$	339,335	\$	(33,644)

The School's assets consist of cash & cash equivalents, accounts receivable, deposits, and capital assets. Liabilities consist of outstanding accounts payable to vendors. The School reported an unrestricted net asset balance of \$144,671.

The key elements of the changes in the School's net assets for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2012, are as follows:

	Governmental Activities				
	6-30-11	6-30-12	Increase (Decrease)		
Revenues:					
Federal sources	\$ 33,163	\$-	\$ (33,163)		
State and Local sources	1,055,548	815,144	(240,404)		
Grants, Contributions and Other	21,907	47,324	25,417		
Total Revenues	1,110,618	862,468	(248,150)		
Expenses:					
Instruction	338,273	345,978	7,705		
Pupil Personnel Services	39,712	42,077	2,365		
Instruction & Curriculum Development	-	-	-		
Instructional Staff Training	3,100	125	(2,975)		
Instructional Related Technology	-	4,809	4,809		
Board of Education	157,468	49,195	(108,273)		
School Administration	197,019	147,167	(49,852)		
Facilities Acq. & Construction	210,000	135,000	(75,000)		
Fiscal Services	16,422	11,002	(5,420)		
Food Services	11,658	26,443	14,785		
Pupil Transportation	34,412	33,767	(645)		
Operation of Plant	67,638	54,247	(13,391)		
Maintenance of Plant	3,274	5,363	2,089		
Community Service	5,533	803	(4,730)		
Debt Service - Interest	1,948	6,392	4,444		
Unallocated Depreciation	49,472	49,549	77		
Total Expenses	1,135,929	911,917	(224,012)		
Increase in Net Assets	\$ (25,311)	\$ (49,449)	\$ (24,138)		

#### **Operating Results for the Year**

The largest revenue source for the School is the State of Florida (93%). Revenues from State sources for current operations are primarily received through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funding formula. The FEFP formula utilizes student enrollment data to determine the funds available for the School.

The largest concentrations of expenses were for instructional expenses (38%), facilities acquisition and construction (15%), and school administration (16%) during the year.

# FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL'S FUNDS

#### **Governmental Funds**

As the School completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$144,671.

#### **BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The general fund budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, was developed based on the School's anticipated revenues and expenditures and the expected student population for the school year. Actual expenditures were equal to the final budgeted expenditures. Refer to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund for additional reference.

#### CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

The School's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2012, amounts to \$173,274 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes furniture, fixtures, and equipment. Additional information regarding the School's capital assets is located in Note 3 to the financial statements.

#### **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Newpoint Bay Charter High School's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to School Financial Services, Inc., Post Office Box 250, Bonifay, Florida 34425.

# NEWPOINT BAY ACADEMY

A Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Bay County, Florida

### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section of the annual financial report of the Newpoint Bay Academy ("School") provides an overview of the School's activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

Because the information contained in the MD&A is intended to highlight significant transactions, events, and conditions, it should be considered in conjunction with the School's financial statements and notes to financial statements found on pages 8 through 23.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- ➢ For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, the School's expenses exceeded revenues as shown on the School's statement of activities by \$10,473.
- As shown on the statement of net assets, the School reported a total net asset balance of \$170,927.

# **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The basic financial statements consist of three components:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to financial statements

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the School's overall financial condition in a manner similar to those of a private-sector business. The statements include a statement of net assets and a statement of activities that are designed to provide consolidated financial information about the governmental and business-type activities of the School presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The statement of net assets provides information about the government's financial position, its assets and liabilities, using an economic resources measurement focus. The difference between the assets and liabilities, the net assets, is a measure of the financial health of the School. The statement of activities presents information about the change in the School's net assets and the results of operations, during the fiscal year. An increase or decrease in net assets is an indication of whether the School's financial health is improving or deteriorating. To assess the overall financial position of the School, one needs to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the School student base funding level.

# **Fund Financial Statements**

Fund financial statements are one of the components of the basic financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the School's financial activities, focusing on its most significant funds rather than fund types. This is in contrast to the entity-wide perspective contained in the governmentwide statements.

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The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that may be used to evaluate the School's near-term financing requirements. This short-term view is useful when compared to the long-term view presented as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. To facilitate this comparison, both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation of governmental fund to governmental activities.

The governmental funds balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide detailed information about the School's most significant funds. The School reports activity in the General Fund which is reported as a major fund.

The School adopts an annual budget for its governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule, as required, has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

### Notes to Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

#### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The following is a summary of the School's net assets as of June 30, 2011, and June 30, 2012:

	Net Assets					
	Governmental Activities					
ASSETS	6-30-11		6-30-12		Increase (Decrease	
Current and Other Assets Capital Assets, Net	\$	77,917 224,550	\$	92,454 170,727	\$	14,537 (53,823)
Total Assets	\$	302,467	\$	263,181	\$	(39,286)
LIABILITIES						
Current Liabilities Notes Payable	\$	77,817 43,250	\$	92,254 -	\$	14,437 (43,250)
Total Liabilities		121,067		92,254		(28,813)
<b>NET ASSETS</b> Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt Unrestricted		181,300 100		170,727 200		(10,573) 100
Total Net Assets		181,400		170,927		(10,473)
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	302,467	\$	263,181	\$	(39,286)

The largest portions of the School's assets are cash (21%) and capital assets (65%). Liabilities primarily consist of outstanding accounts payable to vendors. The School reported a total net asset balance of \$170,927.

The key elements of the changes in the School's net assets for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2011, and June 30, 2012 are as follows:

	Governmental Activities				
	6-30-11	6-30-12	Increase (Decrease)		
Revenues:					
Federal sources	\$ 221,479	\$-	\$ (221,479)		
State and Local sources	1,250,553	<sup>0</sup> 1,146,919	(103,634)		
Grants, Contributions and Other	202,667	332,789	130,122		
Total Revenues	1,674,699	1,479,708	(194,991)		
Expenses:					
Instruction	600,238	586,003	(14,235)		
Pupil Personnel Services	41,752	49,117	7,365		
Instruction Related Technology	1,350	2,971	1,621		
Instructional Staff Training	-	325	325		
Board	263,799	253,123	(10,676)		
School Administration	184,513	176,478	(8,035)		
Facilities Acq. & Construction	184,543	145,152	(39,391)		
Fiscal Services	36,734	30,979	(5,755)		
Food Services	-	1,681	1,681		
Pupil Transportation	50,039	86,919	36,880		
Operation of Plant	102,412	96,099	(6,313)		
Maintenance of Plant	9,499	6,616	(2,883)		
Community Service	9,080	257	(8,823)		
Debt Service - Interest	2,642	638	(2,004)		
Unallocated Depreciation	47,723	53,823	6,100		
Total Expenses	1,534,324	1,490,181	(44,143)		
Increase in Net Assets	\$ 140,375	\$ (10,473)	\$ (150,848)		

#### **Operating Results**

The largest revenue source for the School is the State of Florida (66%). Revenues from State sources for current operations are primarily received through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funding formula. The FEFP formula utilizes student enrollment data to determine the funds available for the School.

The largest concentrations of expenses were for instructional expenses (39%), board expenses (17%), school administration (12%) and facilities acquisition and construction (10%) during the year. The facilities acquisition and construction function was expended on the facility lease for the educational building used for school purposes.

# FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL'S FUNDS

#### **Governmental Funds**

As the School completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$200.

#### **BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The general fund budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, was developed based on the School's anticipated revenues and expenditures and the expected student population for the school year. Actual expenditures were equal to the final budgeted expenditures. Refer to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund for additional reference.

#### CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

The School's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2012, amounts to \$170,727 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes furniture, fixtures, and equipment and leasehold improvements. Additional information regarding the School's capital assets is located in Note 3 to the financial statements.

#### **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Newpoint Bay Academy's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to School Financial Services, Inc., Post Office Box 250, Bonifay, Florida 34425.

# **NEWPOINT HIGH OF TAMPA**

A Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section of the annual financial report of the Newpoint High of Tampa ("School") provides an overview of the School's activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

Because the information contained in the MD&A is intended to highlight significant transactions, events, and conditions, it should be considered in conjunction with the School's financial statements and notes to financial statements found on pages 8 through 23.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- ➢ For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, the School's expenses exceeded revenues as shown on the School's statement of activities by \$29,542.
- As shown on the statement of net assets, the School reported an unrestricted Net Asset balance of \$81,253.

# **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The basic financial statements consist of three components:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to financial statements

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

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# **Fund Financial Statements**

Fund financial statements are one of the components of the basic financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the School's financial activities, focusing on its most significant funds rather than fund types. This is in contrast to the entity-wide perspective contained in the governmentwide statements.

<u>Governmental Funds</u>. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the governmental funds utilize a spendable financial resources measurement focus rather than the economic resources measurement focus found in the government-wide financial statements. The financial resources measurement focus allows the governmental fund statements to provide information on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources as well as balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year.

The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that may be used to evaluate the School's near-term financing requirements. This short-term view is useful when compared to the long-term view presented as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. To facilitate this comparison, both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation of governmental fund to governmental activities.

The governmental funds balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide detailed information about the School's most significant funds. The School operates two funds: a General Fund and a Capital Projects Fund. The School has elected to show each fund as a major fund.

The School adopts an annual budget for its governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule, as required, has been provided for the General Fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

### Notes to Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

#### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The following is a summary of the School's net assets as of the fiscal years ended June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2012:

	Net Assets, End of Year					
		Go	overni	mental Activit	ies	
		6-30-11		6-30-12	Increase (Decrease)	
ASSETS						· · · ·
Current and Other Assets Capital Assets, net	\$	115,435 160,293	\$	89,044 130,651	\$	(26,391) (29,642)
Total Assets		275,728		219,695		(56,033)
LIABILITIES						
Current Liabilities		34,282		7,791		(26,491)
Total Liabilities		34,282		7,791		(26,491)
<b>NET ASSETS</b> Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt Unrestricted		160,293 81,153		130,651 81,253		(29,642) 100
Total Net Assets		241,446		211,904		(29,542)
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	275,728	\$	219,695	\$	(56,033)

The assets of the School primarily consist of capital assets (59 percent). Liabilities consist of accounts payable for normal operations. Total net assets amounted to \$211,904 which included an Unrestricted Net Asset balance of \$81,253.

The key elements of the changes in the School's net assets for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2012, are as follows:

	Governmental Activities					
	6-30-11		6-30-12			ncrease Decrease)
Revenues:						
Federal Sources	\$	117,889	\$	619	\$	(117,270)
State and Local Sources		1,194,768		1,299,188		104,420
Contributions and Other		11,046		107,909		96,863
Total Revenues		1,323,703 1,407,716		1,407,716		84,013
Expenses:						
Instruction		431,825		514,193		82,368
Pupil Personnel Services		43,987		42,561		(1,426)
Instruction Curriculum Development		763 1,174		1,174		411
Instructional Staff Training		- 200		-		(200)
Instructional Related Technology		1,350		7,559		6,209
Board of Education		12,780		11,532		(1,248)
General Administration		263,808		261,160		(2,648)
School Administration		202,230		177,470		(24,760)
Facilities Acq. & Construction		210,000		283,670		73,670
Fiscal Services		33,696		31,158		(2,538)
Food Services		2,878		1,354		(1,524)
Pupil Transportation		32,069		16,800		(15,269)
Operation of Plant		41,291		52,563		11,272
Maintenance of Plant		678		4,470		3,792
Community Service		1,611		1,952		341
Unallocated Depreciation		27,607		29,642		2,035
Total Expenses		1,306,773		1,437,258		130,485
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	\$	16,930	\$	(29,542)	\$	(46,472)

#### **Operating Results for the Year**

The largest revenue source for the School is the State of Florida (92 percent). Revenues from State sources for current operations are primarily received through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funding formula. The FEFP formula utilizes student enrollment data to determine the funds available for the School.

The largest concentrations of expenses were for instruction (36 percent), general administration expenses (18 percent), school administration expenses (12 percent), and facility costs (20 percent) during the year.

# FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL'S FUNDS

#### **Governmental Funds**

As the School completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$81,253.

#### **BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The General Fund budget budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, were developed based on the School's anticipated revenues and expenditures and the expected student population for the school year. Over the course of the year, the school revised its General Fund budget. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, the actual expenditures were equal to the final budget. Refer to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund for additional reference.

#### CAPITAL ASSETS

The School's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2012, amounts to \$130,651 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes furniture, fixtures, and equipment. Additional information regarding the School's capital assets is located in Note 2 to the financial statements.

#### **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

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# NEWSTART HIGH SCHOOL

A Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Pinellas County, Florida

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section of the annual financial report of the NewStart High School ("School") provides an overview of the School's activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

Because the information contained in the MD&A is intended to highlight significant transactions, events, and conditions, it should be considered in conjunction with the School's financial statements and notes to financial statements found on pages 8 through 20.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, the School's revenues exceeded expenses as shown on the School's statement of activities by \$81,041.
- As shown on the statement of net assets, the School reported an unrestricted Net Asset balance of \$116,092.

### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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The governmental funds balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide detailed information about the School's most significant funds. The School operates the following funds; a General Fund to account for its general operations and internal account activities.

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### Notes to Financial Statements

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### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The following is a summary of the School's net assets as of June 30, 2011, and June 30, 2012:

	Net Assets, End of Year					
		Gov	vernr	nental Activi	ities	
	(	6-30-11	(	6-30-12	Increase (Decrease)	
ASSETS						
Current and Other Assets	\$	394,325	\$	129,094	\$	(265,231)
Total Assets		394,325		129,094		(265,231)
LIABILITIES						
Current Liabilities		359,274		13,002		(346,272)
Total Liabilities		359,274		13,002		(346,272)
NET ASSETS						
Unrestricted		35,051		116,092		81,041
Total Net Assets		35,051		116,092		81,041
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	394,325	\$	129,094	\$	(265,231)

The assets of the School primarily consist of cash and accounts receivable. Liabilities consist primarily of accounts payable. Total net assets amounted to \$116,092 which included an Unrestricted Net Asset balance of \$116,092.

The key elements of the changes in the School's net assets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, and June 30, 2012, are as follows:

	Go	Governmental Activities				
	6-30-11	6-30-12	Increase (Decrease)			
Revenues:						
Federal Sources	\$ 41,321	\$ 4,382	\$ (36,939)			
State and Local Sources	1,704,951	1,850,989	146,038			
Contributions and Other	411,177	1,835	(409,342)			
Total Revenues	2,157,449	1,857,206	(300,243)			
Expenses:						
Instruction	696,689	593,002	(103,687)			
Pupil Personnel Services	115,391	-	(115,391)			
Instr. & Curriculum Development	-	7,449	7,449			
Instructional Staff Training	11,490	-	(11,490)			
Instructional Related Technology	134,393	29,837	(104,556)			
Board of Education	43,626	393,903	350,277			
General Administration	160,028	-	(160,028)			
School Administration	312,524	304,882	(7,642)			
Facilities Acq. & Construction	432,638	211,286	(221,352)			
Fiscal Services	-	44,476	44,476			
Food Services	1,128	-	(1,128)			
Pupil Transportation	75,545	80,840	5,295			
Operation of Plant	156,768	104,274	(52,494)			
Maintenance of Plant	16,540	6,216	(10,324)			
Total Expenses	2,156,760	1,776,165	(380,595)			
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	\$ 689	\$ 81,041	\$ 80,352			

#### **Operating Results for the Year**

The largest revenue source for the School is the State of Florida (93 percent). Revenues from State sources for current operations are primarily received through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funding formula and Charter School Capital Outlay funds. The FEFP formula utilizes student enrollment data to determine the funds available for the School.

The largest concentration of expenses was for Instruction (33%) and Board of Education (22%). The expense categories experienced increases and decreases between fiscal years due to a change in management companies for fiscal year 2012.

# FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL'S FUNDS

#### **Governmental Funds**

As the School completed the year, its governmental funds reported an unrestricted fund balance of \$116,092.

#### **BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The general fund budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, was developed based on the School's anticipated revenues and expenditures and the expected student population for the school year. Over the course of the year, the school revised its general fund budget several times. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, the actual expenditures were equal to the final budget. Refer to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule on page 22 for additional information.

#### **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the NewStart High School's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to School Financial Services, Inc., Post Office Box 250, Bonifay, Florida 34425.

# NEWPOINT PENSACOLA HIGH SCHOOL A Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Escambia County, Florida

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

(Unaudited)

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section of the annual financial report of the Newpoint Pensacola High School ("School") provides an overview of the School's activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

Because the information contained in the MD&A is intended to highlight significant transactions, events, and conditions, it should be considered in conjunction with the School's financial statements and notes to financial statements found on pages 8 through 23.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, the School's revenues exceeded expenses as shown on the School's statement of activities by \$119,331.
- As shown on the statement of net assets, the School reported an unrestricted Net Asset balance of \$100.

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The basic financial statements consist of three components:

- ✓ Government-wide financial statements
- $\checkmark$  Fund financial statements
- $\checkmark$  Notes to financial statements

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the School's overall financial condition in a manner similar to those of a private-sector business. The statements include a statement of net assets and a statement of activities that are designed to provide consolidated financial information about the governmental activities of the School presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The statement of net assets provides information about the government's financial position, its assets and liabilities, using an economic resources measurement focus. The difference between the assets and liabilities, the net assets, is a measure of the financial health of the School. The statement of activities presents information about the change in the School's net assets and the results of operations, during the fiscal year. An increase or decrease in net assets is an indication of whether the School's financial health is improving or deteriorating. To assess the overall financial position of the School, one needs to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the School student base funding level.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

Fund financial statements are one of the components of the basic financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the School's financial activities, focusing on its most significant funds rather than fund types. This is in contrast to the entity-wide perspective contained in the governmentwide statements.

<u>Governmental Funds</u>. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the governmental funds utilize a spendable financial resources measurement focus rather than the economic resources measurement focus found in the government-wide financial statements. The financial resources measurement focus allows the governmental fund statements to provide information on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources as well as balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year.

The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that may be used to evaluate the School's near-term financing requirements. This short-term view is useful when compared to the long-term view presented as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. To facilitate this comparison, both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation of governmental fund to governmental activities.

The governmental funds balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide detailed information about the School's most significant funds. The School operates the following funds; a General Fund to account for its general operations and internal account activities, and a Special Revenue Fund to account for Federal grant programs. Each of these funds are major funds.

The School adopts an annual budget for its governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule, as required, has been provided for the General Fund and Major Special Revenue Fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

#### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The following is a summary of the School's net assets as of June 30, 2012:

	Net Assets, End of Year		
	Governmental Activiti	es	
	6-30-12		
ASSETS			
Current and Other Assets Capital Assets, net	\$ 65,466 119,231	_	
Total Assets	184,697	_	
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities	65,366	_	
Total Liabilities	65,366	_	
NET ASSETS			
Invested in Capital Assets	119,231		
Unrestricted	100	_	
Total Net Assets	119,331	_	
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 184,697		

Since this was the first year of operation, there were no prior year amounts for comparison. The assets of the School consist of cash, prepaid expenses and deposits and amounts due from other agencies for reimbursement of grant expenditures. Liabilities consist of accounts payable for current operations. Total net assets amounted to \$119,331 which included an Unrestricted Net Asset balance of \$100.

The key elements of the changes in the School's net assets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 are as follows:

	-	ng Results for he Year
	Governr	nental Activities
		6-30-12
<b>Revenues:</b> Federal sources State and Local sources Contributions and Other	\$	253,604 406,733 75,086
Total Revenues		735,423
Expenses: Instruction Pupil Personnel Services Instructional Staff Training Instructional Related Technology Board of Education School Administration Fiscal Services Food Services Operation of Plant Maintenance of Plant Community Service Unallocated Depreciation Total Expenses		298,086 5,963 4,778 24,703 99,263 102,256 10,968 4,158 33,847 8,681 100 23,289 616,092
Increase in Net Assets	\$	119,331

The largest revenue source for the School is from the State of Florida (51 percent). Revenues from State sources for current operations are primarily received through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funding formula. The FEFP formula utilizes student enrollment data to determine the funds available for the School.

The largest concentration of expenses was for Instruction which represents 48% of total expenditures.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL'S FUNDS

#### **Governmental Funds**

As the School completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$100.

#### **BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The general fund budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, was developed based on the School's anticipated revenues and expenditures and the expected student population for the school year. Over the course of the year, the school revised its general fund budget. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, the actual expenditures were equal to the final budget.

The current phase of the Planning and Implementation grant had an original budget period enddate of July 31, 2012. Therefore, all of the grant revenues and expenditures were budgeted in the 2011-12 fiscal year. The grant period date that all obligations are to be liquidated and final disbursement report are to be submitted is September 20, 2012. These timing differences explain the actual to budget variance in the "Special Revenue Fund" columns in the "Budgetary Comparison Schedule" on page 24. The variances will be re-budgeted in the 2011-12 fiscal year in accordance with the grant guidelines.

#### CAPITAL ASSETS

The School's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2012, amounts to \$119,231 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes furniture, fixtures, and equipment. Additional information regarding the School's capital assets can be found in note 3 to the financial statements.

#### **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Newpoint Pensacola High School's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to School Financial Services, Inc., Post Office Box 250, Bonifay, Florida 34425.

# NEWPOINT PENSACOLA ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL A Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Escambia County, Florida

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

(Unaudited)

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section of the annual financial report of the Newpoint Pensacola Academy Middle School ("School") provides an overview of the School's activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

Because the information contained in the MD&A is intended to highlight significant transactions, events, and conditions, it should be considered in conjunction with the School's financial statements and notes to financial statements found on pages 8 through 23.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, the School's revenues exceeded expenses as shown on the School's statement of activities by \$117,335.
- As shown on the statement of net assets, the School reported an unrestricted Net Asset balance of \$100.

# **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The basic financial statements consist of three components:

- ✓ Government-wide financial statements
- ✓ Fund financial statements
- $\checkmark$  Notes to financial statements

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the School's overall financial condition in a manner similar to those of a private-sector business. The statements include a statement of net assets and a statement of activities that are designed to provide consolidated financial information about the governmental activities of the School presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The statement of net assets provides information about the government's financial position, its assets and liabilities, using an economic resources measurement focus. The difference between the assets and liabilities, the net assets, is a measure of the financial health of the School. The statement of activities presents information about the change in the School's net assets and the results of operations, during the fiscal year. An increase or decrease in net assets is an indication of whether the School's financial health is improving or deteriorating. To assess the overall financial position of the School, one needs to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the School student base funding level.

# **Fund Financial Statements**

Fund financial statements are one of the components of the basic financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the School's financial activities, focusing on its most significant funds rather than fund types. This is in contrast to the entity-wide perspective contained in the governmentwide statements.

<u>Governmental Funds</u>. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the governmental funds utilize a spendable financial resources measurement focus rather than the economic resources measurement focus found in the government-wide financial statements. The financial resources measurement focus allows the governmental fund statements to provide information on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources as well as balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year.

The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that may be used to evaluate the School's near-term financing requirements. This short-term view is useful when compared to the long-term view presented as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. To facilitate this comparison, both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation of governmental fund to governmental activities.

The governmental funds balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide detailed information about the School's most significant funds. The School operates the following funds; a General Fund to account for its general operations and internal account activities, and a Special Revenue Fund to account for Federal grant programs. Each of these funds are major funds.

The School adopts an annual budget for its governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule, as required, has been provided for the General Fund and Major Special Revenue Fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

### Notes to Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

#### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The following is a summary of the School's net assets as of June 30, 2012:

	Net Assets, End of Year		
	Gover	nmental Activities	
	6-30-12		
ASSETS			
Current and Other Assets Capital Assets, net	\$	59,476 117,235	
Total Assets		176,711	
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities		59,376	
Total Liabilities		59,376	
NET ASSETS			
Invested in Capital Assets		117,235	
Unrestricted		100	
Total Net Assets		117,335	
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	176,711	

Since this was the first year of operation, there were no prior year amounts for comparison. The assets of the School consist of cash, prepaid expenses and deposits and amounts due from other agencies for reimbursement of grant expenditures. Liabilities consist of accounts payable for current operations. Total net assets amounted to \$117,335 which included an Unrestricted Net Asset balance of \$100.

The key elements of the changes in the School's net assets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 are as follows:

	Operating Results for the Year		
	Governr	mental Activities	
		6-30-12	
<b>Revenues:</b> Federal sources State and Local sources Contributions and Other	\$	225,541 952,920 57,518	
Total Revenues		1,235,979	
Expenses: Instruction Pupil Personnel Services Instructional Staff Training Instructional Related Technology Board of Education School Administration Facilities Acq. & Construction Fiscal Services Food Services Pupil Transportation Operation of Plant Maintenance of Plant Unallocated Depreciation Total Expenses		442,963 28,026 765 24,613 224,115 179,727 105,000 25,072 5,622 1,500 42,258 16,048 22,935 1,118,644	
Increase in Net Assets	\$	117,335	

The largest revenue source for the School is from the State of Florida (72 percent). Revenues from State sources for current operations are primarily received through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funding formula. The FEFP formula utilizes student enrollment data to determine the funds available for the School.

The largest concentration of expenses was for Instruction which represents 40% of total expenditures.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL'S FUNDS

#### **Governmental Funds**

As the School completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$100.

#### **BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The General Fund budget and Major Special Revenue Fund budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, were developed based on the School's anticipated revenues and expenditures and the expected student population for the school year. Over the course of the year, the school revised its General Fund budget. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, the actual expenditures were equal to the final budget.

#### CAPITAL ASSETS

The School's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2012, amounts to \$117,235 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes furniture, fixtures, and equipment. Additional information regarding the School's capital assets can be found in note 3 to the financial statements.

#### **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Newpoint Pensacola Academy Middle School's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to School Financial Services, Inc., Post Office Box 250, Bonifay, Florida 34425.

#### NEWPOINT CHARTER SCHOOL - PINELLAS

A Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Pinellas County, Florida

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section of the annual financial report of the Newpoint Charter School - Pinellas ("School") provides an overview of the School's activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

Because the information contained in the MD&A is intended to highlight significant transactions, events, and conditions, it should be considered in conjunction with the School's financial statements and notes to financial statements found on pages 8 through 23.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, the School's revenues exceeded expenses as shown on the School's statement of activities by \$167,453.
- As shown on the statement of net assets, the School reported a Total Net Asset balance of \$167,453.

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The basic financial statements consist of three components:

- ✓ Government-wide financial statements
- ✓ Fund financial statements
- ✓ Notes to financial statements

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the School's overall financial condition in a manner similar to those of a private-sector business. The statements include a statement of net assets and a statement of activities that are designed to provide consolidated financial information about the governmental activities of the School presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The statement of net assets provides information about the government's financial position, its assets and liabilities, using an economic resources measurement focus. The difference between the assets and liabilities, the net assets, is a measure of the financial health of the School. The statement of activities presents information about the change in the School's net assets and the results of operations, during the fiscal year. An increase or decrease in net assets is an indication of whether the School's financial health is improving or deteriorating. To assess the overall financial position of the School, one needs to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the School student base funding level.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

Fund financial statements are one of the components of the basic financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the School's financial activities, focusing on its most significant funds rather than fund types. This is in contrast to the entity-wide perspective contained in the governmentwide statements.

<u>Governmental Funds</u>. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the governmental funds utilize a spendable financial resources measurement focus rather than the economic resources measurement focus found in the government-wide financial statements. The financial resources measurement focus allows the governmental fund statements to provide information on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources as well as balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year.

The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that may be used to evaluate the School's near-term financing requirements. This short-term view is useful when compared to the long-term view presented as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. To facilitate this comparison, both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation of governmental fund to governmental activities.

The governmental funds balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide detailed information about the School's most significant funds. The School operates the following funds; a General Fund to account for its general operations and internal account activities, and a Special Revenue Fund to account for Federal grant programs. Each of these funds are major funds.

The School adopts an annual budget for its governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule, as required, has been provided for the General Fund and Major Special Revenue Fund to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

#### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The following is a summary of the School's net assets as of June 30, 2012:

	Net Assets, End of Year		
	Govern	mental Activities	
	6	6-30-12	
ASSETS			
Current and Other Assets Capital Assets, net	\$	39,315 167,353	
Total Assets		206,668	
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities		39,215	
Total Liabilities		39,215	
NET ASSETS			
Invested in Capital Assets Unrestricted		167,353 100	
Total Net Assets		167,453	
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	206,668	

Since this was the first year of operation, there were no prior year amounts for comparison. The assets of the School primarily consist of cash, prepaid expenses, and deposits. Liabilities consist primarily of accounts payable and deferred revenue associated with unspent grant proceeds. Total net assets amounted to \$167,453 which included an Unrestricted Net Asset balance of \$100.

The key elements of the changes in the School's net assets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 are as follows:

	•	ng Results for ne Year
	Governm	nental Activities
		6-30-12
Revenues:		
Federal Sources	\$	307,540
State and Local Sources	·	384,023
Contributions and Other		253,362
Total Revenues		944,925
Expenses:		
Instruction		234,408
Pupil Personnel Services		41,354
Instructional Staff Training		1,530
Instructional Related Technology		21,262
Board of Education		106,129
School Administration		183,004
Facilities Acq. & Construction		137,500
Fiscal Services		10,183
Food Services		1,557
Pupil Transportation		1,703
Operation of Plant		11,664
Maintenance of Plant		1,967
Unallocated Depreciation		25,211
Total Expenses		777,472
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	\$	167,453

The largest revenue source for the School is the State of Florida (38 percent). Revenues from State sources for current operations are primarily received through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funding formula. The FEFP formula utilizes student enrollment data to determine the funds available for the School.

The largest concentration of expenses was for Instruction which represents 30% of total expenditures.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL'S FUNDS

#### **Governmental Funds**

As the School completed the year, its governmental funds reported a total fund balance of \$100.

#### **BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The general fund budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, was developed based on the School's anticipated revenues and expenditures and the expected student population for the school year. Over the course of the year, the school revised its general fund budget several times. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, the actual expenditures were equal to the final budget. Refer to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule on page 24 for additional information.

#### CAPITAL ASSETS

The School's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2012, amounts to \$167,353 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes furniture, fixtures, and equipment. Additional information regarding the School's capital assets can be found in note 2 to the financial statements.

#### **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Newpoint Charter School -Pinellas's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to School Financial Services, Inc., Post Office Box 250, Bonifay, Florida 34425.



# Employee Handbook For Newpoint Schools 2014-2015

#### **WELCOME TO Newpoint Education Partners**

You are now a key member of a **GREAT** team—the Newpoint Team! As a team member, you will play an important role in helping us meet our objectives:

- To serve as a reliable source of high quality education for our students
- To provide a career-inspiring, safe, and secure work environment for all Newpoint employees.

Our greatest asset is our people – people like you. We will continue to strive to make Newpoint the kind of place that other area schools look up to. We hope that your experience here will be challenging, enjoyable, and rewarding. Again, welcome.

#### FORWORD

This handbook is designed to acquaint you with Newpoint and provide you with information about working conditions, employee benefits, and some of the policies affecting your employment. You should read, understand, and comply with all provisions of the handbook. It describes many of your responsibilities as an employee and outlines the programs developed by Newpoint to benefit employees.

This handbook is **not an employment contract**; it is intended as a guide to help answer Newpoint we continue to grow, the need may arise, and Newpoint reserves the right to, revise, supplement, or rescind any policies or portions of the handbook from time to time as it deems appropriate. You will be notified of these changes to the handbook as they occur.

#### THE NEWPOINT TEAM PHILOSOPHY

Newpoint Schools provide a unique environment which emphasizes academic achievement through the use of state-of-the-art technology and innovative but proven educational methods. We prepare students to successfully compete in an increasingly competitive post-secondary environment and the global job market and to be productive and successful members of society after their school years.

The Newpoint Educational Philosophy includes a strong belief in and expectation for knowing and respecting students as individuals and designing curricular models that meet Newpoint also believes in the necessity of establishing a individual student needs. welcoming, caring and safe environment for students and their families. Our success as a company is founded on the skill and efforts of our employees. At Newpoint we realize that each employee is an intelligent, cooperative, and productive person. Each one of you is in a position to deal directly with management on a personal and open basis regarding any matter.

It is most important that we work together with mutual respect in maintaining an efficient, safe, and productive work environment. It is our commitment to provide you with the opportunity to work in a satisfying and dignified environment and to be given fair treatment at all times.

#### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The basic employment policy of Newpoint is as follows:

- All applicants for employment will be considered without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, age, gender, sexual preference, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era.
- There shall be no discrimination with regard to race, religion, color, national origin, age, gender, sexual preference, physical or mental disability, or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era in all matters concerning all employees of the Corporation. Such matters include, but are not limited to, promotions, demotions, transfers, layoff or termination, compensation, use of facilities, and selection for training or related programs.
- It is Newpoint's policy to maintain a discrimination-free work environment for all employees. A good working environment includes freedom from harassment based on race, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era, as well as freedom from unwelcome sexual advances.

Our employment practices will conform both with the spirit and the letter of federal, state and local laws regarding nondiscrimination in employment. It is the obligation of every employee of the Corporation to adhere to this policy.

#### UNLAWFUL HARASSMENT

Newpoint is committed to providing a work environment that is free of discrimination and unlawful harassment, particularly discrimination and/or harassment involving an employee's race, religion, color, national origin, age, gender, disability, sexual preference or orientation.

Actions, words, jokes, or comments based on an individual's sex, race, ethnicity, age, religion, or any other legally protected characteristic will not be tolerated. Harassment (both overt and subtle) is a form of employee misconduct that is demeaning to another person, undermines the integrity of the employment relationship, and is strictly prohibited.

An employee who is aware of an incident of unlawful harassment should promptly report the matter to Administration. Employees can raise concerns and make reports without fear of reprisal. Anyone engaging in unlawful harassment will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

#### DRUG FREE WORKPLACE COMPLIANCE

To comply with the federal Drug Free Workplace Act, and to promote workplace safety and productivity, Newpoint will require all employees, temporary employees, and subcontractors to report to work without any alcohol or illegal mind-altering substances (drugs) in their systems.

Restrictions on tobacco use are necessary for the health and safety of all our employees and students, the cleanliness of our property, and the fire safety of our building. No tobacco use is permitted on the school grounds.

#### ACCESS TO PERSONNEL FILES

Newpoint maintains a personnel (employment) file on each employee. The personnel file includes such information as the employee's job application, references, résumé, records of training, documentation of performance appraisals, salary increases, letters of commendation, documentation of disciplinary action, employee comments, and other employment records.

Personnel records are the confidential property of Newpoint and access to the information they contain is restricted. Generally, only individuals who have a legitimate reason to review information in a file are allowed to do so. Correction or alteration of any information in personnel files must be done only through written request.

Employees who wish to review their own file should contact the Administrator. With reasonable advance notice, employees may review their own personnel files in Newpoint's offices during regular business hours and in the presence of an individual appointed by Newpoint to maintain files.

#### ANNUAL EVALUATION

Each staff member will participate in an annual evaluation, conducted by the director. This evaluation process is intended to provide an opportunity for reflection and discussion on areas of strength and areas for improvement goals for the year will also be discussed.

#### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Regular and prompt attendance is your individual responsibility and is essential to the efficiency and success of our business. Absenteeism and/or tardiness disrupt work schedules and tend to place a burden on your co-workers who may have to assume your assignments. There may be times, of course, when illness or other bona fide reasons make it impossible for you to report to work.

While it is important that absenteeism and tardiness be kept to a minimum, it is equally important and your responsibility to provide the reason for your absence or tardiness and when you expect to return to work. This information is to be discussed at the time of your request and is essential for determining approval or disapproval.

#### CHANGE OF STATUS

It is important that your personnel records be kept up to date and accurate. Please notify the Office Manager to document any change of:

- Address
- Telephone number
- Marital status
- Person to be notified in case of emergency
- Beneficiary under the insurance program
- Number of dependents for tax withholding
- Insurance coverage (failure to notify within 30 days could jeopardize coverage).

#### **CLASS MOVEMENT**

Teachers must supervise their classroom and hallways. Teachers are expected to assist administration in monitoring all areas of the school during class breaks, including the bathrooms and common areas.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Open communication is essential to harmonious employee relations. The most effective communication occurs on a day-to-day basis among all members of the team.

Staff members will have messages sent by email for telephone calls during the student day unless it is an emergency. Individual mailboxes with be assigned to every employee. It is important to check boxes at least once daily and check your email regularly each day.

#### DAILY ATTENDANCE

Each teacher is responsible for maintaining daily attendance. Attendance will need to be entered electronically. Patterns of non-attendance need to be discussed with parents and guidance.

#### FIELD TRIPS

Field trips should be approved by administration in advance of detailed planning. Field trips within the county are planned by individual teachers as an outgrowth of classroom activities. Some require bus transportation and others can be walking trips from the school campus. It is the teacher's responsibility to know and follow field trip guidelines.

#### FUNDRAISING

All fundraising activities for clubs or extra-curricular activities must be pre-approved by the administration. Teachers or other staff responsible for fundraising activities should turn in all monies collected to the office on a daily basis. Monies should never be left unsecured in a classroom or desk overnight.

#### **GROUP INSURANCE PLAN**

Newpoint provides benefits to its employees so that you and your family can enjoy a better way of life. Please read this section of the handbook carefully. Booklets containing specific information on insurance benefits will be provided and updated as benefits change.

#### **KEY ASSIGNMENTS**

Teachers are responsible for maintaining the security of the keys they are assigned.

#### LUNCH

Teachers will be able to participate in our food program or keep their lunch in the designated area. It is the expectation that staff will eat, interact, socialize, and continue to motivate students during the student lunch period.

#### MEDICATION

The administering or dispensing of any medicines (including non-prescription medication) to students by employees of Newpoint Schools without specific written authorization by the parents and physician of the student is forbidden. If it is absolutely necessary that the child take any medication while he/she is in school, the parent must sign an authorization form and have the form completed by their physician. Please obtain this form in the school office. The medication will be kept in the office and will be administered by office personnel trained to administer such medication. A parent may also choose to come to school and administer medication.

#### NEPOTISM

Newpoint schools prohibit any immediate relative of a board member from being employed by the school over which that board member presides. In addition, each Newpoint school's Director is prohibited from the employment of any relative of that Director by the school over which that Director presides. Neither a board member nor school Director may appoint or employ a relative or advocate on that relative's behalf in any employment decision.

#### PAID TIME OFF

Paid time Off (PTO) leave is earned as follows:

- Instructional Staff: One half of PTO is earned on September 15<sup>th</sup> for all employees who begin work at the beginning of the school year. The second half is earned the following February 15<sup>th</sup>. For all employees hired after the beginning of the school year PTO will be delayed as to your date of hire.
- Non-Instructional Staff: One half of PTO is earned on September 15<sup>th</sup> for all employees who begin work at the beginning of the school year. The second half is earned the following February 15<sup>th</sup>. For all employees hired after the beginning of the school year PTO will be delayed as to your date of hire.
- A maximum of thirty (30) days of unused PTO days CAN be accrued.

No more than (5) PTO days can be taken concurrently and ALL requests for Paid Time Off (except emergency and illness) must be approved in advance. All employees must notify their supervisor as soon as possible if they plan to use a PTO day due to emergency or illness.

Scheduled absences must be approved/authorized by the site director.

Any unauthorized absences over 2 (two) days require a doctors excuse.

Please note that any employee on administrative leave will not be paid.

If an employee on payroll is out of work due to a workers compensation claim it is Company policy to pay the employee for the date of injury; PTO is then used until fully depleted. At that point the company will pay the next 5 business days less replacement/sub cost. Thereafter workers compensation insurance may cover lost wages according to the state law and policy maximums which **typically** represent 2/3 of an employee's weekly wages. This is our best means to replace the maximum amount of an injured employee's wages.

#### **BLOCK OUT DAYS FOR LEAVE**

No leave will be given during the following dates unless prior approval is given by the site director.

- The first two weeks of school opening;
- The last two weeks of school closing;
- Designated weeks of state assessment;
- Additional days concurrent to already scheduled Holidays;

#### MATERNITY/EXTENDED LEAVE

Newpoint Schools complies with the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). This provides certain employees with up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave per year. It also requires that group health benefits be maintained during the leave. FMLA is designed to help employees balance their work and family responsibilities by allowing them to take reasonable unpaid leave for certain family and medical reasons. It also seeks to accommodate the legitimate interests of employers and promote equal employment opportunity for men and women. FMLA applies to all public agencies, all public and private elementary and secondary schools, and companies with 50 or more employees. These employers must provide an eligible employee with up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave each year for any of the following reasons: for the birth and care of the newborn child of an employee; for placement with the employee of a child for adoption or foster care; to care for an immediate family member (spouse, child, or parent) with a serious health condition; or to take medical leave when the employee is unable to work because of a serious health condition. Employees are eligible for leave if they have worked for their employer at least 12 months, at least 1,250 hours over the past 12 months, and work at a location where the company employs 50 or more employees within 75 miles.

Whether an employee has worked the minimum 1,250 hours of service is determined according to FLSA principles for determining compensable hours or work. Time taken off work due to pregnancy complications can be counted against the 12 weeks of family and medical leave.

#### PARKING FACILITIES

Parking is available to staff on a first come first serve basis.

#### PAYDAYS

Employees will be paid on the fifteenth and the last day of each month. If a payday falls on a weekend, Saturday and Sunday dates will be paid on Mondays, except the end of the month pay date which will always fall on the last business day of the month.

Direct deposit is mandatory.

Deductions are withheld from your paycheck for Social Security and Federal withholding taxes, as required by law. You may authorize additional deductions for group insurance, Credit Union savings, United Way deductions, etc. If you ever have questions about your paycheck or deductions, please see the executive assistant. Our goal is to maintain pay and benefits at levels comparable to or above those of our competitors.

#### PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The people at Newpoint constitute the greatest strength of our school. It is our belief that all faculty and staff will perform consistently at a high level.

On the rare occasion when someone fails to perform to reasonable standards, it is our policy to encourage constructive instruction and feedback as a first resort in most cases. Generally, formal corrective action measures will be used when performance issues are not corrected, following coaching and counseling efforts, or in cases of genuine misconduct or disregard for safety. No rule can be written to cover all offenses or violations that may be cause for taking corrective action. The degree of discipline will be based on circumstances and the team member's previous record.

#### **Misconduct**

For certain acts of dishonesty or misconduct, discharge may be the appropriate measure, without regard to progressive disciplinary steps. The following are examples of the events that would be cause for immediate discharge:

- Violation of Substance Abuse Policy;
- Verbal or physical threats of any nature against the school and/or its representatives, parents or students;
- Fighting;
- Providing false information or omitting important information on school records;
- Unauthorized removal or attempted removal of school property;
- Intentional damage to property or product;
- Negligent or unruly behavior resulting in property damage or personal injury;
- Possession of weapons on Newpoint property;
- Walking off the job;
- Failure to return in a timely fashion from an approved leave of absence;
- Being employed while on leave, without prior approval;
- Sleeping during class room time
- Willful or repeated violation of the safety rules or work practices at Newpoint;
- Insubordination.
- Excessive Absenteeism.

It is company policy that all arrests or convictions must be self-reported to your supervisor within a 48 hour period. Failure to self-report is grounds for immediate dismissal.

#### REIMBURSEMENTS

Any purchases made by an individual for school benefit may be eligible for reimbursement. Any purchase submitted for reimbursement must be pre-approved by administration.

#### REPLACEMENT OF PERSONAL OR NEWPOINT PROPERTY

All employees are expected to respect the property of others, including Newpoint property. Newpoint property includes office supplies and or services, postage, tools, equipment, misuse of telephones, etc. Use or theft of Newpoint property and/or services without proper authorization will result in disciplinary action being taken, up to and including discharge.

All incidents of theft or damage involving personal or Newpoint property should be reported to the director. To prevent theft, it is very important that all employees make sure they secure all equipment at the end of their regular day. The employee will bear the responsibility of replacing any lost or stolen items that are under their responsibility.

Newpoint is not responsible for lost, stolen, or misplaced personal items. It is the employee's responsibility to provide necessary security for his or her own personal items. Any theft should be reported to the director. Under no circumstances will Newpoint make reimbursement for lost or damaged personal items.

#### **REPORTING CHILD ABUSE**

All cases of child abuse, suspected or confirmed, must be reported to the appropriate state agency immediately.

#### **SAFETY & EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

Each Newpoint employee is responsible for reading, understanding, and following all safety and emergency plans.

#### SAFETY STATEMENT

At Newpoint, we will attain and sustain safety excellence in the operation of our facilities. The protection of each member of our team, our customers, our environment and the citizens of the community in which we do business is our primary objective. All injuries and illnesses are preventable. We will not compromise accident and injury prevention for any reason. Team members at Newpoint are responsible for preventing injuries and illnesses, and must recognize and accept that working safely is a condition of employment.

#### SEVERE WEATHER INFORMATION

Each Newpoint school will follow the same instructions as their local district in case of severe weather emergencies. Parents and faculty should watch the local news for information about district school closings.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY

Deductions are made from your paychecks, according to law, to provide Social Security benefits for you and your family in your later years. Newpoint pays the current required percentage for the employer portion. The scale of Social Security payments and benefits is determined by the federal government.

#### STAFF DEVELOPMENT

All Newpoint employees will be required to participate in up to 10 hours of Newpoint directed/provided online training/professional development per each six month period of employment. Staff will take this training on their own time throughout the year and will need to make sure the Office Manager is aware of all completed training.

The Company may require training outside the typical school year/district calendar including but not limited to attendance of the annual retreat.

#### STAFF SIGN-IN and SIGN-OUT

Teachers must sign in at the front desk each morning. If teachers or staff members leave the campus during the day, they must sign out and sign back in at the front desk. Teachers must sign out at the end of each day.

#### STUDENT INFORMATION

Each Newpoint staff member must comply with the following law.

#### Annual Notice Regarding Disclosure of Student Directory Information

Federal and State laws require that Newpoint, with certain exceptions, obtain written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student's education records. However, Newpoint may disclose appropriately designated directory information without written consent UNLESS a parent advises Newpoint to the contrary.

Parent(s) or former students shall have 30 days from the date of this notice to inform the student's school administrator, in writing, that any or all of the directory information should not be released without their consent. Such directory information includes Newpoint has designated the following information as directory information:

- A student's name, address and telephone number (if there is a listed number)
- Image or likeness in photographs, videotape, film, or other medium
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Current grade level
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of athletic team members
- Dates of attendance
- Degrees and awards received
- Most recent previous educational agency or institution (school or center) attended by the student.

Directory information is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released. Directory information relating to students shall be released only to the following:

- In-school use of student directory information for official school business
- Student directory information, without addresses or telephone numbers, for school annuals, school newspapers, honors lists, and printed materials or programs for extracurricular activities.

#### TAX OBLIGATIONS

A deduction is withheld from your gross earnings every payroll period for Federal Income Tax purposes in accordance with current law. The amount of deduction is based on your gross earnings, marital status, and the number of allowances you claim on the Federal W-4 form.

#### **TECHNOLOGY GUIDELINES**

#### Management's Right to Access Information

Newpoint's computers, telephone, and communication hardware and software systems ("Systems") have been installed and are used to facilitate business communications. Although each employee has an individual password to access these Systems, they belong to Newpoint and the contents of communications are accessible at all times by the administration for any business purpose. These Systems may be subject to periodic unannounced inspections, and should be treated like other shared filing systems. All Systems messages are Newpoint records. The contents of our Systems may be disclosed to Newpoint without your permission. Therefore, you should not assume that messages and communications are confidential. Back-up copies of communications may also be maintained and referenced.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

It is the company policy that no employee "friend" a student or parent on Facebook or any other social media. If parents or students have questions regarding school activities, policies, etc. they may email you, check the school website or contact you or your director on site.

#### Personal Use of Newpoint's Computer Systems

Because Newpoint provides the Systems to assist you in the performance of your job, you should use them only for official business. We reserve the right to access and disclose as necessary all communications on our Systems without regard to content. Since your personal communications can be accessed without prior notice, you should not use our Systems to transmit any messages or to access any information you would not want read by any third party. You should not use the System for gossip, including personal information about yourself or others, for forwarding messages under circumstances likely to embarrass the sender, or for emotional responses to business correspondence or work situations. You should also not use these Systems for such purposes as soliciting for commercial ventures, religious or personal causes, outside organizations, or other similar, non-job-related solicitations. Although incidental and occasional personal use of our Systems are permitted, these communications will be treated the same as other communications. However, you are prohibited from accessing or downloading information from the Internet for your personal use. Employees must not attempt to access another employee's files or e-mail messages without the latter's express permission.

#### **Forbidden Content of Communications**

There is to be no display or transmission of sexually explicit images, messages, or cartoons, or any transmission or use of e-mail communications that contain ethnic slurs, racial epithets, or anything that may be construed as harassment to, or disparagement of, others

based on their race, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, or religious or political beliefs. Violation of this policy will result in appropriate disciplinary action.

#### EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP

Employment with Newpoint Education Partners (Newpoint Schools) is on an at-will basis. There are no contracts, you enter into employment voluntarily and you are free to resign at any time for any reason or no reason. Similarly, Newpoint Education Partners (Newpoint Schools) is free to conclude its relationship with any employee at any time for any reason or no reason.

Although an employee may or may not work year-around, compensation is referred to as 'annualized' meaning that the pay rate is communicated on an annual basis and the employee is paid year-round but this in no means is to be interpreted as an 'annual contract'. Pay is not prorated across 12 months. As long as an employee is employed they will receive their normal pay, but, if terminated (voluntarily or involuntarily) pay would cease and no further pay is due the employee. Employees, regardless of their role (teacher, administrative, etc.) are expected to be available throughout the year, including summer, for training, professional development, meetings, and other purposes on an as needed basis. Unavailability for such events is grounds for disciplinary action.

#### **TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT**

We hope that you will remain with us for a long time. However, once employment has ended, your unused vacation will be forfeited, and the only pay entitlement at termination is for actual time worked. If you choose to leave Newpoint, your unused vacation will be forfeited, and the only pay entitlement at termination is for actual time worked. Again remember that no employee is contracted, all employment is at will.

Also note that employee insurance terminates the same day as employee termination.

#### TRAVEL

If you are asked to travel on behalf of Newpoint Education Partners, your customary expenses will be paid or reimbursed. Please see the Travel Policy for details on travel.

#### **TOBACCO USE**

Smoking is prohibited inside the school building and on the school premises by employees. Visitors must dispose of smoking materials prior to entering the building. Cigarettes, chewing tobacco, and "dipping" snuff are prohibited by students and employees.

#### UNIFORMS

Employees are required to follow the Staff Attire requirements which include wearing Newpoint polos or oxfords. Refer to the Staff Attire Requirements for details.

#### NON-DISCLOSURE POLICY

Employee shall not use or disclose to any person, during the term of employment, or at any time thereafter, (except as required to perform employee's duties on behalf of the Company) any information belonging to, used by or in the possession of the Company relating to any student including, without limitation, the names, addresses, and phone

numbers of the students (referred to herein as "Student Information"), as well as any information belonging to, used by or in the possession of the Company relating to the Company's business plans, budget, financial matters, vendors, technology, payroll data, personnel records, benefit data, marketing plans and strategies, financial information, operating policies, student lists, and any other information complied by the Company (collectively referred to herein as "Company Information"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Student Information and Company Information shall not include any information that is or becomes generally available to the public other than as a direct result of a disclosure by employee. Upon the termination of employment for any reason, or at such earlier time as requested by the Company, employee agrees to deliver to the Company any and all materials relating to Company Information in employee's possession, and all other property belonging to the Company in employee's possession.

#### NON-DISPARAGEMENT POLICY

During employment with the Company and for a period of two (2) years following the termination of employment for any reason (the "Restricted Period"), the employee agrees not to take any action which unlawfully disparages or defames the other.

#### NON-SOLICITATION

During employment with the Company and for a period of two (2) years following the termination of employment for any reason (the "Restricted Period"), employee shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit or recruit any Employee or independent contractor of the Company for employment or affiliation with any competitor of the Company or any other school or district.

## Welcome to Newpoint!

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

This acknowledges receipt of the Newpoint Team Member Handbook. I understand that this Handbook supersedes any previously issued Handbook or other information, and that Newpoint retains the right to change this Handbook as required.

I understand that nothing in this Handbook is intended to create any type of employment agreement or guarantee of hours of work. I realize that either Newpoint or I can terminate the employment relationship at any time.

I further understand that it is my responsibility to fully read and comply with all the rules and regulations in this Handbook and with any other safety policies with which I have been provided. I agree to insert and replace any revised or new policies, rules or regulations as implemented by Newpoint, and will comply with them as they are implemented.

Team Member Signature

Date

# Newpoint Education Partners INSTRUCTIONAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION SYSTEM

# Procedures for the Annual Evaluation of Instructional Personnel

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# **Newpoint Education Partners**

### **Teacher Performance Evaluation System**

**Purpose:** The purpose of establishing procedures for evaluating the performance of duties and responsibilities of all instructional, administrative, and supervisory personnel is to increase student learning growth by improving the quality of instructional, administrative, and supervisory services.

Newpoint Education Partners works collaboratively with <u>the</u> Magnolia <u>Elementary School for</u> <u>Arts and Technology (referred to as Magnolia) and</u> middle school, operating in the Broward County School District. The mission and vision statements for the <u>school School is are</u> listed below.

#### Newpoint VISION

The vision of <u>Newpoint-Magnolia</u> is to use innovative learning methods, innovative teaching strategies and the integration of <u>arts and</u> technology in all aspects of student learning with the goal of creating a learning environment that promotes increased student learning and high academic achievement using proven outcomes-based tools and methods, while simultaneously developing marketable global, professional and technology skills.

Newpoint SchoolsMagnolia is a modern, energizing learning environment where students meet their maximum potential in the areas of academics, <u>arts and technology skills</u>, and responsibility.

#### Newpoint High School MISSION

The mission of the Magnolia School for the Arts and Technology is to prepare students to reach their maximum potential in all subject areas with special emphasis on providing students with the opportunity to become well versed in the areas of the arts and technology, thereby awakening students' sense of curiosity.

Magnolia believes that the arts and technology programs in school will help to catapult students to the next level of educational endeavors. We are dedicated to delivering a first class academic program that offers a unique opportunity for students to nurture their curiosity in the areas of arts and technology in a safe learning environment.

Our arts program will provide opportunities for students to participate in performance, public speaking, vocal, sculpting, painting, and drawing classes. The technology program will consist of computer science, computer animation, graphic design, robotics, digital photography, desktop publishing, and recycling innovation, to include hands-on projects through Project Based Learning in Communities of Practice. The School will utilize a comprehensive core curriculum to provide foundational mastery of the core subject areas to include: reading, language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The expectation is that all students attending the School will show significant learning gains that will meet or exceed state and district results in all core areas as measured by state assessments. This School will inspire all students to develop their creative talents which will enrich the quality of their own lives. The mission of the Newpoint is to provide a unique environment that emphasizes high academic achievement through the use of state-of-the-art technology and innovative proven educational methods, which will prepare students to successfully compete in a competitive post-secondary environment and the global job market. These methods will include "Project Based Learning" as defined by the nationally regarded non-profit Buck Institute for Education, "Professional Internship Program" modeled after that used by nationally acclaimed non-profit Cristo Rey Network, standards-based electronic curriculum from Apex Learning, and scientifically proven reading programs from Scientific Learning. The school will adhere to the guiding directors as outlined in Section 1002.33(2)(a) of the Florida Statute by providing students with an educational opportunity that promotes high student achievement and flexibility. The school will offer students a learning model that focuses on the development of the whole student and high academic standards, integrates technology in all aspects of learning, and promotes tolerance for others. **Newpoint Academy MISSION** 

The mission of Newpoint is to provide a unique environment that emphasizes high academic achievement through the use of state-of the art technology and innovative, proven educational methods, which will prepare students to successfully compete in a competitive post-secondary environment and the global job market. These methods will include project based learning as defined by the Buck Institute for Education, individualized and small group instruction focusing on the needs of the individual student, incorporation of Habits of Mind to foster critical thinking skills. The school will offer students a learning model that focuses on the development of the whole student and high academic standards, integrates technology in all aspects of learning, and promotes tolerance for others.

The purpose of the Newpoint Education Partners (NEP) Performance Evaluation System is to increase student learning growth by improving the quality of instructional, administrative, and supervisory service (1012.34 (1)(a), F.S. To this end, NEP is committed to a cycle of continually updating the evaluation system to reflect state models, emerging best practices, and policy changes. The design team included school leaders and representative teachers. The process of designing and developing NEP's Teacher Evaluation System was informed by feedback and suggestions collected from Directors and selected stakeholders.

A stakeholder group, including directors and teachers, will lead an annual review of the NEP's appraisal system. This group will review yearly results of the evaluation system to ensure maximum intended impact on teachers' professional growth and student learning outcomes. This review process will be held in summer of each year following the completion of all teacher evaluations. The stakeholder group will submit suggestions for revisions.

Factors considered in the annual review process may include:

- Current research within each domain
- Correlations among student achievement data and teacher evaluation scores
- Alignment of professional development plans and IPDPs with evaluation results
- Appropriate support for professional development across different teacher groups
- Measures and scoring systems used for awarding Student Achievement scores
- Trends in score ranges
- Analysis of interrater reliability
- Appropriate support for assessment development needs
- Adherence of the overall system to the research model and original design elements

Effectively establishing and utilizing the Instructional Performance Evaluation System requires

educating personnel on the components of the system as well as the criteria and procedures utilized in teacher evaluation. NEP's directors, school leaders, and teachers will be provided training in an in-service overview and through a Performance Evaluation System explanatory faculty website resource. The mandatory training will take place during preplanning of each school year. During the preplanning overview training, the Instructional Performance Evaluation System will be explained and the faculty website resources will be explored.

#### Theoretical Framework and Evidence from Research

NEP's Performance Evaluation System is based on the Florida Model grounded in the work of Robert Marzano and aligned with the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (FEAPs – revised 12/17/2010). It also references the research reported in John Hattie's Visible Learning: The observation instruments and documentation tools included in the appendices and referenced in subsequent sections of this plan will be used by all parties performing observations of instructional personnel. The state crosswalk illustrates the relationship between Marzano's domain segments and the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices can be found at: <a href="http://www.marzanoevaluation.com/files/FEAPs\_Crosswalk\_Marzano.pdf">http://www.marzanoevaluation.com/files/FEAPs\_Crosswalk\_Marzano.pdf</a> Evidence and results from observation tools will inform the Instructional Practice score.

The Marzano Evaluation Model is based on a number of previous, related works that include: *What Works in Schools* (Marzano, 2003), *Classroom Instruction that Works* (Marzano, Pickering, & Pollock, 2001), *Classroom Management that Works* (Marzano, Pickering, & Marzano, 2003), *Classroom Assessment and Grading that Work* (Marzano, 2006), *The Art and Science of Teaching* (Marzano, 2007), *Effective Supervision: Supporting the Art and Science of Teaching* (Marzano, Frontier, & Livingston, 2011). Each of these was generated from a synthesis of the research and theory. Thus, the model can be considered an aggregation of the research on those elements that have traditionally been shown to correlate with student academic achievement. The model is referenced and its development is aligned with effective practices reported in Hattie's *Visible learning: A synthesis of over 800 meta-analyses relating to achievement.* 

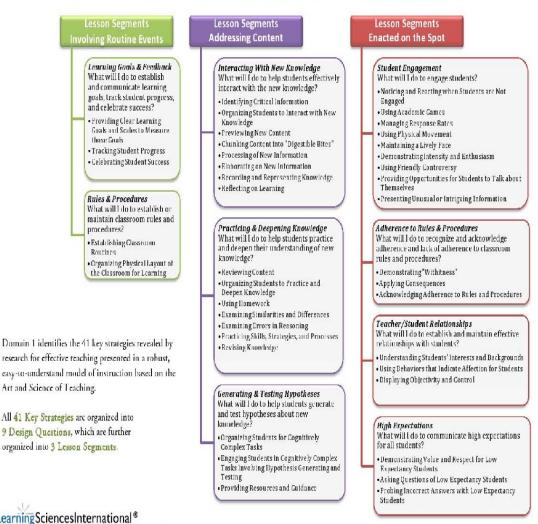
The Marzano Evaluation Model includes four domains: Domain 1: Classroom Strategies and Behaviors Domain 2: Preparing and Planning Domain 3: Reflecting on Teaching Domain 4: Collegiality and Professionalism

The four domains also include 60 elements: 41 in Domain 1 8 elements in Domain 2 5 elements in Domain 3 6 elements in Domain 4

The specifics of each domain are listed in Figure 1. For a detailed discussion of these elements see *Effective Supervision: Supporting the Art and Science of Teaching* (Marzano, Frontier, & Livingston, 2011).

#### Figure 1: Elements of the Marzano Evaluation Model

Marzano Art and Science of Teaching Teacher Evaluation Model

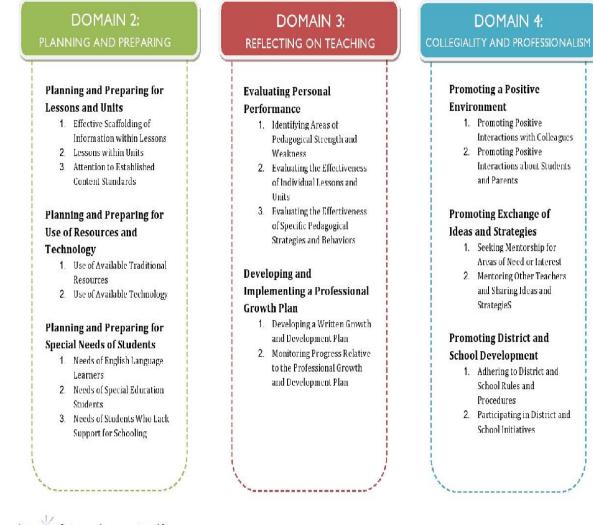


#### DOMAIN 1: CLASSROOM STRATEGIES AND BEHAVIORS

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#### Marzano Art and Science of Teaching Teacher Evaluation Model



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As indicated in Figure 1, Domain 1 contains 41 elements (5 + 18 + 18); Domain 2 contains 8 elements (3 + 2 + 3); Domain 3 contains 5 elements (3 + 2) and Domain 4 contains 6 elements (2 + 2 + 2). With 41 of the 60 elements in the model are from Domain 1, the clear emphasis in the Marzano model is what occurs in the classroom—the strategies and behaviors teachers use to enhance student achievement. The State model was chosen because of its emphasis on classroom practice, which differentiates the Marzano model from other teacher evaluation models. Teacher status and growth are assessed in each component of the model in a manner that is consistent with the Florida DOE guidelines and recent legislation (SB 736).

Each of the works (cited above) from which the model was developed report substantial research on the elements they address. For example, *The Art and Science of Teaching* has more than 25 tables reporting the research on the various elements of Domain 1. These tables

report the findings from meta-analytic studies and the average effect sizes computed in these studies. In all, over 5,000 studies demonstrating effect are covered in the tables representing research over the last five decades. As a result, the model was initially based on thousands of studies that span multiple decades and these studies were chronicled and catalogued in books that have been widely disseminated in the United States. In addition, the research cited in Hattie's Visible Learning: Meta-analyses corroborates the elements that support the model.

#### **Experimental/Control Studies**

The research on this model has a growing number of experimental/control studies conducted by practicing teachers on the effectiveness of specific strategies in their classrooms. These studies are designed to establish a direct causal link between elements of the model and student achievement. Studies that use correlation analysis techniques (see next section) can establish a link between elements of a model and student achievement; however, causality cannot be easily inferred. Other evaluation models currently used throughout the country only have co relational data regarding the relationship between system elements and student achievement.

To date over 300 experimental/control studies have been conducted. Those studies involved over 14,000 students, 300 teachers, across 38 schools in 14 districts. The average effect size for strategies addressed in the studies was .42 with some studies reporting effect sizes of 2.00 and higher. An average effect size of .42 is associated with a 16 percentile point gain in student achievement. When teachers use the classroom strategies and behaviors in the Marzano Evaluation Model, the typical gain in student achievement can be 16 percentile points or more, particularly if strategies are used specifically.

#### **Correlational Studies**

As mentioned above, correlational studies are the most common approach to examining the validity of an evaluation model. Such studies have been, and continue to be conducted, on various elements of the Marzano Evaluation Model. One such study conducted in the state of Oklahoma as a part of their examination of elements related to student achievement in K12 schools indicated positive relationships with various elements of the Marzano Evaluation Model across the domains. Specific emphasis was placed on Domain 1 and the results demonstrated high effect size. Hattie's synthesis of the studies related to the impact of the effective teacher support Marzano's findings and the use of the model.

#### Summary

The Marzano Evaluation Model is grounded in thousands of studies conducted to identify what works in schools, shared in teacher workshops, and published in books widely used by K12 educators. Correlational studies and the meta-analyses relating to achievement corroborate Marzano's findings.

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#### Components of the NEP's Instructional Personnel Evaluation System (IPES)

#### **Personnel Categories**

For evaluation purposes, teachers are assigned to one of three categories:

Category I: one to three years of service Category II: four or more years of service Category III: ten or more years of service (beginning 2013/2014)

Teachers new to NEP will be placed in Category I for the first year. If rehired, the teacher will then be placed in Category II or III as appropriate.

For Category I teachers, multiple observations (as reflected in Table 2) provide ongoing feedback to support teachers' professional growth and gather sufficient evidence to measure effectiveness as teachers transition to the district. Multiple formal observations provide regular opportunities and support for teacher reflection and growth through the planning, observation and reflection conference process. See Table 2 for observation schedule for Category II and III teachers.

#### **Evaluation Format**

The scale used by Marzano's model is a five-point scale and converted to a four point scale consisting of:

Innovating (4) (Highly Effective) Applying (3) (Effective) Developing (2) (Needs Improvement) Beginning (1) Not using (0) (Unsatisfactiory)

An instructional employee's annual evaluation will consist of two parts: 50% Student Achievement and 50% Instructional Practice. Instructional Practice is comprised of both Deliberate Practice which measures professional growth and Instructional Status which is comprised of summative ratings of classroom and instructional quality.

#### **Student Achievement**

For classroom teachers (throughout this document the term "teachers" excludes substitutes), Table 1 will be used to determine the Student Achievement component. This Achievement component will count for 50% of the teacher's overall evaluation score unless three years of data are not available for that teacher. In the case that less than three years of data are available (such as newly hired teachers), the percentage will be reduced to 40% and the Instructional Practice score component increased to 60%. Table 1 will be updated through the revision process to reflect state models, state assessments, state provided item banks, and other resources as they become available.

Annual evaluations of instructional personnel who are not classroom teachers will include Student Achievement from school-wide assessments for students assigned to the instructional personnel. This measure will count for 50% of the overall evaluation score provided that three years of data are available. In the case that less than three years of data are available, this measure will constitute 40% of the evaluation.

Grade Level/Subject	Student Learning Achievement 2012-13,13-14	Student Learning Achievement 2014-2015
Kindergarten	Reflective of School VAM score	50% Content Measures
First Grade	Reflective of School VAM score	50% Content Measures
Second Grade	Reflective of School VAM score	50% Content Measures
Third Grade	40% FCAT Reading and Math Achievement	50% FCAT Reading and Math Achievement
Fourth Grade	40% FCAT Reading and Math Achievement 10% FCAT Writing Achievement	40% FCAT Reading and Math Achievement 10% FCAT Writing Achievement
Fifth Grade	N/A (wil not have 5 <sup>th</sup> yet)	40% Reading and Math Achievement and 10% Science Achievement
		40% FCAT Reading and Math Achievment
	40% FCAT Reading and Math	10% FCAT Writing Achievement
Sixth- Eight Grades	10% FCAT Writing Achievement	Algebra EOC Scores would be
	Algebra EOC scores if applicable	calclulated in FCAT Math Achievement if applicable
Ninth – Tenth	40% FCAT Reading and all EOC Scores	40% FCAT Reading and EOC Scores
Grades	10% FCAT Writing Achievement	10% FCAT Writing Achievement

#### Table 1: Student Achievement Scores

#### Inclusion of Student Growth in Instructional Evaluations

According to the Student Success Act (SB 736), at least 50% of the instructional evaluation must be based on student growth. It further stipulates that student learning growth must be assessed annually and measured by statewide assessments or, for subjects not measured by state assessments, by assessments. Whenever possible, three years of data should be considered. For the 2012-13 school year, school level student growth will comprise 40% of the instructional evaluation.

#### **Grades Where Students Take FCAT**

For the 2012-13 school year, the Student Growth Measure will be determined based on the school FCAT-reading Value Added Measurement for those student grades taking the FCAT. As other value added state assessment measures are developed by the Florida Student Growth Implementation Committee, NEP will transition to a more inclusive student growth model.

#### **Teachers of Students in Grades 9-12**

High School teachers grades 9-12 typically instruct students at several grade levels in their scheduled courses. Therefore, the following student growth model options will be implemented

for the 2012-13 school year. The teacher level student growth proficiency level will be based on the performance/growth of the actual students that the teacher instructed (FCAT/EOC students vs. non-FCAT/EOC students). The teacher's level of proficiency would reflect the composite growth of each of the groups of students commensurate with the percentage of each group in the teacher's overall student enrollment.

#### Student Growth Score Calculation (VAM)

A student growth score will be determined by aggregating a teacher's VAM measurement for reading across grade levels and up to three years where available. This method will allow utilization of the same cut scores and grade scales as teachers. In the simplest of terms, the VAM is determined as an average of teacher-reading scores and adjusted by a standard of error. After determining the composite scores, teachers will be ranked within a category and the score adjusted to match the ratio of possible scores within the proper range of a 300 point scale.

#### The formula for the ratio is:

Final score = ((VAM - Min Earned Score) \*(Max Possible Score –Min Possible Score)/ (Max Earned Score – Min Earned Score)) + Minimum Possible score rounded to the nearest whole number

Example: Where the teacher is found to be 'effective' with a score of = -.016520535, a maximum score of .67036605 and a minimum of -.373419438 within the range the computation would be:

181 = Rounded ((-.016520535 - (-.373419438)) \* (239-151))/ ((.67036605 - (- .373419438) +151))

Student Growth Score Range	Growth Rating
240 - 300	Highly Effective (4)
151 – 239	Effective (3)
75 – 150	Needs Improvement (2)
0 - 74	Unsatisfactory (1)

#### Table 2: Growth Score Ranges and Associated Growth Ratings (Scale of 1-4)

#### Instructional Practice

An Instructional Practice Score will be computed for all instructional personnel and will account for 50% of the annual performance evaluation. Marzano's Florida Model will be used. The **Instructional Practice Score** will consist of two elements: an **Instructional Status Score** and a **Deliberate Practice Score**.

The **Instructional Status Score** is a summative measure of classroom and instructional quality as measured the following procedures.

- Classroom observation ratings to measure teachers' proficiency in all 4 domains of the Marzano Model. Number/frequency of observations depends on a teacher's personnel category. For frequencies of observations, see Table 3. Forms for observational notation are listed in Table 16 (Appendix A) and descriptions of the appropriate times for each observational type are provided in Table 18 (Appendix A). Observational timelines for the duration of the school year are provided in Table 19 and 20 (Appendix A).
- At each observation, the observer will focus on 2 or more Marzano's Design Questions that organize multiple domain indicators into relevant instructional and classrom topics. See Table 4 for a suggested schedule of Design Questions at each observation.
- Ratings from each observation will recorded as evidence of proficiency in the domain.

See Table 5 for record of domain scores at each observation. These scores will later be used to calculate the Instructional Status Score.

- Each observation will includes pre and post conferences as well as feedback based on the indicators observed. See Table 3 for guidelines for each personnel category. Pre and post conferences may also include a review of other evidence include but not limited to curriculum-based measures, grade distributions, mastery checklists, student work samples, and discipline data.See Table 17 for observation proceedures include pre and post conferences and feedback guidelines.
- Note: An administrator must observe at least once per year (formally and informally) any teacher not rated highly effective for two consecutive years.
- See Table 21 for provisions are designed for teachers who do not meet expectations during the school year.

Status	Forma	mal Observations (Announced)			Informal Observations (Announced or Unannounced)			Walkthrough	5
	Min. Num	Observer Classification	Feedback Process	Min. Num	Observer Classification	Feedback Process	Min. Num	Observer Classification	Feedback Process
Category I	3: at least 2 by Admin	Administrator, Professional Development Staff, Assigned PLP	Pre and post observational feedback	2	Administrator, Instructional Coach	Written Feedback	**Once a Month	Administrator, Instructional Coach, PLP	Observation Record
Category I: Teacher: with District Highly Effective Rating	1	Administrator, Professional Development Staff, Assigned PLP, Category III Highly Effective Teacher	Pre and post observational conferences with written feedback	1	Administrator, Instructional Coach	Written Feedback	**Bi- Monthly	Administrator, Instructional Coach, PLP	Observation Record
Category II: Teacher (4 or more years of service)	1	Administrator Professional Development Staff, Category III Highly Effective Teacher	Pre and post observational conferences with written feedback	1	Administrator, Instructional Coach	Written Feedback	**Bi- Monthly	Administrator, Instructional Coach, PLP	Observation Record
Category III: Teacher (10 or more years of service)	1	Administrator Professional Development Staff, Category III Highly Effective Teacher	Pre and post observational conferences with written feedback	1	Administrator, Instructional Coach	Written Feedback	**Bi- Monthly	Administrator, Instructional Coach, PLP	Observation Record
Struggling Teacher	4 (at least 2 by Admin)	Administrator Professional Development Staff, Category III Highly Effective Teacher	Pre and post observational conferences with written feedback	4	Administrator, Instructional Coach	Written Feedback	**Twice a Month	Administrator, Instructional Coach, PLP	Observation Record

#### **Table 3: Observation Frequency and Type**

Observation 1	Observation 2	Observation 3	Observation 4
DQ 1 What will I do to establish learning goals, track student progress and celebrate success? DQ 6 What will I do to establish or maintain classroom routines and procedures? DQ 5 What will I do to engage students?	DQ 1 What will I do to establish learning goals, track student progress and celebrate success? DQ 9 What will I do to communicate high expectations for students? DQ 7 What will I do to acknowledge adherence or lack of adherence to rules and procedures?	DQ 2 What will I do to help students interact with new knowledge? DQ 8 What will I do to establish and maintain effective relationships?	DQ 3 What will I do to help students deepen and practice new knowledge? DQ 4 What will I do to help students generate and test hypothesis about new knowledge?

For example, Design Questions 1, 6 and 5 are the focus of the first observation as these areas are most highly correlated with student learning outcomes. Design Questions previously addressed during a formal observation can be revisited at the request of the teacher or the observer in future observations. In subsequent years for Category I teachers, the formal observation schedule would follow a similar pattern with each observation focusing on two to three Design Questions identified by the observer and the teacher.

#### **Peer Review Option**

NEP has included a peer review option as component of the evaluation system. Beginning in 2013-2014, teachers may participate in peer review and feedback as part of the evaluation process. Peers serving in this role are designated as Professional Learning Partners (PLPs). For teachers in Category I, the PLP will be assigned by an administrator and/or Professional Development Staff and will serve in that capacity until otherwise directed. During Year 1, PLPs for Category I teachers will be administratively assigned. From Year 2 on, Category II or Category II teachers who are rated as highly effective in Domain I are eligible to serve as a PLP for Category I teachers. PLPs for Category II and Category III teachers are self-selected. PLPs will use appropriate tools to document classroom observations and record feedback. Results will be used to inform the summative Instructional Status Score. The assignment of PLPs and the frequency of observations are outlined in Table 3. Training for teachers serving as PLPs will occur as a part of the initial and ongoing professional development to support implementation of the UA teacher evaluation system.

Teacher Self Ratings will also inform final evaluation ratings. Teachers will provide a portfolio of evidence to support selfratings in the Four Domains.

Table 3 provides additional information on types of observations, frequency, instruments used, feedback, and timelines. See Table 4 for guidelines on the peer review process and approved participants.

#### Instructional Practice Score Calculation

At each observation, indicators in each domain are scored on a scale of 1-4. Once all observations are complete, the frequency of ratings for each domain is calculated (Table 5). Next, a percentage is calculated for the frequency of each rating (1-4) within each domain (Table 6). To determine the final Instructional Status Score rating, the total percentages are translated into a 1-4 scale, using the categories associated with those percentages in Table 7.

	Domain 1	D2	D3	D4
Ratings	(41 total)	(8 total)	(5 total)	(6 total)
4	72 ratings of 4 in Domain 1	12	10	6
3	6 ratings of 3 in Domain 1	4		6
2				
1				
Totals	78 total ratings in Domain 1	16	10	12

 Table 5: Ratings for each domain score at each observation

#### Table 6: Percentage of Ratings for Each Domain

Ratings	Domain 1 (41 total)	D2 (8 total)	D3 (5 total)	D4 (6 total)	Total PCT	Rating
4	0.92	0.75	1	0.5	0.79	
3	0.08	0.25	0	0.5	0.21	4
2					0	4
1					0	

#### Table 7:Summative Ratings by Personnel Category Category | Teachers

	Effective (3)	Developing (2)	Unsatisfactory (1)
At least 65% at Level 4 and 0% at Level 1 or 0	At least 65% at Level 3 or higher	Less than 65% at Level 3 or higher and Less than 50% at Level 1 or 0	Greater than or equal to 50% at Level 1 or m0

Highly Effective (4)	Effective (3)	Developing (2)	Unsatisfactory (1)
At least 75% at Level 4 and 0% at Level 1 or 0	At least 75% at Level 3 or higher	Less than 75% at Level 3 or higher and Less than 50% at Level 1 or 0	Greater than or equal to 50% at Level 1 or m0

#### Category III Teachers

Highly Effective (4)	Effective (3)	Developing (2)	Unsatisfactory (1)
At least 85% at Level 4 and 0% at Level 1 or 0	At least 85% at Level 3 or higher	Less than 85% at Level 3 or higher and Less than 50% at Level 1 or 0	Greater than or equal to 50% at Level 1 or m0

#### **Deliberate Practice**

The Deliberate Practice Score measures teacher growth across the school year and includes the following elements.

- Measurement of teacher growth on the IPDP for specifically targeted elements for improvement in Domain 1
- Recognizes teacher's deliberate practice
- Supports annual growth in teacher practice
- informs the development of the Individual Professional Development Plan (IPDP)

Teachers will complete an IPDP plan that aligns with the school improvement plan as well as their own professional goals. On the IPDP the teacher will choose 1-4 Deliberate Practice Targets. Each growth target will be evaluated at year end using Table 8. Depending on the number of targets selected by the teacher, points for each target will be assigned (see Table 9). The total scores for each growth target are summed and Table 10 is used to assign a 1-4 rating to the Deliberate Practice Score. See Table 11 for an example of scores for three growth targets and the assigned Deliberate Practice Score.

#### Table 8: Scoring Deliberate Practice:

Scoring a DP Growth Target	Criteria
Highly Effective	Target met, all progress points achieved, and verifiable
	improvement in leader's performance
Effective	Target met, progress points achievedimpact not yet evident
Needs Improvement	Target not met, but some progress points met
Unsatisfactory	Target not met, nothing beyond 1 progress point

#### Table 9 : Growth Target Points

Number	of growth targets Maximu		m points per target Max		ximum Point Range		
One Targ	rget 300		300		)		
Two Targ	Targets 150 (300		0/2) 300		D (150 x 2)		
Three Ta	Targets 100 (300		)/3)		300	D (100 x 3)	
Four Tar	our Targets 75 (300/-		4)	300 (75 x 4)			
Rating	Point values		If 1 target	lf 2	•	If 3	If 4
_			_	targets	5	targets	targets
HE	max points		300	150		100	75
E	.80 of max		240	120		80	60
NI	.5 of max		150	75		50	37.5
U	.25 if some progress		75	37.5		25	18.75
U	.0 if 1 progress sta	age	0	0		0	0

Table 10: Deliberate Practice Score Range and Ratings			
DP Score Range	DP Rating		
241 to 300	Highly Effective (4)		
151 to 240	Effective (3)		
75 to 150	Needs Improvement (2)		
0 to 74	Unsatisfactory(1)		

### Table 40: Daliberate Dreatice Course Dange and Dating

#### Table 11: Example Three Growth Target Scoring Procedure

	DP Score	Rating	Assigned Score
Target 1	100	HE	
Target 2	80	E	
Target 3	25	U	
Target DP Total	205	E	3

#### **Final Calculation of the Instructional Status Score**

The Instructional Status Score and the Deliberate Practice Score are weighted at 60% and 40% respectively and combined to determine the Final Instructional Practice rating (Table 12) and scored using the 4 point scale ranges (Table 13).

#### Table 12: Final Calcuation of the Instructional Status Score

Instructional Status and Deliberate		Weighted Scores
Practice	Scores	(60/40)
IS	4	2.4
DP	3	1.2
Summative Rating		3.6

#### Table 13: Instructional Status Score Rating Scale

3,	Needs Improvement or Developing5 - 3.41.5 - 2.4	Unsatisfactory 0 – 1.
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FCAT student growth data likely will not be made available until after the close of the 2012-13 school year. Therefore, the Student Growth Measure Score will not be available to determine the overall proficiency levels at the typically scheduled evaluation time. The first two sections of the Summative Evaluation will be completed prior to the end of the school year and an interim score and rating will be given. Once the student growth data becomes available, the remainder of the evaluation will be completed and a final score and rating will be determined.

#### Table 14: Final Calculation of the Instructional Status Score

Student Achievement and Instructional Status Scores	Scores	Weighted Scores (50/50)
Student Achievement	?	?
Instructional Status Score	3.6	1.8
Summative Rating		?

### A System of Improvement

The purpose of NEP's developed Performance Evaluation System is to establish an overall system of continuous improvement focused on increasing student learning growth by improving the quality of instructional, administrative, and supervisory service (1012.34 (1)(a), F.S.

School improvement goals are informed by data based on student learning outcomes and trends in instructional practice as captured and aggregated in a data matrix. These same data are used to measure teacher effectiveness and inform decisions about classroom practice, staffing, and professional learning needs. Instructional evaluation results will be used to identify both challenge areas and possible solutions to be addressed in school and district improvement plans. At the teacher, school, and district level this system is based on a cycle of instructional improvement. This system is illustrated in Figure 3.



### Figure 3: Cycle of Instructional Improvement

Teacher action plans will be documented in their Individual Professional Development Plans (IPDPs). IPDPs will identify target areas for deliberate practice based on instructional practice observation results and student learning outcomes from the previous year. Timelines for this process are detailed in Table 3.

As outlined in Table 3, teachers may receive observations from educators with various instructional roles. Supporting continuous progress in instructional growth will generate input from numerous sources. For teachers and instructional personnel, administrators will conduct the final Summative Teacher Evaluation. All personnel giving input into the evaluation of another employee MUST have attended training on the evaluation and observation process before performing any observations. A comprehensive understanding of the Marzano Evaluation Model's 4 Domains, 60 elements, observation forms and procedures, and overall evaluation system process is critical to ensure both the accuracy and reliability of observations, feedback, and input.

In order to monitor the effectiveness of the Instructional Evaluation System, a committee will be established to review and analyze performance data and make recommendations for improvements to the system. It is anticipated that the committee with meet quarterly to

monitor the effectiveness of the procedures and amend the process as needed. An annual report of the evaluation process will be presented to the school board for review.

The instructional evaluation results will be scrutinized to determine school needs that should be addressed and incorporated into the school level improvement plan and professional development plan.

### **Evaluator Training**

Administrators and professional development staff responsible for observations and evaluations will attend training in teacher evaluation. Participants learn how to use the protocol, provide meaningful feedback, and support teachers' growth through the teacher performance evaluation system.

Additionally, Administrators and professional staff responsible for observations are engaged in a Book Study reviewing Marzano's The Art and Science of Teaching and Effective Supervision and Hattie's Visible Learning. Subsequent initial training opportunities for new administrators and personnel with other educational roles will be offered periodically; e.g., these may be provided by either by professional consultants, through conference attendance, or through DOE conferences set up throughout state. Ongoing training for system evaluators will be provided to ensure integrity of the system.

Cohorts of initially trained participants will participate in ongoing professional development spread throughout the school year to augment the learning of the initial training. Topics will include:

- Marzano's Observation and Feedback Protocol
- Interrater reliability for observers
- Constructing effective feedback
- Analyzing data on teacher practice for trends and patterns
- Collecting data to convene collegial conversation
- Connecting teacher practice to student achievement

### **APPENDIX A**

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#### Table 15: Peer Review Process

Teacher	NEP Peer Review Option	Number of Observations
Category I	Professional Learning Partner (PLP) assigned by administrator	At least 2
Category II	PLP(s) self-selected	At least 1
Category III	PLP(s) self-selected	At least 1

### **Table 16: Observation Forms Options**

Formal Observation (s)	Informal Observation(s)	Walkthrough(s)
Performance Pre-Conference	Performance Snapshot Form	Performance Snapshot Form
Performance Short Form	Performance Short Form	Performance Short Form
Performance Post-Conference	Performance Long Form	Performance Long Form
Performance Long Form	Other district identified measures to support school improvement strategies	Other district identified measures to support school improvement strategies
Other district identified measures to support school improvement strategies		

#### Table 17: Observation Roles

Formal Observation	Role of the Observer	Role of the
		Teacher
Pre-Conference	Support and guide the teacher in planning and preparation	<ul> <li>Provide evidence regarding their skills in planning and aligning their lessons to district standards and curricula</li> <li>Identify student learning goals</li> <li>Help observer understand the context of the lesson and orient them to the classroom environment and procedures</li> <li>Reflect on the guidance and support provided by the observer</li> </ul>
Post-Conference	<ul> <li>Present evidence gathered during the observation</li> <li>Provide an opportunity for the presentation of evidence across all four domains</li> <li>Provide a climate and experience that enables the teacher and the observer to reflect upon all four domains and determine next steps</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reflect upon the impact that the lesson had on student learning.</li> <li>Present evidence gathered to support learning in all four domains (Teacher Evaluation Portfolio)</li> <li>Reflect upon the feedback provided</li> </ul>
Written Feedback	Provide objective, actionable     and timely feedback	Reflect upon, engage in dialogue and take appropriate
		action
Informal Observation	Role of the Observer	Role of the Teacher
Written Feedback	Provide objective, actionable and timely feedback	Reflect upon, engage in dialogue and take appropriate action
Walkthrough	Role of the Observer	Role of the Teacher
Formative Feedback	Provide objective, actionable and timely feedback	Reflect upon, engage in dialogue and take appropriate action

Table 18:	Observation	Types and	Characteristics
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	Announced	Unannounced
Formal	<ul> <li>Class Period/Block (minimum of 40 minutes)</li> <li>Pre-Conference – occurs at least 24 hours in advance of the observation</li> <li>Post-Conference – occurs no longer than 4 days following the observation</li> <li>Results inform annual evaluation</li> <li>Written feedback provided</li> </ul>	
Informal	to the teacher     At least 20 minutes long     The results inform annual	<ul> <li>At least 20 minutes long</li> <li>The results inform annual</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The results inform annual evaluation</li> <li>Written/oral feedback provided to the teacher</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The results inform annual evaluation</li> <li>Written/oral feedback provided to the teacher</li> </ul>
Walkthroughs	<ul> <li>Usually 3-10 minutes</li> <li>Formative feedback only.</li> <li>Does not inform the annual evaluation.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Usually 3-10 minutes</li> <li>Formative feedback only.</li> <li>Does not inform the annual evaluation.</li> </ul>

#### Table 19: Timeline of Observer Implementation

Training will be conducted during the summer months for the Adminstrators and during Pre-planning for the teachers. A review of assessment data will also be provided prompt discussions on School Improvement Goals for the coming year.

Year		Conduct Formal Observations	Conduct Informal Observations	Conduct Final Rating
1	Administrators	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Professional Development Staff	Yes	Yes	No
	Professional Learning Partner (PLP)	No	Yes	No
	Professional Learning Partner-Assigned (PLP)	Yes	Yes	No
	Instructional Coaches	No	Yes	No
2	Administrators	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Professional Development Staff	Yes	Yes	No
	Professional Learning Partner (PLP)	No	Yes	No
	Professional Learning Partner-Assigned (PLP	Yes	Yes	No
3	Administrators	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Professional Development Staff	Yes	Yes	No
	Professional Learning Partner (PLP)	No	Yes	No
	Professional Learning Partner-Assigned (PLP	Yes	Yes	No
	Category III Highly Effective Teacher (2+ Years)	Yes	Yes	No

Month	Category I Teachers	Category II Teachers	Category III Teachers	Struggling Teachers
August	Develop Scheo	lule of Observations		
	Create IPDP using previous year evaluation results and data (when applicable)	Create IPDP using previous year evaluation results and data (when applicable)	Create IPDP using previous year evaluation results and data (when applicable)	Create IPDP/Improvement Plan and evaluation criteria using previous year evaluation results and data (when applicable)
	Observations			Observations
September	Observations	Create IPDP using previous year evaluation results and data (when applicable)	Create IPDP using previous year evaluation results and data (when applicable)	Observations
	Align schedule of observations to address areas of deliberate practice identified in IPDPs			perate practice identified in IPDPs
October	Observations	Observations	Observations	Observations
November	Observations	Observations	Observations	Observations
December	Mid-Year Review including IPDP * Category I Newly Hired 90 day review	Observations	Observations	Mid-Year Review including IPDP
January	Observations	Mid-Year Review, if needed, including IPDP	Mid-Year Review, if needed, including IPDP	Observations
February	Observations	Observations	Observations	Observations
March	Observations	Observations	Observations	Observations
April	Observations	Observations	Observations	Observations
Мау	Observations	Observations	Observations	Observations
June/July	Administrator will Complete and Submit two Annual Evaluations for Category I teachers; one Annual Evaluation for Category II and III with IPDP			

	Identification and Support of Teachers Not Meeting Expectations
Purpose of the process	To provide focused support and structured intensive assistance for teachers who
	are not meeting University Academy expectations
Definition of Teachers not Meeting	Category I Teachers: Unsatisfactory Summative Teacher
Expectations	Evaluation Score Category II
	or III Teachers: Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory
	Summative Teacher Evaluation Score
General procedures	The administrator will assign a PLP to the struggling teacher based on their areas of need. Specific professional learning in those particular areas will be
	assigned and required to be progressed monitored with appropriate observation tools. Additionally, a minimum of 1 quarterly coaching session will
	be provided in the specific domain(s) deficient. Evidence gathered in the areas of need
	would reflect an improvement in Marzano's five-point scale through developing (II) and
	above to indicate improvement. If a PLP was assigned to a Category I teacher, the PLP can be reassigned to ensure a match
	of needs.
	In addition to the increased observations, the teacher will get increased individualized
	assistance to develop an IPDP to address the most deficient domain.
	Progress will be assessed and documented through the formal and informal observation
	process at a minimum of four times in each category. A team consisting of at minimum of an administrator and
	PLP, but which may also including Professional Development Staff, or Instructional Coaches will meet at least quarterly to ensure
	that the needs of the struggling teacher are met.
Roles and responsibilities	Administrator(s):
	Observe
	<ul> <li>Develop the IPDP to address the area(s) of need</li> <li>Render the final rating</li> </ul>
	PLP: • Observe
	<ul> <li>Assist in developing the IPDP to address the area(s) of need</li> </ul>
	Provide coaching and professional development
	Professional Development Staff: • Observe
	Assist in developing the IPDP to address the area(s) of need
	Provide coaching and professional development Instructional
	Coach:

### Table 21: Identification and Support of Teachers Not Meeting Expectations

	Observe	
	<ul> <li>Assist in developing the IPDP to address the area(s) of</li> </ul>	
	need	
	<ul> <li>Provide coaching and professional development Struggling</li> </ul>	
Teacher		
<ul> <li>Engage in the professional learning</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Participate in the development of the IPDP</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Provide documentation of professional learning</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Provide evidence of implementation</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Attend all meetings with their PLP, Professional</li> </ul>	
	Development Staff,	
	Administrator(s), Instructional Coaches	
Timelines	As indicated in Table 9, the teacher identified as "struggling" will	
	receive	
	a minimum of four observations both formally and informally.	
	Additionally,	
	walkthroughs are conducted at a minimum of twice per month by	
	an administrator.	

### Appendix B

### **OBSERVATION FORMS**

All forms will be made available digitally and will contain the same content as the forms below:

- Snapshot Form
- Short Forms
- Long Forms
- Conference Forms
- Individual Professional Development Plan

### **Marzano Protocol Snapshot**

Lesson Segments that Involve Routine Events that Might be Observed in Every Lesson

1. What is the teacher doing to help establish and communicate learning goals, track student progress, and celebrate success?

Comments:

2. What is the teacher doing to establish or maintain classroom rules and procedures?

Comments:

#### Lesson Segments that Address Content

#### 3. What is the teacher doing to help students effectively interact with new knowledge?

Comments:

#### 4. What is the teacher doing to help students practice and deepen their understanding of new knowledge?

Comments:

#### 5. What is the teacher doing to help students generate and test hypotheses about new knowledge?

Comments:

#### Lesson Segments that are Enacted on the Spot

#### 6. What is the teacher doing to engage students?

Comments:

## 7. What is the teacher doing to recognize and acknowledge adherence and lack of adherence to classroom rules and procedures?

Comments:

#### 8. What is the teacher doing to establish and maintain effective relationships with students?

Comments:

#### 9. What is the teacher doing to communicate high expectations for all students?

Comments:

### Art and Science of Teaching Teacher Evaluation Model: Domain 2: Planning and Preparing (Short Form)

The teacher plans for clear goals and identifies them in the plan; he or she describes methods for tracking student progress and measuring success

### Planning and Preparing for Lessons and Units

42. Effective Scaffolding of Information within Lessons		
Within lessons, the teacher prepares and plans the organization of content in such a way that each new piece of information builds on the previous piece.	<ul> <li>Innovating (4)</li> <li>Applying (3)</li> <li>Developing (2)</li> <li>Beginning (1)</li> <li>Not Using (0)</li> <li>Not Applicable</li> </ul>	

43. Lessons within Units	
The teacher organizes lessons within units to progress toward a deep understanding of content.	<ul> <li>Innovating (4)</li> <li>Applying (3)</li> <li>Developing (2)</li> <li>Beginning (1)</li> <li>Not Using (0)</li> <li>Not Applicable</li> </ul>

44. Attention to Established Content Standards		
The teacher ensures that lesson and unit plans are aligned with established content standards identified by the district and the manner in which that content should be sequenced.	<ul> <li>Innovating (4)</li> <li>Applying (3)</li> <li>Developing (2)</li> <li>Beginning (1)</li> <li>Not Using (0)</li> <li>Not Applicable</li> </ul>	

### Planning and Preparing for Use of Resources and Technology

45. Use of Available Traditional Resources	
The teacher identifies the available traditional resources (materials and human) for upcoming units and lessons.	<ul> <li>Innovating (4)</li> <li>Applying (3)</li> <li>Developing (2)</li> <li>Beginning (1)</li> <li>Not Using (0)</li> <li>Not Applicable</li> </ul>
46. Use of Available Technology	
The teacher identifies the use of available technology that can enhance students' understanding of content in a lesson or unit.	<ul> <li>Innovating (4)</li> <li>Applying (3)</li> <li>Developing (2)</li> <li>Beginning (1)</li> <li>Not Using (0)</li> <li>Not Applicable</li> </ul>

### Planning and Preparing for Special Needs of Students

47. Needs of English Language Learners	
The teacher provides for the needs of English Language Learners (ELL) by identifying the adaptations that must be made within a lesson or unit.	<ul> <li>Innovating (4)</li> <li>Applying (3)</li> <li>Developing (2)</li> <li>Beginning (1)</li> <li>Not Using (0)</li> <li>Not Applicable</li> </ul>

48. Needs of Special Education Students	
The teacher identifies the needs of special education students by providing accommodations and modifications that must be made for specific special education students.	<ul> <li>Innovating (4)</li> <li>Applying (3)</li> <li>Developing (2)</li> <li>Beginning (1)</li> <li>Not Using (0)</li> <li>Not Applicable</li> </ul>

49. Needs of Students Who Lack Support for Schooling	
The teacher identifies the needs of students who come from home environments that offer little support for schooling.	<ul> <li>Innovating (4)</li> <li>Applying (3)</li> <li>Developing (2)</li> <li>Beginning (1)</li> <li>Not Using (0)</li> <li>Not Applicable</li> </ul>



# Art and Science of Teaching Teacher Evaluation Model: Domain 3: Reflecting on Teaching (Short Form)

### **Evaluating Personal Performance**

50. Identifying Areas of Pedagogical Strength and Weakness	
The teacher identifies specific strategies and behaviors on which to improve from Domain 1 (routine lesson segments, content lesson segments and segments that are enacted on the spot).	<ul> <li>Innovating (4)</li> <li>Applying (3)</li> <li>Developing (2)</li> <li>Beginning (1)</li> <li>Not Using (0)</li> <li>Not Applicable</li> </ul>

51. Evaluating the Effectiveness of Individual Lessons and Units	
The teacher determines how effective a lesson or unit of instruction was in terms of enhancing student achievement and identifies causes of success or difficulty.	<ul> <li>Innovating (4)</li> <li>Applying (3)</li> <li>Developing (2)</li> <li>Beginning (1)</li> <li>Not Using (0)</li> <li>Not Applicable</li> </ul>

52. Evaluating the Effectiveness of Specific Pedagogical Strategies and Behaviors	
The teacher determines the effectiveness of specific instructional techniques regarding the achievement of subgroups of students and identifies specific reasons for discrepancies.	<ul> <li>Innovating (4)</li> <li>Applying (3)</li> <li>Developing (2)</li> <li>Beginning (1)</li> <li>Not Using (0)</li> <li>Not Applicable</li> </ul>

### Developing and Implementing a Professional Growth Plan

53. Developing a Written Growth and Development Plan	
The teacher develops a written professional growth and development plan with specific and measureable goals, action steps, manageable timelines and appropriate resources.	<ul> <li>Innovating (4)</li> <li>Applying (3)</li> <li>Developing (2)</li> <li>Beginning (1)</li> <li>Not Using (0)</li> <li>Not Applicable</li> </ul>

54. Monitoring Progress Relative to the Professional Growth and Development Plan	
The teacher charts his or her progress toward goals using established action plans, milestones and timelines.	<ul> <li>Innovating (4)</li> <li>Applying (3)</li> <li>Developing (2)</li> <li>Beginning (1)</li> <li>Not Using (0)</li> <li>Not Applicable</li> </ul>

### SHORT FORM Art and Science of Teaching Teacher Evaluation Model: Domain 4: Collegiality and Professionalism (Short Form) Promoting a Positive Environment

55. Promoting Positive Interactions with Colleagues		
The teacher interacts with other teachers in a positive manner to promote and support student learning.	<ul> <li>Innovating (4)</li> <li>Applying (3)</li> <li>Developing (2)</li> <li>Beginning (1)</li> <li>Not Using (0)</li> <li>Not Applicable</li> </ul>	
56. Promoting Positive Interactions about Students and Parents		
The teacher interacts with students and parents in a positive manner to foster learning and promote positive home/school relationships.	<ul> <li>Innovating (4)</li> <li>Applying (3)</li> <li>Developing (2)</li> <li>Beginning (1)</li> <li>Not Using (0)</li> <li>Not Applicable</li> </ul>	

### Promoting Exchange of Ideas and Strategies

57. Seeking Mentorship for Areas of Need or Interest		
The teacher seeks help and input from colleagues regarding specific classroom strategies and behaviors.	<ul> <li>Innovating (4)</li> <li>Applying (3)</li> <li>Developing (2)</li> <li>Beginning (1)</li> <li>Not Using (0)</li> <li>Not Applicable</li> </ul>	
58. Mentoring Other Teachers and Sharing Ideas and Strategies		
The teacher provides other teachers with help and input regarding specific classroom strategies and behaviors.	<ul> <li>Innovating (4)</li> <li>Applying (3)</li> <li>Developing (2)</li> <li>Beginning (1)</li> <li>Not Using (0)</li> <li>Not Applicable</li> </ul>	

Promoting District and School Development 59. Adhering to District and School Rules and Procedures	
The teacher is aware of the district's and school's rules and procedures and adheres to them.	<ul> <li>Innovating (4)</li> <li>Applying (3)</li> <li>Developing (2)</li> <li>Beginning (1)</li> <li>Not Using (0)</li> <li>Not Applicable</li> </ul>
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The teacher is aware of the district's and school's initiatives and participates in them in accordance with his or her talents and	<ul> <li>O Innovating (4)</li> <li>O Applying (3)</li> <li>O Developing (2)</li> </ul>

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#### Planning and Preparing for Lessons and Units

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### Long Form Domain 1 Marzano Protocol: Lesson Segments Involving Routine Events

Design Question #1: What will I do to establish and communicate learning goals, track student progress, and celebrate success?

#### 10. Providing Clear Learning Goals and Scales (Rubrics)

The teacher provides a clearly stated learning goal accompanied by scale or rubric that describes levels of performance relative to the learning goal.

#### Teacher Evidence

- **D** Teacher has a learning goal posted so that all students can see it
- The learning goal is a clear statement of knowledge or information as opposed to an activity or assignment
- Teacher makes reference to the learning goal throughout the lesson
- Teacher has a scale or rubric that relates to the learning goal posted so that all students can see it
- Teacher makes reference to the scale or rubric throughout the lesson

#### Student Evidence

- **D** When asked, students can explain the learning goal for the lesson
- D When asked, students can explain how their current activities relate to the learning goal
- D When asked, students can explain the meaning of the levels of performance articulated in the scale or rubric

Scale Levels: (choose one)

Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable	

Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Providing clear learning goals and scales (rubrics)	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Provides a clearly stated learning goal accompanied by a scale or rubric that describes levels of performance and monitors students understanding of the learning goal and the levels of performance.	Provides a clearly stated learning goal accompanied by a scale or rubric that describes levels of performance.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Providing clear learning goals and scales (rubrics)	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for providing clearly stated learning goals and rubrics that address the unique student needs and situations?	In addition to providing a clearly stated learning goal accompanied by a scale or rubric that describes levels of performance, how can you monitor students understanding of the learning goal and the levels of performance?	How can you provide a clearly stated learning goal accompanied by a scale or rubric that describes levels of performance?	How can you begin to incorporate some aspects of this strategy into your instruction?

### **11. Tracking Student Progress**

The teacher facilitates tracking of student progress on one or more learning goals using a formative approach to assessment.

#### **Teacher Evidence**

Teacher helps student track their individual progress on the learning goal

Teacher uses formal and informal means to assign scores to students on the scale or rubric depicting student status on the learning goal

Teacher charts the progress of the entire class on the learning goal

#### **Student Evidence**

U When asked, students can describe their status relative to the learning goal using the scale or rubric

Students systematically update their status on the learning goal

Scale Levels: (choose one)							
Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable		

#### Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Tracking student progress	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Facilitates tracking of student progress using a formative approach to assessment and monitors the extent to which students understand their level of performance.	Facilitates tracking of student progress using a formative approach to assessment.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Tracking student progress	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for facilitating tracking of student progress using a formative approach to assessment, that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to facilitating tracking of student progress using a formative approach to assessment, how can you monitor the extent to which students understand their level of performance?	How can you facilitate tracking of student progress using a formative approach to assessment?	How can you begin to incorporate some aspects of this strategy into your instruction?

12. Celebrating Success
The teacher provides students with recognition of their current status and their knowledge gain relative to the learning goal.  Teacher Evidence  Teacher acknowledges students who have achieved a certain score on the scale or rubric  Teacher acknowledges students who have made gains in their knowledge and skill relative to the learning goal  Teacher acknowledges and celebrates the final status and progress of the entire class Teacher uses a variety of ways to celebrate success Show of hands Certification of success Parent notification Round of applause
<ul> <li>Student Evidence</li> <li>Student show signs of pride regarding their accomplishments in the class</li> <li>When asked, students say they want to continue to make progress</li> </ul>

Scale Levels: (cnoose one)								
Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable			

Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Celebrating success	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Provides students with recognition of their current status and their knowledge gain relative to the learning goal and monitors the extent to which students are motivated to enhance their status.	Provides students with recognition of their current status and their knowledge gain relative to the learning goal.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Celebrating success	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for providing students with recognition of their current status and their knowledge gain relative to the learning goal that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to providing students with recognition of their current status and their knowledge gain relative to the learning goal, how can you monitor the extent to which students are motivated to enhance their status?	How can you provide students with recognition of their current status and their knowledge gain relative to the learning goal?	How can you begin to incorporate some aspects of this strategy into your instruction?

### **Student Interviews**

#### **Student Questions:**

- What learning goal did today's lesson focus on? How well are you doing on that learning goal? •
- •
- Describe the different levels you can be at on the learning goal. •

## Design Question #2: What will I do to help students effectively interact with new knowledge?\_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Identifying Critical Information

The teacher identifies a lesson or part of a lesson as involving important information to which students should pay particular attention.

#### Teacher Evidence

- **D** Teacher begins the lesson by explaining why upcoming content is important
- Teacher tells students to get ready for some important information
- **T**eacher cues the importance of upcoming information in some indirect fashion
  - Tone of voice
  - Body position
  - Level of excitement

#### Student Evidence

- D When asked, students can describe the level of importance of the information addressed in class
- □ When asked, students can explain why the content is important to pay attention to
- □ Students visibly adjust their level of engagement

Scale Levels: (choo	Scale Levels: (choose one)								
Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable				

Scale					
	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Identifying critical information	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Signals to students which content is critical versus non-critical and monitors the extent to which students are attending to critical information.	Signals to students which content is critical versus non-critical.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Identifying critical information	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for identifying critical information that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to signaling to students which content is critical versus non-critical, how might you monitor the extent to which students attend to critical information?	How can you signal to students which content is critical versus non-critical?	How can you begin to incorporate some aspect of this strategy in your instruction?

#### 7. Organizing Students to Interact with New Knowledge The teacher organizes students into small groups to facilitate the processing of new information. **Teacher Evidence** Teacher has established routines for student grouping and student interaction in groups **Teacher organizes students into ad hoc groups for the lesson** Diads • Triads • Small groups up to about 5 Student Evidence □ Students move to groups in an orderly fashion □ Students appear to understand expectations about appropriate behavior in groups Respect opinions of others • Add their perspective to discussions • Ask and answer questions • Scale Levels: (choose one) Innovating Applying Developing Beginning Not Using Not Applicable

#### Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Organizing students to interact with new knowledge	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Organizes students into small groups to facilitate the processing of new knowledge and monitors group processing.	Organizes students into small groups to facilitate the processing of new knowledge.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Organizing students to interact with new knowledge	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for organizing students to interact with new knowledge that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to organizing students into small groups to facilitate the processing of new knowledge, how can you monitor group processes?	How can you organize students into small groups to facilitate the processing of new knowledge?	How can you begin to incorporate some aspect of this strategy in your instruction?

#### 8. Previewing New Content

The teacher engages students in activities that help them link what they already know to the new content about to be addressed and facilitates these linkages.

#### Teacher Evidence

- **Teacher uses preview question before reading**
- Teacher uses K-W-L strategy or variation of it
- **Teacher asks or reminds students what they already know about the topic**
- **D** Teacher provides an advanced organizer
  - Outline
  - Graphic organizer
- Teacher has students brainstorm
- **Teacher uses anticipation guide**
- Teacher uses motivational hook/launching activity
  - Anecdotes
  - Short selection from video
- **D** Teacher uses word splash activity to connect vocabulary to upcoming content

#### Student Evidence

- □ When asked, students can explain linkages with prior knowledge
- When asked, students make predictions about upcoming content
- □ When asked, students can provide a purpose for what they are about to learn
- Students actively engage in previewing activities

Scale Levels: (choose one)

□ Innovating □ Applying

Developing

ng 🛛 🗆 Beginning

□ Not Using □ Not Applicable

#### Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Previewing new content	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Engages students in learning activities that require them to preview and link new knowledge to what has been addressed and monitors the extent to which students are making linkages.	Engages students in learning activities that require them to preview and link new knowledge to what has been addressed.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Previewing new content	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for previewing new content that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to engaging students in learning activities that require them to preview and link new knowledge to what has been addressed, how can you also monitor the extent to which students are making linkages?	How can you engage students in learning activities that require them to preview and link new knowledge to what has been addressed?	How can you begin to incorporate some aspect of this strategy in your instruction?

### 9. Chunking Content into "Digestible Bites"

Based on student needs, the teacher breaks the content into small chunks (i.e. digestible bites) of information that can be easily processed by students.

#### **Teacher Evidence**

- **D** Teacher stops at strategic points in a verbal presentation
- □ While playing a video tape, the teacher turns the tape off at key junctures
- **D** While providing a demonstration, the teacher stops at strategic points
- D While students are reading information or stories orally as a class, the teacher stops at strategic points

#### **Student Evidence**

- □ When asked, students can explain why the teacher is stopping at various points
- □ Students appear to know what is expected of them when the teacher stops at strategic points

Scale Levels: (choo	ose one)				
Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable

Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Chunking content into digestible bites	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Breaks input experiences into small chunks based on student needs and monitors the extent to which chunks are appropriate.	Breaks input experiences into small chunks based on student needs.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Chunking content into digestible bites	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for chunking content into digestible bites that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to breaking input experiences into small chunks based on student needs, how can you also monitor the extent to which chunks are appropriate?	How can you break input experiences into small chunks based on student needs?	How can you begin to incorporate some aspect of this strategy in your instruction?

#### **10. Processing New Information**

During breaks in the presentation of content, the teacher engages students in actively processing new information.

#### Teacher Evidence

**Teacher has group members summarize new information** 

- □ Teacher employs formal group processing strategies
  - Jigsaw
  - Reciprocal Teaching
  - Concept attainment

#### Student Evidence

- $\hfill\square$  When asked, students can explain what they have just learned
- □ Students volunteer predictions
- □ Students voluntarily ask clarification questions
- Groups are actively discussing the content
  - Group members ask each other and answer questions about the information
  - Group members make predictions about what they expect next

Scale Levels: (choose one)									
Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable				

#### Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Processing new information	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Engages students in summarizing, predicting, and questioning activities and monitor the extent to which the activities enhance students' understanding.	Engages students in summarizing, predicting, and questioning activities.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

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### **11. Elaborating on New Information**

The teacher asks questions or engages students in activities that require elaborative inferences that go beyond what was explicitly taught.

#### **Teacher Evidence**

- Teacher asks explicit questions that require students to make elaborative inferences about the content
- Teacher asks students to explain and defend their inferences
- Teacher presents situations or problems that require inferences

#### Student Evidence

- □ Students volunteer answers to inferential questions
- □ Students provide explanations and "proofs" for inferences

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	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Elaborating on new information	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Engages students in answering inferential questions and monitors the extent to which students elaborate on what was explicitly taught.	Engages students in answering inferential questions.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Elaborating on new information	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for elaborating on new information that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to engaging students in answering inferential questions, how can you monitor the extent to which students elaborate on what was explicitly taught?	How can you engage students in answering inferential questions?	How can you begin to incorporate some aspect of this strategy in your instruction?

#### 12. Recording and Representing Knowledge

The teacher engages students in activities that help them record their understanding of new content in linguistic ways and/or represent the content in nonlinguistic ways.

#### **Teacher Evidence**

- **I** Teacher asks students to summarize the information they have learned
- **D** Teacher asks students to generate notes that identify critical information in the content
- Teacher asks students to create nonlinguistic representations for new content
  - Graphic organizers •
  - Pictures •
  - Pictographs •
  - Flow charts •

Teacher asks students to create mnemonics that organize the content

#### **Student Evidence**

- **G** Students' summaries and notes include critical content
- **G** Students' nonlinguistic representations include critical content
- U When asked, students can explain main points of the lesson

Scale Levels: (choose one)									
Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using 🛛 🗆	Not Applicable				
Scale	Scale								
	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using				
Recording and representing knowledge	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Engages students in activities that help them record their understanding of new content in linguistic ways and/or in nonlinguistic ways and monitors the extent to which this enhances students' understanding.	Engages students in activities that help them record their understanding of new content in linguistic ways and/or in nonlinguistic ways.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.				

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Recording and representing knowledge	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for recording and representing knowledge that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to engaging students in activities that help them record their understanding of new content in linguistic ways and/or in nonlinguistic ways, how can you monitor the extent to which this enhances students' understanding?	How can you engage students in activities that help them record their understanding of new content in linguistic ways and/or in nonlinguistic ways?	How can you begin to incorporate some aspect of this strategy in your instruction?

# 13. Reflecting on Learning

The teacher engages students in activities that help them reflect on their learning and the learning process.

### **Teacher Evidence**

- □ Teacher asks students to state or record what they are clear about and what they are confused about
- **Teacher asks students to state or record how hard they tried**
- Teacher asks students to state or record what they might have done to enhance their learning

### Student Evidence

- □ When asked, students can explain what they are clear about and what they are confused about
- □ When asked, students can describe how hard they tried
- D When asked, students can explain what they could have done to enhance their learning

Scale Levels: (choose one)

Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable
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Scale					
	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Reflecting on learning	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Engages students in reflecting on their own learning and the learning process and monitors the extent to which students self- assess their understanding and effort.	Engages students in reflecting on their own learning and the learning process.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

### **Reflection Questions**

learning	What are you learning about your students as you adapt	How might you adapt and create new strategies for	In addition to engaging students in	How can you engage students in	How can you begin to incorporate some aspect of this strategy
	and create new strategies?	reflecting on learning that address unique student needs and situations?	reflecting on their own learning and the learning process, how can you monitor the extent to which students self-assess their understanding and effort?	reflecting on their own learning and the learning process?	in your instruction?
Studen	t Interviews				

### Student Questions:

- Why is the information that you are learning today important?
- How do you know what are the most important things to pay attention to?
- What are the main points of this lesson?

# Design Question #3: What will I do to help students practice and deepen their understanding of new knowledge?

## 14. Reviewing Content

The teacher engages students in a brief review of content that highlights the critical information.

### **Teacher Evidence**

Teacher begins the lesson with a brief review of content

- □ Teacher uses specific strategies to review information
  - Summary
  - Problem that must be solved using previous information
  - Questions that require a review of content
  - Demonstration
  - Brief practice test or exercise

### **Student Evidence**

- □ When asked, students can describe the previous content on which new lesson is based
- □ Student responses to class activities indicate that they recall previous content

Scale Levels: (choose one)						
Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable	

Scale					
	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Reviewing content	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Engages students in a brief review of content that highlights the critical information and monitors the extent to which students can recall and describe previous content.	Engages students in a brief review of content that highlights the critical information.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Reviewing content	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for reviewing content that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to, engaging students in a brief review of content, how can you monitor the extent to which students can recall and describe previous content?	How can you engage students in a brief review of content that highlights the critical information?	How can you begin to incorporate some aspect of this strategy in your instruction?

## 15. Organizing Students to Practice and Deepen Knowledge

The teacher uses grouping in ways that facilitate practicing and deepening knowledge.

### **Teacher Evidence**

**D** Teacher organizes students into groups with the expressed idea of deepening their knowledge of informational content

Teacher organizes students into groups with the expressed idea of practicing a skill, strategy, or process

### **Student Evidence**

**U** When asked, students explain how the group work supports their learning

□ While in groups students interact in explicit ways to deepen their knowledge of informational content or, practice a skill, strategy, or process

- Asking each other questions
- Obtaining feedback from their peers

Scale Levels: (choo	ose one)				
Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable

Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Organizing students to practice and deepen knowledge	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Organizes students into groups to practice and deepen their knowledge and monitors the extent to which the group work extends their learning.	Organizes students into groups to practice and deepen their knowledge.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Organizing students to practice and deepen knowledge	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for organizing students to practice and deepen knowledge that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to organizing students into groups to practice and deepen their knowledge, how can you also monitor the extent to which the group work extends their learning?	How can you organize students into groups to practice and deepen their knowledge?	How can you begin to incorporate some aspect of this strategy in your instruction?

# 16. Using Homework

When appropriate (as opposed to routinely) the teacher designs homework to deepen students' knowledge of informational content or, practice a skill, strategy, or process.

### **Teacher Evidence**

- **Teacher communicates a clear purpose for homework**
- □ Teacher extends an activity that was begun in class to provide students with more time

□ Teacher assigns a well crafted homework assignment that allows students to practice and deepen their knowledge independently

### **Student Evidence**

□ When asked, students can describe how the homework assignment will deepen their understanding of informational content or, help them practice a skill, strategy, or process

□ Students ask clarifying questions of the homework that help them understand its purpose

Scale Levels: (choose one)

□ Innovating □ Applying □ Developing □ Beginning □ Not Using	Not Applicable
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### Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Using homework	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	When appropriate (as opposed to routinely) assigns homework that is designed to deepen knowledge of informational content or, practice a skill, strategy, or process and monitors the extent to which students understand the homework.	When appropriate (as opposed to routinely) assigns homework that is designed to deepen knowledge of informational content or, practice a skill, strategy, or process.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

Reflection Quest					
	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Using homework	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for assigning homework that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to assigning homework that is designed to deepen knowledge of informational content or practice a skill, strategy, or process, how can you also monitor the extent to which the group work extends their learning?	How can you assign homework that is designed to deepen knowledge of informational content or practice a skill, strategy, or process?	How can you begin to incorporate some aspect of this strategy in your instruction?

### **17. Examining Similarities and Differences**

When the content is informational, the teacher helps students deepen their knowledge by examining similarities and differences.

### **Teacher Evidence**

□ Teacher engages students in activities that require students to examine similarities and differences between content

- Comparison activities
- Classifying activities
- Analogy activities
- Metaphor activities

Teacher facilitates the use of these activities to help students deepen their understanding of content

- Ask students to summarize what they have learned from the activity
- Ask students to explain how the activity has added to their understanding

### **Student Evidence**

□ Student artifacts indicate that their knowledge has been extended as a result of the activity

- U When asked about the activity, student responses indicate that they have deepened their understanding
- **U** When asked, students can explain similarities and differences
- □ Student artifacts indicate that they can identify similarities and differences

## Scale Levels: (choose one)

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Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Examining similarities and differences	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	When content is informational, engages students in activities that require them to examine similarities and differences, and monitors the extent to which the students are deepening their knowledge.	When content is informational, engages students in activities that require them to examine similarities and differences.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Examining similarities and differences	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for examining similarities and differences that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to engaging students in examining similarities and differences, how can you monitor the extent to which the students are deepening their knowledge?	How can you engage students in activities that require them to examine similarities and differences?	How can you begin to incorporate some aspect of this strategy in your instruction?

### 18. Examining Errors in Reasoning When content is informational, the teacher helps students deepen their knowledge by examining their own reasoning or the logic of the information as presented to them. **Teacher Evidence** Teacher asks students to examine information for errors or informal fallacies Faulty logic Attacks • Weak reference • Misinformation Teacher asks students to examine the strength of support presented for a claim Statement of a clear claim Evidence for the claim presented Qualifiers presented showing exceptions to the claim • Student Evidence U When asked, students can describe errors or informal fallacies in information U When asked, students can explain the overall structure of an argument presented to support a claim **G** Student artifacts indicate that they can identify errors in reasoning. Scale Levels: (choose one) Not Applicable Innovating □ Applying □ Developing □ Beginning □ Not Using Scale

Beginning Innovating Applying Developing Not Using Examining When content is When content is Uses strategy Adapts and Strategy was errors in creates new informational, informational, incorrectly or called for but not reasoning engages students with parts exhibited. strategies for engages unique student in activities that students in missing. needs and require them to activities that situations. examine their own require them to reasoning or the examine their logic of information own reasoning or as presented to the logic of them and monitors information as the extent to which presented to students are them. deepening their knowledge.

Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for examining their own reasoning or the logic of information that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to engaging students in examining their own reasoning or the logic of information as presented to them, how can you monitor the extent to which the students are deepening their knowledge?	How can you engage students in activities that require them to examine their own reasoning or the logic of information as presented to them?	How can you begin to incorporate some aspect of this strategy in your instruction?

# 19. Practicing Skills, Strategies, and Processes

When the content involves a skill, strategy, or process, the teacher engages students in practice activities that help them develop fluency.

### **Teacher Evidence**

Teacher engages students in massed and distributed practice activities that are appropriate to their current ability to execute a skill, strategy, or process

- Guided practice if students cannot perform the skill, strategy, or process independently
- Independent practice if students can perform the skill, strategy, or process independently

### **Student Evidence**

- Students perform the skill, strategy, or process with increased confidence
- □ Students perform the skill, strategy, or process with increased competence

Scale Levels: (choose one)

Innovating Applying Developing Beginning Not Using Not Applicable

### Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Practicing skills, strategies, and processes	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	When content involves a skill, strategy, or process, engages students in practice activities and monitors the extent to which the practice is increasing student fluency.	When content involves a skill, strategy, or process, engages students in practice activities.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Practicing skills, strategies, and processes	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create practice activities that increase fluency and address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to engaging students in practice activities, how can you monitor the extent to which the practice is increasing student fluency?	How can you engage students in practice activities when content involves a skill, strategy, or process?	How can you begin to incorporate some aspect of this strategy in your instruction?

# 20. Revising Knowledge

The teacher engages students in revision of previous knowledge about content addressed in previous
essons.

### **Teacher Evidence**

**Teacher asks students to examine previous entries in their academic notebooks or notes** 

The teacher engages the whole class in an examination of how the current lesson changed perceptions and understandings of previous content

Teacher has students explain how their understanding has changed

### **Student Evidence**

□ Students make corrections to information previously recorded about content

D When asked, students can explain previous errors or misconceptions they had about content

Scale Levels: (choose one)						
Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable	

#### Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Revising knowledge	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Engages students in revision of previous content and monitors the extent to which these revisions deepen students' understanding.	Engages students in revision of previous content.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

### **Reflection Questions**

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Revising knowledge	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for revising content that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to engaging students in revision of previous content, how can you monitor the extent to which these revisions deepen students' understanding?	How can you engage students in the revision of previous content?	How can you begin to incorporate some aspect of this strategy in your instruction?

### Student Interviews

### **Student Questions:**

- How did this lesson add to your understanding of the content?
- What changes did you make in your understanding of the content as a result of the lesson?
- What do you still need to understand better?

# Design Question #4: What will I do to help students generate and test hypotheses about new knowledge?

# 21. Organizing Students for Cognitively Complex Tasks

The teacher organizes the class in such a way as to facilitate students working on complex tasks that require them to generate and test hypotheses.

### **Teacher Evidence**

- Teacher establishes the need to generate and test hypotheses
- **I** Teacher organizes students into groups to generate and test hypotheses

### **Student Evidence**

- U When asked, students describe the importance of generating and testing hypotheses about content
- U When asked, students explain how groups support their learning

□ Students use group activities to help them generate and test hypotheses

Scale Levels: (cnoc	se one)					
Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable	

### Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Organizing students for cognitively complex tasks	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Organizes students into groups to facilitate working on cognitively complex tasks and monitors the extent to which group processes facilitate generating and testing hypotheses.	Organizes students into groups to facilitate working on cognitively complex tasks.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Organizing students for cognitively complex tasks	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for organizing students to complete cognitively complex tasks?	In addition to organizing students in groups for cognitively complex tasks, how can you monitor the extent to which group processes facilitate generating and testing hypotheses?	How can you organize students in groups to facilitate working on cognitively complex tasks?	How can you begin to incorporate some aspect of this strategy in your instruction?

# 22. Engaging Students in Cognitively Complex Tasks Involving Hypothesis Generation and Testing

The teacher engages students in complex tasks (e.g. decision making, problem solving, experimental inquiry,
investigation) that require them to generate and test hypotheses.

# Teacher Evidence

Teacher engages students with an explicit decision making, problem solving, experimental inquiry, or investigation task that requires them to generate and test hypotheses

Teacher facilitates students generating their own individual or group task that requires them to generate and test hypotheses

### **Student Evidence**

**I** Students are clearly working on tasks that require them to generate and test hypotheses

U When asked, students can explain the hypothesis they are testing

D When asked, students can explain whether their hypothesis was confirmed or disconfirmed

Student artifacts indicate that they can engage in decision making, problem solving, experimental inquiry, or investigation

Scale Levels: (choose one)							
Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable		

Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Engaging students in cognitively complex tasks involving hypothesis generation and testing	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Engages students in cognitively complex tasks (e.g. decision making, problem solving, experimental inquiry, investigation) and monitors the extent to which students are generating and testing hypotheses.	Engages students in cognitively complex tasks (e.g. decision making, problem solving, experimental inquiry, investigation).	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Engaging students in cognitively complex tasks involving hypothesis generation and testing	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for organizing students to complete cognitively complex tasks?	In addition to engaging students in groups for cognitively complex tasks, involving hypothesis generation and testing, how can you monitor the extent to which students are generating and testing hypotheses?	How can you engage students in cognitively complex tasks involving hypothesis generation and testing?	How can you begin to incorporate some aspect of this strategy in your instruction?

### 23. Providing Resources and Guidance

The teacher acts as resource provider and guide as students engage in cognitively complex task

### Teacher Evidence

Teacher makes himself/herself available to students who need guidance or resources

- Circulates around the room
- Provides easy access to himself/herself

**D** Teacher interacts with students during the class to determine their needs for hypothesis generation and testing tasks

□ Teacher volunteers resources and guidance as needed by the entire class, groups of students, or individual students

### Student Evidence

Students seek out the teacher for advice and guidance regarding hypothesis generation and testing tasks
 When asked, students can explain how the teacher provides assistance and guidance in hypothesis generation and testing task

Scale Levels: (choose one)								
Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable			
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Scale								

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Providing resources and guidance	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Acts as a guide and resource provider as students engage in cognitively complex tasks and monitors the extent to which students request and use guidance and resources.	Acts as a guide and resource provider as students engage in cognitively complex tasks.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using		
Providing resources and guidance	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for providing resources and guidance?	In addition to acting as a guide and resource provider, how can you monitor the extent to which students request and use guidance and resources?	How can you act as a guide and resource provider as students engage in cognitively complex tasks?	How can you begin to incorporate some aspect of this strategy in your instruction?		
Student Interviews							
Student Questions:							

- How did this lesson help you apply or use what you have learned?
- What change has this lesson made about your understanding of the content?

# Design Question #5: What will I do to engage students?

### 24. Noticing when Students are Not Engaged

The teacher scans the room making note of when students are not engaged and takes overt action.

### **Teacher Evidence**

- Teacher notices when specific students or groups of students are not engaged
- Teacher notices when the energy level in the room is low
- □ Teacher takes action to re-engage students

### **Student Evidence**

- □ Students appear aware of the fact that the teacher is taking note of their level of engagement
- □ Students try to increase their level of engagement when prompted
- When asked, students explain that the teacher expects high levels of engagement

Scale Levels: (choose one)							
Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable		

### Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Noticing when students are not engaged	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Scans the room making note of when students are not engaged and takes action and monitors the extent to which students re- engage.	Scans the room making note of when students are not engaged and takes action.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Noticing when students are not engaged	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for noticing when students are not engaged that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to scanning the room, making note of when students are not engaged and taking action, how can you monitor the extent to which students re- engage?	How can you scan the room making note of when students are not engaged and take action to engage students?	How can you begin to incorporate some aspects of this strategy into your instruction?

# 25. Using Academic Games

The teacher uses academic games and inconsequential competition to maintain student engagement.

### **Teacher Evidence**

- **I** Teacher uses structured games such as Jeopardy, family feud, and the like
- □ Teacher develops impromptu games such as making a game out of which answer might be correct for a given question

**D** Teacher uses friendly competition along with classroom games

### **Student Evidence**

- □ Students engage in the games with some enthusiasm
- U When asked, students can explain how the games keep their interest and help them learn or remember content

Scale Levels: (choose one)

Innovating Applying Developing Beginning Not Using Not Applicable

### Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Using academic games	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Uses academic games and inconsequential competition to maintain student engagement and monitors the extent to which students focus on the academic content of the game.	Uses academic games and inconsequential competition to maintain student engagement.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Using academic games	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for using academic games and inconsequential competition to maintain student engagement that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to using academic games and inconsequential competition to maintain student engagement, how can you monitor the extent to which students focus on the academic content of the game?	How can you use academic games and inconsequential competition to maintain student engagement?	How can you begin to incorporate this strategy into your instruction?

# 26. Managing Response Rates

The teacher uses response rate techniques to maintain student engagement in questions.

### **Teacher Evidence**

- Teacher uses wait time
- **Teacher uses response cards**
- Teacher has students use hand signals to respond to questions
- **T**eacher uses choral response
- Teacher uses technology to keep track of students' responses
- □ Teacher uses response chaining

### **Student Evidence**

- □ Multiple students or the entire class responds to questions posed by the teacher
- D When asked, students can describe their thinking about specific questions posed by the teacher

Scale Levels: (choo	ose one)				
Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable

### Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Managing response rates	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Uses response rate techniques to maintain student engagement in questions and monitors the extent to which the techniques keep students engaged.	Uses response rate techniques to maintain student engagement in questions.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Managing response rates	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new response rate techniques to maintain student engagement in questions that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to using response rate techniques to maintain student engagement in questions, how can you monitor the extent to which the techniques keep students engaged?	How can you use response rate techniques to maintain student engagement in questions?	How can you begin to incorporate this strategy into your instruction?

# 27. Using Physical Movement

The teacher uses physical movement to maintain student engagement.

### **Teacher Evidence**

Teacher has students stand up and stretch or related activities when their energy is low

- Teacher uses activities that require students to physically move to respond to questions
  - Vote with your feet
  - Go to the part of the room that represents the answer you agree with
- **D** Teacher has students physically act out or model content to increase energy and engagement
- □ Teacher use give-one-get-one activities that require students to move about the room

### **Student Evidence**

- **I** Students engage in the physical activities designed by the teacher
- U When asked, students can explain how the physical movement keeps their interest and helps them learn

 Scale Levels: (choose one)

 Innovating
 Applying

 Developing
 Beginning

 Not Using
 Not Applicable

Scale					
	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Using physical movement	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Uses physical movement to maintain student engagement and monitors the extent to which these activities enhance student engagement.	Uses physical movement to maintain student engagement.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Using physical movement	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new physical movement techniques to maintain student engagement that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to using physical movement to maintain student engagement, how can you monitor the extent to which these activities enhance student engagement?	How can you use physical movement to maintain student engagement?	How can you begin to incorporate this strategy into your instruction?

28. Maintaining a L	ively Pace							
The teacher uses pacing techr	iques to maintain stud	dents' engagement	t.					
<ul> <li>Teacher Evidence</li> <li>Teacher employs crisp transitions from one activity to another</li> <li>Teacher alters pace appropriately (i.e. speeds up and slows down)</li> </ul>								
<ul> <li>Student Evidence</li> <li>Students quickly adapt to transitions and re-engage when a new activity is begun</li> <li>When asked about the pace of the class, students describe it as not too fast or not too slow</li> </ul>								
Scale Levels: (choose one)	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable				

### Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Maintaining a lively pace	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Uses pacing techniques to maintain students' engagement and monitors the extent to which these techniques keep students engaged.	Uses pacing techniques to maintain students' engagement.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Maintaining a lively pace	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new pacing techniques that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to pacing techniques to maintain students' engagement, how can you monitor the extent to which students keep engaged?	How can you use pacing techniques to maintain students' engagement?	How can you begin to incorporate this strategy into your instruction?

# 29. Demonstrating Intensity and Enthusiasm The teacher demonstrates intensity and enthusiasm for the content in a variety of ways. Teacher Evidence Teacher describes personal experiences that relate to the content Teacher signals excitement for content by: Physical gestures Voice tone Dramatization of information Teacher overtly adjusts energy level Student Evidence When asked, students say that the teacher "likes the content" and "likes teaching" Students' attention levels increase when the teacher demonstrates enthusiasm and intensity for the content

Scale Levels: (choo	se one)				
Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable

### Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Demonstrating intensity and enthusiasm	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Demonstrates intensity and enthusiasm for the content in a variety of ways and monitors the extent to which students' engagement increases.	Demonstrates intensity and enthusiasm for the content in a variety of ways.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Demonstrating intensity and enthusiasm	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new techniques for demonstrating intensity and enthusiasm for the content that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to demonstrating intensity and enthusiasm for the content in a variety of ways, how can you monitor the extent to which students keep engaged?	How can you demonstrate intensity and enthusiasm for the content in a variety of ways?	How can you begin to incorporate this strategy into your instruction?

# 30. Using Friendly Controversy

The teacher uses friendly controversy techniques to maintain student engagement.

### **Teacher Evidence**

- **Teacher structures mini-debates about the content**
- Teacher has students examine multiple perspectives and opinions about the content
- **D** Teacher elicits different opinions on content from members of the class

### **Student Evidence**

- □ Students engage in friendly controversy activities with enhanced engagement
- □ When asked, students describe friendly controversy activities as "stimulating," "fun," and so on.
- D When asked, students explain how a friendly controversy activity helped them better understand the content

Scale Levels: (choo	ose one)				
Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable

Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Using friendly controversy	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Uses friendly controversy techniques to maintain student engagement and monitors the effect on students' engagement.	Uses friendly controversy techniques to maintain student engagement.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Using friendly controversy	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new techniques for using friendly controversy to maintain student engagement that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to using friendly controversy techniques to maintain student engagement, how can you monitor the extent to which students keep engaged?	How can you use friendly controversy techniques to maintain student engagement?	How can you begin to incorporate this strategy into your instruction?

# 31. Providing Opportunities for Students to Talk about Themselves

The teacher provides students with opportunities to relate what is being addressed in class to their personal interests.

### **Teacher Evidence**

Teacher is aware of student interests and makes connections between these interests and class content
 Teacher structures activities that ask students to make connections between the content and their personal interests

□ When students are explaining how content relates to their personal interests, the teacher appears encouraging and interested

### **Student Evidence**

□ Students engage in activities that require them to make connections between their personal interests and the content

□ When asked, students explain how making connections between content and their personal interests engages them and helps them better understand the content

Scale Levels: (choose one)

Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable
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### Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Providing opportunities for students to talk about themselves	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Provides students with opportunities to relate what is being addressed in class to their personal interests and monitors the extent to which these activities enhance student engagement.	Provides students with opportunities to relate what is being addressed in class to their personal interests.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

Reliection adestions						
	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	
Providing opportunities for students to talk about themselves	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new techniques for providing students with opportunities to relate what is being addressed in class to their personal interests that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to providing students with opportunities to relate what is being addressed in class to their personal interests, how can you monitor the extent to which these activities enhance student engagement?	How can you provide students with opportunities to relate what is being addressed in class to their personal interests?	How can you begin to incorporate this strategy into your instruction?	

# 32. Presenting Unusual or Intriguing Information

The teacher uses unusual or intriguing information about the content in a manner that enhances student engagement.

### **Teacher Evidence**

- **D** Teacher systematically provides interesting facts and details about the content
- Teacher encourages students to identify interesting information about the content
- Teacher engages students in activities like "Believe it or not" about the content
- Teacher uses guest speakers to provide unusual information about the content

### Student Evidence

- **I** Students' attention increases when unusual information is presented about the content
- □ When asked, students explain how the unusual information makes them more interested in the content

 Scale Levels: (choose one)

 Innovating
 Applying

 Developing
 Beginning

 Not Using
 Not Applicable

Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Presenting unusual or intriguing information	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Uses unusual or intriguing information about the content and monitors the extent to which this information enhances students' interest in the content.	Uses unusual or intriguing information about the content.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

### **Reflection Questions**

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using		
Presenting unusual or intriguing information	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new techniques for using unusual or intriguing information about the content that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to using unusual or intriguing information about the content, how can you monitor the extent to which this information enhances students' interest in the content?	How can you use unusual or intriguing information about the content?	How can you begin to incorporate this strategy into your instruction?		
Student Interviews							

### **Student Questions:**

- How engaged were you in this lesson?
- What are some things that keep your attention?
- What are some things that made you bored?

# Design Question #7: What will I do to recognize and acknowledge adherence or lack of adherence to rules and procedures?

# 33. Demonstrating "Withitness"

The teacher uses behaviors associated with "withitness" to maintain adherence to rules and procedures.

### **Teacher Evidence**

- Teacher physically occupies all quadrants of the room
- □ Teacher scans the entire room making eye contact with all students
- □ Teacher recognizes potential sources of disruption and deals with them immediately
- □ Teacher proactively addresses inflammatory situations

### Student Evidence

**I** Students recognize that the teacher is aware of their behavior

□ When asked, students describe the teacher as "aware of what is going on" or "has eyes on the back of his/her head"

Scale Levels: (choo	ose one)				
Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable

### Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Demonstrating "withitness"	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Uses behaviors associated with "withitness" and monitors the effect on students' behavior.	Uses behaviors associated with "withitness".	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Demonstrating "withitness"	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new techniques for using behaviors associated with "withitness" that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to, using behaviors associated with "withitness," how can you monitor the effect on students' behavior?	How can you use behaviors associated with "withitness"?	How can you begin to incorporate this strategy into your instruction?

34. Applying Consequences for Lack of Adherence to Rules and Procedures
The teacher applies consequences for not following rules and procedures consistently and fairly.
Teacher Evidence
Teacher provides nonverbal signals when students' behavior is not appropriate
Eye contact
Proximity
Tap on the desk
Shaking head, no
<ul> <li>Teacher provides verbal signals when students' behavior is not appropriate</li> <li>Tells students to stop</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Tells students that their behavior is in violation of a rule or procedure</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Teacher uses group contingency consequences when appropriate (i.e. whole group must demonstrate a specific behavior)</li> <li>Teacher involves the home when appropriate (i.e. makes a call home to parents to help extinguish inappropriate behavior)</li> <li>Teacher uses direct cost consequences when appropriate (e.g. student must fix something he or she has broken)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Student Evidence</li> <li>Students cease inappropriate behavior when signaled by the teacher</li> <li>Students accept consequences as part of the way class is conducted</li> <li>When asked, students describe the teacher as fair in application of rules</li> </ul>
Scale Levels: (choose one)
□ Innovating □ Applying □ Developing □ Beginning □ Not Using □ Not Applicable
Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Applying consequences for lack of adherence to rules and procedures	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Applies consequences for not following rules and procedures consistently and fairly and monitors the extent to which rules and procedures are followed.	Applies consequences for not following rules and procedures consistently and fairly.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

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	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using				
Applying consequences for lack of adherence to rules and procedures	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies and techniques for applying consequences for not following rules and procedures consistently and fairly that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to, applying consequences for not following rules and procedures consistently and fairly, how can you monitor the extent to which rules and procedures are followed?	How can you apply consequences for not following rules and procedures consistently and fairly?	How can you begin to incorporate this strategy into your instruction?				

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_	des nonverbal sig ead	gnals that a rule or p	roce	dure has been	follow	ed:			
<ul> <li>Teacher gives verbal cues that a rule or procedure has been followed:</li> <li>Thanks students for following a rule or procedure</li> <li>Describes student behaviors that adhere to rule or procedure</li> </ul>									
<ul> <li>Teacher notifies the home when a rule or procedure has been followed</li> <li>Teacher uses tangible recognition when a rule or procedure has been followed:         <ul> <li>Certificate of merit</li> <li>Token economies</li> </ul> </li> </ul>									
U When asked,	ear appreciative of students describe	of the teacher acknow e teacher as apprecia ing to rules and proc	ative edur	of their good b	oehavi		Not A	pplicable	
Scale	Innovating	Applying		Developing				Not Us	sina
Acknowledging adherence to rules and procedures	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Acknowledges adherence to rul and procedures consistently and fairly and monito the extent to wh new actions affe students' behavi	ors ich ict	Acknowledge adherence to rules and procedures consistently a fairly.	es Uses strate o incorrectly o with parts missing.		••	Strategy called for not exhib	but
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Student Interviews									
<ul> <li>What are</li> </ul>	l did you do at fol some things tha	llowing classroom rul at helped you follow t at didn't help you follc	he ru	les and proced	dures	)	?		

Design Question #8: What will I do to establish and maintain effective relationships with students?							
36. Understanding Students' Interests and Background							
The teacher uses students' interests and background to produce a climate of acceptance and community.							
<ul> <li>Teacher Evidence</li> <li>Teacher has side discussions with students about events in their lives</li> <li>Teacher has discussions with students about topics in which they are interested</li> <li>Teacher builds student interests into lessons</li> </ul>							
<ul> <li>Student Evidence</li> <li>When asked, students describe the teacher as someone who knows them and/or is interested in them</li> <li>Students respond when teacher demonstrates understanding of their interests and background</li> <li>When asked students say they feel accepted</li> </ul>							
Scale Levels: (choose one)							

Scale					
	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Understanding students' interests and background	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Uses students' interests and background during interactions with students and monitors the sense of community in the classroom.	Uses students' interests and background during interactions with students.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Understanding students' interests and background	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies and techniques for using students' interests and backgrounds during interactions with students that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to using students' interests and background during interactions with students, how can you monitor the extent to which a sense of community is formed in the classroom?	How can you use students' interests and background during interactions with students?	How can you begin to incorporate this strategy into your instruction?

37. Using Verbal and Nonverbal Behaviors that Indicate Affection for Students							
When appropriate, the teacher uses verbal and nonverbal behavior that indicates caring for students.							
<ul> <li>Teacher Evidence</li> <li>Teacher compliments students regarding academic and personal accomplishments</li> <li>Teacher engages in informal conversations with students that are not related to academics</li> <li>Teacher uses humor with students when appropriate</li> <li>Teacher smiles, nods, (etc) at students when appropriate</li> <li>Teacher puts hand on students' shoulders when appropriate</li> </ul>							
Student Evidence         When asked, students describe teacher as someone who cares for them         Students respond to teachers verbal interactions         Students respond to teachers nonverbal interactions							
Scale Levels: (choose one)         Innovating       Applying       Developing       Beginning       Not Using       Not Applicable							

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Using verbal and nonverbal behaviors that indicate caring for students	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Uses verbal and nonverbal behaviors that indicate caring for students and monitors the quality of relationships in the classroom.	Uses verbal and nonverbal behaviors that indicate caring for students.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Using verbal and nonverbal behaviors that indicate caring for students	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies and techniques for using verbal and nonverbal behaviors that indicate caring for students that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to using verbal and nonverbal behaviors that indicate caring for students how can you monitor the quality of relationships in the classroom?	How can you use verbal and nonverbal behaviors that indicate caring for students?	How can you begin to incorporate this strategy into your instruction?

# 38. Displaying Objectivity and Control

The teacher behaves in an objective and controlled manner.

### **Teacher Evidence**

- Teacher does not exhibit extremes in positive or negative emotions
- Teacher addresses inflammatory issues and events in a calm and controlled manner
- Teacher interacts with all students in the same calm and controlled fashion
- **D** Teacher does not demonstrate personal offense at student misbehavior

### **Student Evidence**

- □ Students are settled by the teacher's calm demeanor
- D When asked, the students describe the teacher as in control of himself/herself and in control of the class
- U When asked, students say that the teacher does not hold grudges or take things personally

Scale Levels: (choose one)							
Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable		

Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Displaying emotional objectivity and control	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Behaves in an objective and controlled manner and monitors the effect on the classroom climate.	Behaves in an objective and controlled manner.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

### **Reflection Questions**

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Displaying emotional objectivity and control	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies and techniques for behaving in an objective and controlled manner that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to behaving in an objective and controlled manner, how can you monitor the effect on the classroom climate?	How can you behave in an objective and controlled manner?	How can you begin to incorporate this strategy into your instruction?

# **Student Interviews**

### **Student Questions:**

- How much did you feel accepted and welcomed in the class today?
- What are some things that made you feel accepted and welcomed?
- What are some things that did not make you feel accepted and welcomed?

# Design Question #9: What will I do to communicate high expectations for all students?

# **39. Demonstrating Value and Respect for Low Expectancy Students**

The teacher exhibits behaviors that demonstrate value and respect for low expectancy students.

### **Teacher Evidence**

When asked, the teacher can identify the students for whom there have been low expectations and the various ways in which these students have been treated differently from high expectancy students

- **I** The teacher provides low expectancy with nonverbal indications that they are valued and respected:
  - Makes eye contact
  - Smiles
  - Makes appropriate physical contact
- The teacher proves low expectancy students with verbal indications that they are valued and respected:
  - Playful dialogue
  - Addressing students in a manner they view as respectful
- **I** Teacher does not allow negative comments about low expectancy students

### Student Evidence

- U When asked, students say that the teacher cares for all students
- Students treat each other with respect

Scale Levels: (choose one)

□ Innovating □ Applying

□ Developing □ Beginning

□ Not Using □ Not Applicable

Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Communicating value and respect for low expectancy students	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Exhibits behaviors that demonstrate value and respect for low expectancy students and monitors the impact on low expectancy students.	Exhibits behaviors that demonstrate value and respect for low expectancy students.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Communicating value and respect for low expectancy students	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies and techniques for behaviors that demonstrate value and respect for low expectancy students that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to exhibiting behaviors that demonstrate value and respect for low expectancy students, how can you monitor the impact on low expectancy students?	How can you exhibit behaviors that demonstrate value and respect for low expectancy students?	How can you begin to incorporate this strategy into your instruction?

# 40. Asking Questions of Low Expectancy Students

The teacher asks questions of low expectancy students with the same frequency and depth as with high expectancy students.

### **Teacher Evidence**

Teacher makes sure low expectancy students are asked questions at the same rate as high expectancy students

Teacher makes sure low expectancy students are asked complex questions at the same rate as high expectancy students

### **Student Evidence**

U When asked, students say the teacher expects everyone to participate

U When asked, students say the teacher asks difficult questions of every student

Scale Levels: (choose one)							
Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable		

### Scale

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Asking questions of low expectancy students	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Asks questions of low expectancy students with the same frequency and depth with high expectancy students and monitors the quality of participation of low expectancy students.	Asks questions of low expectancy students with the same frequency and depth as with high expectancy students.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Asking questions of low expectancy students	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies and techniques for asking questions of low expectancy students that address unique student needs and situations?	In addition to asking questions of low expectancy students with the same frequency and depth as with high expectancy students, how can you monitor the quality of participation of low expectancy students?	How can you ask questions of low expectancy students with the same frequency and depth as with high expectancy students?	How can you begin to incorporate this strategy into your instruction?

41. Probing Incorrect Answers with Low Expectancy	y Students
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The teacher probes incorrect answers of low expectancy students in the same manner as he/she does with high expectancy students.

### **Teacher Evidence**

Teacher asks low expectancy students to further explain their answers when they are incorrect

**D** Teacher rephrases questions for low expectancy students when they provide an incorrect answer

Teacher breaks a question into smaller and simpler parts when a low expectancy student answers a question incorrectly

U When low expectancy students demonstrate frustration, the teacher allows them to collect their thoughts but goes back to them at a later point in time

### Student Evidence

U When asked, students say that the teacher won't "let you off the hook"

U When asked, students say that the teacher "won't give up on you"

U When asked, students say the teacher helps them answer questions successfully

Scale Levels: (	choose one)				
Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using	Not Applicable

Scale
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	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Probing incorrect answers by low expectancy students	Adapts and creates new strategies for unique student needs and situations.	Probes incorrect answers of low expectancy students in the same manner as with high expectancy students and monitors the level and quality responses of low expectancy students.	Probes incorrect answers of low expectancy students in the same manner as with high expectancy students.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Strategy was called for but not exhibited.

Reflection Questi	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Probing incorrect answers by low expectancy students	What are you learning about your students as you adapt and create new strategies?	How might you adapt and create new strategies for probing incorrect answers of low expectancy students in the same manner as with high expectancy students that address their unique student needs and situations?	In addition to probing incorrect answers of low expectancy students in the same manner as with high expectancy students, how can you monitor the level and quality responses of low expectancy students?	How can you probe incorrect answers of low expectancy students in the same manner as with high expectancy students?	How can you begin to incorporate this strategy into your instruction?

# **Student Interviews**

### **Student Questions:**

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- How does your teacher demonstrate that they care and respect you? How does your teacher communicate that everyone is expected to participate and answer difficult questions? ٠
- What are some ways that your teacher helps you answer questions successfully? •

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# 50. Identifying Areas of Pedagogical Strength and Weakness

The teacher identifies specific strategies and behaviors on which to improve from Domain 1 (routine lesson segments, content lesson segments and segments that are enacted on the spot).

# **Teacher Evidence**

The teacher identifies specific areas of strengths and weaknesses within Domain 1
 The teacher keeps track of specifically identified focus areas for improvement within Domain 1

□ The teacher identifies and keeps track of specific areas identified based on teacher interest within Domain 1

□ When asked, the teacher can describe how specific areas for improvement are identified within Domain 1

Scale	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Identifying Areas of Pedagogical Strength and Weakness	The teacher is a recognized leader in helping others with this activity	The teacher identifies specific strategies and behaviors on which to improve from routine lesson segments, content lesson segments and segments that are enacted on the spot	The teacher identifies specific strategies and behaviors on which to improve but does not select the strategies and behaviors that are most useful for his or her development	The teacher attempts to perform this activity but does not actually complete or follow through with these attempts	The teacher makes no attempt to perform this activity

### Scale

# 51. Evaluating the Effectiveness of Individual Lessons and Units

The teacher determines how effective a lesson or unit of instruction was in terms of enhancing student achievement and identifies causes of success or difficulty.

# **Teacher Evidence**

The teacher gathers and keeps records of his or her evaluations of individual lessons and units

□ When asked, the teacher can explain the strengths and weaknesses of specific lessons and units

□ When asked, the teacher can explain the alignment of the assessment tasks and the learning goals

□ When asked, the teacher can explain how the assessment tasks help track student progress toward the learning goals

Scale					
	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Evaluating the Effectiveness of Individual Lessons and Units	The teacher is a recognized leader in helping others with this activity	The teacher determines how effective a lesson or unit was in terms of enhancing student achievement and identifies specific causes of success or difficulty and uses this analysis when making instructional decisions	The teacher determines how effective a lesson or unit was in terms of enhancing student achievement but does not accurately identify causes of success or difficulty	The teacher attempts to perform this activity but does not actually complete or follow through with these attempts	The teacher makes no attempt to perform this activity

# 52. Evaluating the Effectiveness of Specific Pedagogical Strategies and Behaviors

The teacher determines the effectiveness of specific instructional techniques regarding the achievement of subgroups of students and identifies specific reasons for discrepancies.

# **Teacher Evidence**

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□ The teacher gathers and keeps evidence of the effects of specific classroom strategies and behaviors on specific categories of students (i.e., different socio-economic groups, different ethnic groups)

The teacher provides a written analysis of specific causes of success or difficulty
 When asked, the teacher can explain the differential effects of specific classroom strategies and behaviors on specific categories of students

Scale					
	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Evaluating	The	The teacher	The teacher	The teacher	The teacher
the	teacher is a	determines	determines	attempts to	makes no
Effectiveness	recognized	the	the	perform this	attempt to
of Specific	leader in	effectiveness	effectiveness	activity but	perform this
Pedagogical	helping	of specific	of specific	does not	activity
Strategies	others with	strategies	strategies and	actually	
and	this activity	and	behaviors	complete or	
Behaviors		behaviors	regarding the	follow	
		regarding the	achievement	through	
		achievement	of subgroups	with these	
		of subgroups	of students	attempts	
		of students	but does not		
		and identifies	accurately		
		the reasons	identify the		
		for	reasons for		
		discrepancies	discrepancies		

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# 53. Developing a Written Growth and Development Plan

The teacher develops a written professional growth and development plan with specific and measureable goals, action steps, manageable timelines and appropriate resources.

# **Teacher Evidence**

☐ The teacher constructs a growth plan that outlines measurable goals, action steps, manageable timelines and appropriate resources

□ When asked, the teacher can describe the professional growth plan using specific and measurable goals, action steps, manageable timelines and appropriate resources

Scale					
	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Developing a	The teacher	The teacher	The teacher	The teacher	The teacher
Written	is a	develops a	develops a	attempts to	makes no
Growth and	recognized	written	written	perform this	attempt to
Development	leader in	professional	professional	activity but	perform this
Plan	helping	growth and	growth and	does not	activity
	others with	development	development	actually	
	this activity	plan with	plan but does	complete or	
		clear and	not articulate	follow	
		measurable	clear and	through with	
		goals,	measurable	these	
		actions	goals, action	attempts	
		steps,	steps,		
		timelines and	timelines and		
		resources	appropriate		
			resources		

# 54. Monitoring Progress Relative to the Professional Growth and Development Plan

The teacher charts his or her progress toward goals using established action plans, milestones and timelines.

# **Teacher Evidence**

□ The teacher constructs a plan that outlines a method for charting progress toward established goals supported by evidence (e.g., student achievement data, student work, student interviews, peer, self and observer feedback)

□ When asked, the teacher can describe progress toward meeting the goals outlined in the plan supported by evidence (e.g., student achievement data, student work, student interviews, peer, self and observer feedback)

Scale					
	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Monitoring	The teacher	The teacher	The teacher	The teacher	The teacher
Progress	is a	charts his or	charts his or	attempts to	makes no
Relative to	recognized	her progress	her progress	perform this	attempt to
the	leader in	on the	on the	activity but	perform this
Professional	helping	professional	professional	does not	activity
Growth and	others with	growth and	growth and	actually	
Development	this activity	development	development	complete or	
Plan		plan using	plan using	follow	
		established	established	through with	
		milestones	milestones	these	
		and timelines	and timelines	attempts	
		and makes	but does not		
		modifications	make		
		or	modifications		
		adaptations	or		
		as needed	adaptations		
			as needed		

# **55. Promoting Positive Interactions with Colleagues**

The teacher interacts with other teachers in a positive manner to promote and support student learning.

# **Teacher Evidence**

□ The teacher works cooperatively with appropriate school personnel to address issues that impact student learning

□ The teacher establishes working relationships that demonstrate integrity,

confidentiality, respect, flexibility, fairness and trust

□ The teacher accesses available expertise and resources to support students' learning needs
 □ When asked, the teacher can describe situations in which he or she interacts positively with colleagues to promote and support student learning

□ When asked, the teacher can describe situations in which he or she helped extinguish negative conversations about other teachers

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Scale					
	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Promoting	The teacher	The teacher	The teacher	The teacher	The teacher
Positive	is a	interacts with	interacts with	attempts to	makes no
Interactions	recognized	other	other	perform this	attempt to
with	leader in	colleagues in	colleagues in	activity but	perform this
Colleagues	helping	a positive	a positive	does not	activity
	others with	manner to	manner to	actually	
	this activity	promote and	promote and	complete or	
		support	support	follow	
		student	student	through with	
		learning and	learning but	these	
		helps to	does not help	attempts	
		extinguish	extinguish		
		negative	negative		
		conversation	conversation		
		s about other	s about other		
		teachers	teachers		

# 56. Promoting Positive Interactions about Students and Parents

The teacher interacts with students and parents in a positive manner to foster learning and promote positive home/school relationships.

# Teacher Evidence

□ The teacher fosters collaborative partnerships with parents to enhance student success in a manner that demonstrates integrity, confidentiality, respect, flexibility, fairness and trust

The teacher ensures consistent and timely communication with parents regarding student expectations, progress and/or concerns

□ The teacher encourages parent involvement in classroom and school activities

The teacher demonstrates awareness and sensitivity to social, cultural and language backgrounds of families

The teacher uses multiple means and modalities to communicate with families

□ The teacher responds to requests for support, assistance and/or clarification promptly

The teacher respects and maintains confidentiality of student/family information
 When asked, the teacher can describe instances when he or she interacted positively with students and parents

□ When asked, students and parents can describe how the teacher interacted positively with them

□ When asked, the teacher can describe situations in which he or she helped extinguish negative conversations about students and parents

Scale					
	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Promoting Positive Interactions about Students and Parents	The teacher is a recognized leader in helping others with this activity	The teacher interacts with students and parents in a positive manner to foster learning and promote positive home/school relationships and helps extinguish negative conversations about students and parents	The teacher interacts with students and parents in a positive manner to foster learning and promote positive home/school relationships but does not help extinguish negative conversations about students and parents	The teacher attempts to perform this activity but does not actually complete or follow through with these attempts	The teacher makes no attempt to perform this activity

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# **Promoting a Positive Environment**

# **55. Promoting Positive Interactions with Colleagues**

The teacher interacts with other teachers in a positive manner to promote and support student learning.

# **Teacher Evidence**

□ The teacher works cooperatively with appropriate school personnel to address issues that impact student learning

The teacher establishes working relationships that demonstrate integrity, confidentiality, respect, flexibility, fairness and trust

□ The teacher accesses available expertise and resources to support students' learning needs

□ When asked, the teacher can describe situations in which he or she interacts positively with colleagues to promote and support student learning

□ When asked, the teacher can describe situations in which he or she helped extinguish negative conversations about other teachers

Scale					
	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Promoting Positive Interaction s with Colleagues	The teacher is a recognized leader in helping others with this activity	The teacher interacts with other colleagues in a positive manner to promote and support student learning and helps to extinguish negative conversatio ns about other teachers	The teacher interacts with other colleagues in a positive manner to promote and support student learning but does not help extinguish negative conversatio ns about other teachers	The teacher attempts to perform this activity but does not actually complete or follow through with these attempts	The teacher makes no attempt to perform this activity

# 56. Promoting Positive Interactions about Students and Parents

The teacher interacts with students and parents in a positive manner to foster learning and promote positive home/school relationships.

# Teacher Evidence

□ The teacher fosters collaborative partnerships with parents to enhance student success in a manner that demonstrates integrity, confidentiality, respect, flexibility, fairness and trust

☐ The teacher ensures consistent and timely communication with parents regarding student expectations, progress and/or concerns

□ The teacher encourages parent involvement in classroom and school activities

☐ The teacher demonstrates awareness and sensitivity to social, cultural and language backgrounds of families

The teacher uses multiple means and modalities to communicate with families

The teacher responds to requests for support, assistance and/or clarification promptly

The teacher respects and maintains confidentiality of student/family information
 When asked, the teacher can describe instances when he or she interacted positively with students and parents

G When asked, students and parents can describe how the teacher interacted positively with them

□ When asked, the teacher can describe situations in which he or she helped extinguish negative conversations about students and parents

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
	•			•••	
Promoting	The teacher is	The teacher	The teacher	The teacher	The teacher
Positive	a recognized	interacts with	interacts with	attempts to	makes no
Interactions	leader in	students and	students and	perform this	attempt to
about	helping others	parents in a	parents in a	activity but	•
Students and	with this	positive	positive	does not	perform this
Parents	activity	manner to	manner to	actually	activity
		foster learning	foster learning	complete or	
		and promote	and promote	follow through	
		positive	positive	with these	
		home/school	home/school	attempts	
				allempis	
		relationships	relationships		
		and helps	but does not		
		extinguish	help		
		negative	extinguish		
		conversations	negative		
		about students	conversations		
		and parents	about students		
			and parents		

# **Promoting Exchange of Ideas and Strategies**

# 57. Seeking Mentorship for Areas of Need or Interest

The teacher seeks help and input from colleagues regarding specific classroom strategies and behaviors.

# Teacher Evidence

□ The teacher keeps track of specific situations during which he or she has sought mentorship from others

The teacher actively seeks help and input in Professional Learning Community meetings

□ The teacher actively seeks help and input from appropriate school personnel to address issues that impact instruction

□ When asked, the teacher can describe how he or she seeks input from colleagues regarding issues that impact instruction

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	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Seeking Mentorship for Areas of Need or Interest	The teacher is a recognized leader in helping others with this activity	The teacher seeks help and mentorship from colleagues regarding specific classroom strategies and behaviors	The teacher seeks help and mentorship from colleagues but not at a specific enough level to enhance his or her pedagogical skill	The teacher attempts to perform this activity but does not actually complete or follow through with these attempts	The teacher makes no attempt to perform this activity

# 58. Mentoring Other Teachers and Sharing Ideas and Strategies

The teacher provides other teachers with help and input regarding specific classroom strategies and behaviors.

# **Teacher Evidence**

□ The teacher keeps tracks of specific situations during which he or she mentored other teachers

□ The teacher contributes and shares expertise and new ideas with colleagues to enhance student learning in formal and informal ways

□ The teacher serves as an appropriate role model (mentor, coach, presenter, researcher) regarding specific classroom strategies and behaviors

□ When asked, the teacher can describe specific situations in which he or she has mentored colleagues

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Mentoring Other Teachers and Sharing Ideas and Strategies	The teacher is a recognized leader in helping others with this activity	The teacher provides other teachers with help and input regarding classroom strategies and behaviors	The teacher provides other teachers with help and input regarding classroom strategies and behaviors but not at a specific enough level to enhance their pedagogical skill	The teacher attempts to perform this activity but does not actually complete or follow through with these attempts	The teacher makes no attempt to perform this activity

# **Promoting District and School Development**

# 59. Adhering to District and School Rules and Procedures

The teacher is aware of the district's and school's rules and procedures and adheres to them.

# **Teacher Evidence**

□ The teacher performs assigned duties

The teacher follows policies, regulations and procedures

□ The teacher maintains accurate records (student progress, completion of assignments, non-instructional records)

□ The teacher fulfills responsibilities in a timely manner

□ The teacher understands legal issues related to students and families

The teacher demonstrates personal integrity

□ The teacher keeps track of specific situations in which he or she adheres to rules and procedures

	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Adhering to District and School Rules and Procedures	The teacher is a recognized leader in helping others with this activity	The teacher is aware of district and school rules and procedures and adheres to them	The teacher is aware of district and school rules and procedures but does not adhere to all of these rules and procedures	The teacher attempts to perform this activity but does not actually complete or follow through with these attempts	The teacher makes no attempt to perform this activity

# 60. Participating in District and School Initiatives

The teacher is aware of the district's and school's initiatives and participates in them in accordance with his or her talents and availability.

# **Teacher Evidence**

□ The teacher participates in school activities and events as appropriate to support students and families

□ The teacher serves on school and district committees

□ The teacher participates in staff development opportunities

□ The teacher works to achieve school and district improvement goals

□ The teacher keeps tracks of specific situations in which he or she has participated in school or district initiatives

□ When asked, the teacher can describe or show evidence of his/her participation in district and school initiatives

Scale					
	Innovating	Applying	Developing	Beginning	Not Using
Participating in District and School Initiatives	The teacher is a recognized leader in helping others with this activity	The teacher is aware of the district's and school's initiatives and participates in them in accordance with his or her talents and availability	The teacher is aware of the district's and school's initiatives but does not participate in them in accordance with his or her talents and availability	The teacher attempts to perform this activity but does not actually complete or follow through with these attempts	The teacher makes no attempt to perform this activity

# Planning Conference Structured Interview Form A

Name of Teacher:\_\_\_\_\_ Name of Observer:\_\_\_\_\_

Planning Conference Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Observation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Reflection Conference Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** Please attach your lesson plan, assessments, scoring guides, and/or rubrics to this document. Please be prepared to discuss the following questions in preparation for the planning conference

Classroom Demographics					
Briefly describe the students in y etc.)	our classroom (e.g. number of stu	udents, gender, special needs			
Answer:					
Routine Events					
	lish learning goals, track student	progress and celebrate			
success for this lesson?					
Answer:					
2. What will you do to estat	olish or maintain classroom rules	and procedures for this			
lesson?					
Answer:					
Content		· · · · ·			
	estions as appropriate for the less	•			
3. What will you do to help	4. What will you do to	5. What will I do to help			
students effectively interact with new	help students practice new knowledge?	students generate and test hypothesis			
knowledge?	new knowledge?	about new			
Kilowicuge:		knowledge?			
Answer:	I	i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i			
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Enacted on the Spot					
6. What will you do to engag	ge students in the lesson?				
Answer:					
7. What will I do to recogniz	e and acknowledge lack of adher	ence to classroom rules and			
procedures?	-				
Answer:					

8. What will I do to establish and maintain effective relationships with students during this lesson?

Answer:

9. What will I do to communicate high expectations to students within the lesson?

Answer:

10. How will this lesson be organized as part of a cohesive unit? Answer:

# Planning Conference Structured Interview Form B

Name of Teacher:\_\_\_\_\_ Name of Observer:\_\_\_\_\_

Planning Conference Date: \_\_\_\_ Observation Date: \_\_\_\_ Reflection Conference Date: \_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** Please attach your lesson plan, assessments, scoring guides, and/or rubrics to this document. Please be prepared to discuss the following questions in preparation for the planning conference

11. Briefly describe the students in your classroom (e.g., number of students, gender, special needs, etc.) Answer: Planning and Preparing for Lessons and Units 12. How will you scaffold the content within the lesson? Please describe: <ul> <li>the rationale for how the content of the lesson is organized</li> <li>the rationale for the sequence of instruction</li> <li>how the content is related to previous lessons, units or other content</li> <li>possible confusions that may impact the lesson</li> </ul> Answer: 13. How does this lesson progress within the unit over time? Please describe: <ul> <li>how lessons within the unit progress toward deep understanding and</li> </ul>
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transfer of content
<ul> <li>describe how students will make choices and take initiative</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>how learning will be extended</li> </ul>
Answer:
14. How will you align this lesson with established content standards identified by the
district and the manner in which that content should be sequenced?
Please describe:

•	important content	(scope)	identified	by the	district
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• sequence of the content to be taught as identified by the district

Answer:

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15. How will the resources and materials that you select be used to enhance students' understanding of the content?

Please describe the resources that will be used:

- traditional resources
- technology

Answer:

# Planning and Preparing for the Special Needs of Students

16. How do you plan to address the special needs of your students to include special education students, ELL students and students who come from home environments that offer little support for schooling?

Please describe:

• specific accommodations that will be made

Answer:

# **Reflection Conference Structured Interview Form A**

Name of Teacher:\_\_\_\_\_ Name of Observer:\_\_\_\_\_

Planning Conference Date: \_\_\_\_ Observation Date: \_\_\_\_ Reflection Conference Date: \_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** Please bring student work, assessments, scoring guides, and/or rubrics to the reflection conference and be prepared to discuss the following questions

General Reflection				
Overall, how do you think the le	sson went and why?			
Answer:				
Routine Events				
	ts meet or not meet the learning			
Answer:	ssessments inform your understa	anding of student learning?		
2. To what extent did the o	organization of your classroom (ro	oom arrangement, materials)		
	edures maximize student learning			
Answer:				
Content				
3. How did the strategies	4. How did the strategies	5. How did the strategies		
you used to introduce new content to	you used to help students deepen and	you used to help students generate and		
students support	practice their	test hypotheses about		
student learning?	understanding of new	new knowledge		
	knowledge support	support student		
	student learning?	learning?		
Answer:	Answer:	Answer:		
Enacted on the Spot				
6. Which techniques for en	gaging students were most succe	essful? Which techniques were		
not successful?				
Answer:				

7. How did the use of positive and negative consequences impact student adherence or lack of adherence to rules and procedures?

Answer:

8. What specific actions did you take during this lesson to build student relationships with your students? What impact did these actions have on your relationships with students?

Answer:

9. What specific actions did you take to communicate high expectations for students? How did these impact students learning?

Answer:

10. How will this lesson inform changes to your instructional plan?

Answer:

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Focus	(School I	mprovement Goal):					
Student Base	line Data	Needs-based Question for Professional Inquiry	Expected Student Achievement Goal(s)	Related Professional Development Objective(s)	Trainin	l Professional ng & Learning ctivities	Classroom Implementation
What specific s achievement da self-assessmer information ind need for improve (Examine self-as information and of evel data that is disaggregated. I example: stude performance level ethnicity, and so economic status <u>Document</u> this disaggregation.) Provide this in all attachment. My targeted grou	ata and at dicates the vement? essessment classroom For nt el, gender, cio-	In reflecting on this student achievement data, what instructional question(s) come to mind? (Considering this specific student data and the results of the self-assessment, formulate a question that will help you improve your practice and student performance.) Will I	What is your expectation of student achievement as a result of your professional development? (Indicate a measurable result on a specific assessment.)	What practice(s) will you need to enhance/develop in order to answer your question and meet your stated student achievement goals? (Indicate what you need to know and be able to do.) In order to meet my goals, I will need to:	knowledg will you r help you stated pro developm objective (List activi have plani personal p learning a documen		What new or enhanced practices have you implemented in your classroom as a result of your professional development? (Record new strategies as you implement in your classroom and indicate the documentation you will gather for each strategy listed.)
Reflection:							
			e IPDP process? (Check all Community Sharing Session	that apply) Sharing at a Workshop or C	Conference	□Web-based Sh	aring Dept. or Team Meeting
PDP Conferences:	Initiation: Final Review	Date:	Teacher Signature	Administrator's Signat	ure	Was the stud	m Review Date(s) dent achievement goal(s) ccomplished?
_		Date:	Teacher Signature	Administrator's Signate	ure		No   To Be continued
Comments							cipal's Signature

# Appendix C

# **Glossary of Terms**

These terms are from the common language document outlined by the Florida Department of Education.

# Artifact

An artifact is a work done by students or teachers. Student artifacts may include but are not limited to work samples, portfolios, projects, and creative works. Teacher artifacts may include but are not limited to lesson or unit plans, manipulatives, models, data analyses, or student learning aids.

# Assessment

Assessment refers to a collection of processes to estimate a "current reality." Formative, interim, and summative assessments provide multiple sources of student data to guide decisions about adjusting instruction and/or providing interventions. Standardized assessments provide a basis for assessing status relative to norms or criteria.

# **Common Language of Instruction**

Florida's common language of instruction is the core collection of terms and expressions used to provide feedback for improvement of instructional proficiency in delivery of a standards based curriculum and in deepening understanding of the complexity of teaching. The common language addresses concepts from instructional practice, curriculum, assessment, continuous improvement, leadership, and student supports and interventions.

# **Contemporary research**

"Contemporary research" in the context of Florida's goals for improvement in student learning is focused on the deepening understanding of causal relationships between instructional strategies and student learning revealed through research conducted within the last ten years and focused on issues related to current state priorities. Older research findings, such as those in a meta-analysis, when their findings are supported by on-going contemporary research as still being predictive of outcomes in contemporary educational settings, are a useful component in a research base.

# Curriculum Based Measurements

Curriculum based measurements are direct skill assessment tools that are aligned with the curriculum, sensitive to instruction, repeatable, and criterion referenced, which are used for a variety of measurement purposes.

# <u>Data</u>

Data (plural of "datum") are typically the results of measurements or objective observation and can be the basis of graphs, images, or observations about the state of conditions or situations. Data may be representation of a fact, figure, or idea. Data are numbers, words, images, etc.

# **Deliberate Practice**

This is a "way of work" that supports continuous professional improvement through an entire career. It is a mindset, acquired through pursuit of personal mastery and with collegial support, whereby the educator attends to what they are doing in the classroom on a daily basis to identify what is working and what isn't and to determine why students are learning or not. In

deliberate practice, teachers identify specific instructional strategies ("thin slices") to focus their efforts to improve – typically 1 to 3 per year. Deliberate practice requires establishing a baseline for performance in a focus area (the "thin slice") and engaging in focused practice, feedback and monitoring of progress within a time-bound goal for improvement. Deliberate practice has been revealed by research as a mindset that distinguishes master teachers who improve steadily throughout their career from others whose improvement plateaus after initial growth.

#### <u>Domain</u>

A body of knowledge defined by research representing a particular aspect of teaching. Domains are a way to group related issues. Domain titles and the components placed in a domain vary with the research base and focus of the content that is organized.

#### **Effective**

In Florida's common language, "effective" is an objective rather than subjective status. Effective is a level of effect on student learning where standards and practices (and their essential components) are implemented at a level of proficiency sufficient to cause positive outcomes on student learning goals. Research reveals a substantial difference in student growth in a year between students of the most effective and least effective teachers. Ineffective teachers have minimal or negative impact on student growth. "Effective" teaching is a level of proficiency where student growth is predictably and reliably being accomplished. Effective teachers will have patterns of strength and weakness in their repertoire of strategies, but are able to design lessons that employ their strengths and pursue deliberate practice to improve their instructional weaknesses. Being "effective" in the context of Florida's common language of instruction is about moving from "talking the talk" to "walking the walk". State level evaluation rating of "effective" is intended to represent quality work that is causing desired results through proficient implementation of strategies with a positive effect size.

# **Evaluation**

Evaluation is a judgment on proficiency of an individual's performance at a point in time on elements that have a significant impact on the outcomes of that person's work. Evaluation is associated with assigning a proficiency status and connects an individual to rewards or consequences regarding status. This is true for student (e.g., grade, promotions) and educators (e.g., retention, salary, promotion).

In the context of educators, "evaluation" is not the same as observation. Observations are essential elements that contribute evidence toward an evaluation. Historically, educators have used terms like evaluation, appraisal and review interchangeably. Prior versions of educator "evaluation systems" were often not useful for distinguishing proficiency levels among a workforce and may not have functioned as true evaluation systems. In Florida's redeveloped systems, evaluations distinguish among proficiency levels and are associated with meaningful consequences. Terms like appraisal and review have other uses and are not useful synonyms for evaluation.

# **Evidence**

The employee's observed practices, behaviors, and data of those impacted by the employee's work performance that represents an individual's performance on the measures and indicators in the evaluation system.

# **Evaluation System**

An evaluation system provides evidence over time about proficiency of performance, generates feedback on improving proficiency of performance with a focus on elements that have a

significant impact of the outcomes of one's work, and provides periodic summative judgments on the proficiency of both individuals and a collective workforce. Evaluation systems usually have a focus and a link to regulatory expectations. Florida educator evaluation systems, as cited in Section. 1012.34(10(a), F.S., is ".....for purpose of increasing student learning growth by improving the quality of instructional, administrative, and supervisory services.

For teachers the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (FEAPs) are a foundation for evaluation indicators. For school leaders, the Florida Principal Leadership Standards (FPLS) represent that foundation.

# Formative Assessment

Formative assessment is a process used by teachers and students during instruction that provides feedback to adjust ongoing teaching and learning to improve students' achievement of intended instructional outcomes. Formative assessments are questions, tools, and processes that are embedded in instruction. They are used by teachers and students to provide timely feedback for purposes of adjusting instruction and/or learning efforts to improve learning.

# High Effect Size Strategies

This refers to research-based instructional and leadership strategies that have been found to have a high probability of a positive impact of student learning when done correctly and in appropriate circumstances. Research can never identify the instructional strategies that work with every student in every class. The best research can tell us is which strategies have a good chance of working well. Teachers must determine which strategies to use with the right students at the right time. Research-based strategies have a higher probability of raising student learning when they are used at the appropriate level of implementation and within the appropriate instructional context. They are the components within the core standards and expectations described in the FEAPs. A listing is at fwww.fl.doe.org/profdev/pa.asp.

# **Indicators**

Indicators are guides for evaluation and professional development feedback. Practices, descriptors, indicators, strategies, and behaviors are related terms often used interchangeably. Within the common language of instruction a hierarchy of meaning is assigned to facilitate communications:

- A practice is a collection of related knowledge and competencies that describe a pattern of actions with a focused purpose, typically observable as strategies and behaviors.
- A descriptor is a summary description of a practice (see FEAPs descriptors of practice).
- An indicator is a term used in evaluation and feedback processes to identify specific strategies and/or behaviors that have a causal connection to student learning or are job requirements.
- A strategy is a specific instructional action that has definable elements of proficiency and an instructional purpose for which it is appropriate. Strategies are the building blocks of practice.
- Behaviors are the actions that teachers or students need to engage in to properly implement a strategy. Behaviors are the building blocks of a strategy.

# Lesson Segment

A lesson segment is a cluster of research-based instructional strategies addressing a general instructional function. (A strategy is a specific instructional action that has definable elements of proficiency and an instructional purpose for which it is appropriate. Strategies are the building

blocks of practice.) In Florida's state model of teacher evaluation, lesson segments are organized into three categories:

- Lesson Segments Addressing Routine Events
  - Learning goals and feedback strategy cluster
  - Rules and Procedures strategy cluster
- Lesson Segments Addressing Content
  - Interacting with new knowledge strategy cluster
  - Practicing and deepening knowledge strategy cluster
  - Generating and testing hypotheses strategy cluster
- Lesson Segments Enacted on the Spot
  - Student engagement strategy cluster
  - Adherence to rules & procedures strategy cluster
  - Teacher/student relationship strategy cluster
  - High expectations strategy cluster

Lesson design, planning, and delivery involve selection of instructional strategy(ies) from the segments that fit the learning needs of the students, implementing the strategies correctly and in appropriate circumstances.

#### Lesson Study

Lesson study is a form of long-term professional development in which teams of teachers systematically and collaboratively conduct research closely tied to lessons, and then use what they learn about student thinking to become instructors that are more effective.

#### **Newly Hired**

A teacher who is employed fulltime in a district for the first time. The "newly hired" may or may not have prior teaching experience elsewhere, but is required under Florida law to have two (2) evaluations in the first year of employment in a district. "First year teacher" refers to those with no prior teaching experience. Newly hired refers to initial service in a district regardless of teaching experience elsewhere. "Beginning teacher" typically refers to those in their first 3 years of teaching experience.

#### **Observation**

- Informal: The informal observation is any of a variety of processes where supervisors, mentors, or peers observe specific strategies or behaviors over a sufficient period of time to frame specific feedback that will improve or acknowledge proficiency. The time involved may range from a few minutes to as much time as a formal observation. Informal observations are often unannounced or unscheduled. These observations are useful for providing feedback to teachers, acknowledging professional growth and collecting additional evidence to further inform the annual evaluation process. While planning and reflection conferences are not required, observers usually provide timely and actionable feedback to teachers regarding these observations.
- Formal: The formal observation is a primary method for collecting evidence to be used as a source of data for the summative evaluation and to provide a rich source of feedback to teachers regarding their instructional practice and professional growth. It is not the summative evaluation. The formal observation typically consists of an observation for at least \_ of a full class period as deemed appropriate for various levels (early childhood, primary, intermediate, middle and secondary school). The formal observation usually includes a planning and reflection conference with the teacher. These conferences provide a rich opportunity for teachers to reflect upon their practice,

engage in a collaborative decision making process and help administrators clarify expectations. Both the planning conference and the reflection conference should be conducted in a timely manner (often 1-5 days preceding and following the observation).

# Performance Levels

This means the summative ratings of performance over the evaluation period based on accumulated evidence of proficiency in each of the criteria of the evaluation system. There are four performance levels: highly effective, effective, needs improvement or developing (for teachers in the first three years of employment), and unsatisfactory.

# Professional Learning Community (PLC)

A professional learning community (PLC) is an extended learning opportunity to foster collaborative learning among colleagues within a particular work environment or field. It is often used in schools as a way to organize educators into working groups focused on a targeted improvement issue. A variety of national organizations provides protocols and processes to help PLCs run effectively.

# Professional Learning Partner (PLP)

Within the community, Professional Learning Partners (PLP) work together to improve practice and to have a positive impact on learning.

# **Proficiency Levels**

These are the formative judgments of performance on indicators or clusters of indicators in the instructional or leadership practice component of an evaluation process.

# **Routine Events**

Routine events, in the context of effective teaching, are the central organizing strategies that link other strategies into a coherent lesson plan. They are typically such things as learning goals with rubrics, tracking student progress, celebrating student success, feedback, and rules and procedures that enable an effective learning environment.

# <u>Rubric</u>

A rubric is a set of criteria used to distinguish between performance and proficiency levels. Rubrics are often called scales. They describe novice to expert performance (level of skills) for each of the 60 strategies included in the four domains of the Marzano Evaluation Framework. The scales provide a means for teachers to gauge their use of particular instructional strategies and for administrators to provide feedback to teachers regarding their use of specific classroom strategies. These are embedded within the observation protocol using the labels: Not Using, Beginning, Developing, Applying, and Innovating.

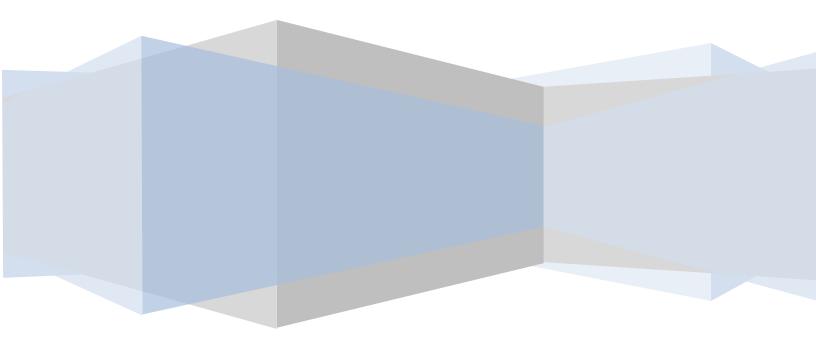
# **Snapshot**

A snapshot observation is one that records teacher behaviors that are performed "on-thespot." These allow the observer to record the teacher's spontaneous actions during instruction and to recognize the teacher's actions that include the ability to engage students, maintain adherence to rules and routines, demonstrate effective relationships with the students, and communicate high expectations. This page left intentionally blank

**Newpoint Education Partners** 

# SCHOOL LEADER EVALUATION SYSTEM

Procedures for Leadership Practice and the Annual Evaluation of School Administrators, Including observation and Evaluation Forms



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# **Empowering Effective School Leaders**

The primary objective of the School Leader Evaluation System is to improve teaching and student learning. For teaching and student learning to improve, a professional culture must exist in which school administrators are engaged in activities that identify areas of strength and areas of growth, and that support efforts to improve instructional, operational, and school leadership abilities and skills to advance student achievement.

# **Newpoint Education Partners' Strategic Plan**

#### VISION

To improve quality of life through learning *MISSION The Mission of Newpoint Education Partners is to build relationships that foster learning through innovative environments.* 

Newpoint's core values are Caring, Innovative, Professional, Dedicated, and Responsive.

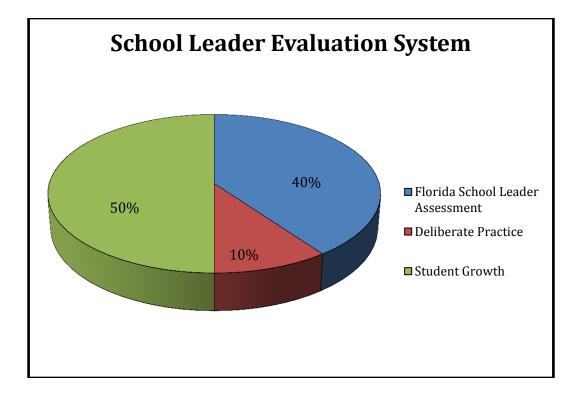
Newpoint Education Partners will be referred to as NEP in this document.

# School Leader Evaluation System Overview

Stakeholder participation has been important throughout the process of developing the School Leader Evaluation System. Without input from the NEP Board, staff, and teachers, the system would not meet the needs of those it is designed to serve. Work groups consisting of all stakeholders had input in creating a new school administrator appraisal system.

The Student Success Act placed into law many of the initiatives such as a student growth component. The team had as its primary objective to incorporate these requirements into an appraisal system that would meet DOE requirements.

In January, 2012, the Florida Department of Education revealed the state model for the evaluation of school leaders. This model was developed in partnership with The Leadership and Learning Institute and includes a comprehensive system for professional development and annual evaluation of school administrators. The system is based on the revised Florida Principal Leadership Standards SBE Rule 6A-5.080 and current leadership research and effective practices. The School Leader Evaluation System will consist of three components: the assessment of the school administrator's leadership practices by the evaluator (*Florida School Leader Assessment*), the development and evaluation of the school administrator's professional growth (*Deliberate Practice*), and student growth (Student Growth Measure) based on the aggregated FCAT Value Added Reading measurement for the teachers at their respective school. The Florida Department of Education has identified indicators on "high effect" instructional and leadership strategies that have been associated with increased student performance and should be considered in the evaluation process of both instructional and leadership evaluations. These indicators are posted on www.fldoe.org/profdev/pa.asp.



For the school year 2012-13, the three components that make up the School Leader Evaluation System will have the following percentiles : 1. Student Growth Measure - 50%; 2. Assessment of the school administrator's leadership practices by the evaluator (*Florida School Leader Assessment*) – 40%, and the evaluation of the school administrator's professional growth (*Deliberate Practice*) – 10%. NEP will employ the rating scales set forth in the state model as elaborated in this document.

The rubrics and rating scales for the evaluation components are located on the following pages as well as the summative rubric/ rating scale. The rating scale of **Highly Effective**, **Effective**, **Needs Improvement** and **Unsatisfactory** will be employed for each evaluation component and for the overall summative rating.

# **About Evaluation**

For the purpose of increasing student learning growth by improving the quality of instructional, administrative, and supervisory services, our school has established procedures for evaluating the performance of duties and responsibilities of all instructional, administrative, and supervisory personnel employed by the school according to Florida Statutes Section 1012.34 (1) (a).

# What does this mean?

To accomplish the purpose defined in law, a district evaluation system for school administrators must:

- 1. Be focused on school leadership actions that impact student learning , and;
- 2. Support professional learning on the performance of duties and responsibilities that matter most for student learning, and faculty and leadership development.

The evaluation system adopted by NEP is:

- ✓ Based on contemporary research that reveals educational leadership behaviors that, when done correctly and in appropriate circumstances, have a positive impact on student learning and faculty development.
- ✓ Fully aligned with the Florida Principal Leadership Standards a State Board of Education rule that sets expectations for principal performance (SBE Rule 6A-5.080).

The evaluation system is a new approach to evaluation and is designed to support three processes:

- Self-reflection by the leader on current proficiencies and growth needs (What am I good at? What can I do better?)
- > Feedback from the evaluator and others on what needs improvement.
- > An annual summative evaluation that assigns one of the four performance levels required by law (Highly Effective, Effective, Needs Improvement, or Unsatisfactory).

#### What is Evaluated?

Evaluation of school leaders is based on observation and evidence about how certain leadership behaviors impact behavior of others.

The portion of evaluation that involves "impact on others" comes in two components:

- 1. <u>Student Growth Measure</u>: This element comprises 50% of a school leader's annual evaluation and is based on the performance of students in the school on specific state or district assessments (e.g. FCAT, EOC exams). For UA, scores will be determined by those grades taking the State Assessment Test.
- 2. <u>Leadership Practice</u>: This component contributes the remaining percentage of the school leader's evaluation. Leadership Practice combines results of the Florida School Leader Assessment (FSLA) and an additional Deliberate Practice. The Deliberate Practice Targets are aligned to the School Improvement Goals . The alignment between the Deliberate Practice Targets and the School Improvement Goals will be identified on the Deliberate Practice Targets form. The FSLA contribution to evaluation is based on observation of the leader's actions and the leader's impact on the actions and behaviors of others.

# Who Will Contribute to the Evaluation Process?

# **Principal**

Although the NEP's School Boards( School Board Chairperson as Evaluator ) ultimately are responsible for the evaluation of the school leader, it is expected that assistance in the evaluation process will be necessary. A School Board Chairman or President can opt to receive assistance from the Vice President of NewPoint Education Partners to complete the evaluation process. To that end, the following chart illuminates the evaluation process for school leaders who serve as principals.

PRINCIPAL SUMMATIVE

LEADERSHIP GROWTH & STUDENT PERFORMANCE DATA PRINCIPAL ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE & DATA

SCHOOL BOARD EVIDENCE AND DATA ( data from parent survey and teacher survey) In addition to the evidence and data that are compiled by the Principal, the School Board will contribute evidence regarding the Principal's performance as a school leader from parents and teachers.

# **Assistant Directors and Administrative Assistants**

At the school level, the Director will evaluate the assistant directors and administrative assistants that are assigned to the school. It is recommended that the director designate some of the responsibilities of the administrative assistant's School Leader Evaluation to the assistant director. This will allow the assistant director to gain experience as an evaluator using the School Leader Evaluation System.

# **School Leader Evaluation System Guidelines**

The content of the School Leader Evaluation System informs those evaluated and those doing evaluations of the issues to address and the processes to use.

- Those being evaluated use these documents to guide self-reflection on practices that improve the quality of the individual's work.
- Directors Assessment Leaders and Evaluators provide both recurring feedback to guide growth in proficiency and provide information to the School regarding overall performance to be considered in preparing School Improvement plans.

# **Things to Know!**

**The Research Framework(s) on which the Evaluation System is based** - Each research framework is associated with particular approaches to instruction or leadership. The research aligned with the framework is a useful source of deeper understanding of how to implement strategies correctly and in appropriate circumstances. Evaluators can provide better feedback to sub-ordinates when they understand the research framework.

NEP will employ the Florida model and the research supporting this multi-dimensional framework can be found on subsequent pages.

- 1. **Inter-Rater Reliability** -Evaluators should be able to provide school leaders similar feedback and ratings so that there is consistent use of the evaluation system. This is promoted by training on the following:
  - a. The "look fors" what knowledge, skills, and impacts are identified as system priorities by inclusion of indicators in the evaluation system.
  - b. The Rubrics how to distinguish proficiency levels.
  - c. Rater reliability checks -- Processes for verifying raters meet district expectations in using the rubrics.
- 2. Specific, Actionable, and Timely Feedback Processes What evaluators observe does not promote improvement unless it is conveyed to employees in a specific, actionable and timely manner. Training is essential. NEP's School Boards and the Vice Presidents of NEP will offer the necessary guidance to ensure appropriate implementation.
- 3. **Conferences, Protocols and Use of Forms-** Both evaluators and school leaders must know what is required regarding meetings, conference procedures, use of forms, and records. In addition to the procedural manual, evaluators and school leaders will have access to online forms.

#### 4. Processes and Procedures for Implementing the Evaluation System

- Evidence gathering -- What sources are to be used? How much evidence will be required?
- Timeframes, record keeping
- Scoring rules

System transparency will be of utmost importance throughout the implementation of the evaluation system. Training and communication will assist both school leaders and evaluators to understand processes and procedures.

5. **Student Growth Measures -** What are the requirements regarding use of student growth measures in the evaluation system?

The District has developed student growth measures for school leaders where students take FCAT.

6. **Sources of Information About the Evaluation System-** Where can evaluators and employees access manuals, forms, documents etc. regarding the evaluation process? All information about the School Leader Evaluation System can be found in the procedural manual.

**Assessment of Leadership Practices** - The Florida School Leader Assessment (FSLA) is based on the 2011 Florida Principal Leadership Standards. This assessment will comprise 40% of the school leader's summative evaluation. The Standards are outlined below:

# **Florida Principal Leadership Standards**

SBE Rule 6A-5.080 Revised November 15, 2011

# Purpose and Structure of the Standards

Purpose: The Standards are set forth in rule as Florida's core expectations for effective school administrators. The Standards are based on contemporary research on multi-dimensional school leadership, and represent skill sets and knowledge bases needed in effective schools. The Standards form the foundation for school leader personnel evaluations and professional development systems, school leadership preparation programs, and educator certification requirements.

Structure: There are ten Standards grouped into categories, which can be considered domains of effective leadership. Each Standard has a title and includes, as necessary, descriptors that further clarify or define the Standard, so that the Standards may be developed further into leadership curricula and proficiency assessments in fulfillment of their purposes.

#### The Florida Principal Leadership Standards

# **Domain 1: Student Achievement**

#### Standard 1: Student Learning Results.

Effective school leaders achieve results on the school's student learning goals.

a. The school's learning goals are based on the state's adopted student academic standards and the district's adopted curricula; and

b. Student learning results are evidenced by the student performance and growth on statewide assessments; districtdetermined assessments that are implemented by the district under Section 1008.22, F.S.; international assessments; and other indicators of student success adopted by the district and state.

#### Standard 2: Student Learning as a Priority.

Effective school leaders demonstrate that student learning is their top priority through leadership actions that build and support a learning organization focused on student success. The leader:

a. Enables faculty and staff to work as a system focused on student learning;

- b. Maintains a school climate that supports student engagement in learning;
- c. Generates high expectations for learning growth by all students; and
- d. Engages faculty and staff in efforts to close learning performance gaps among student subgroups within the school.

# **Domain 2: Instructional Leadership**

#### Standard 3: Instructional Plan Implementation.

Effective school leaders work collaboratively to develop and implement an instructional framework that aligns curriculum with state standards, effective instructional practices, student learning needs and assessments. The leader:

a. Implements the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices as described in Rule 6A-5.065, F.A.C. through a common language of instruction;

b. Engages in data analysis for instructional planning and improvement;

c. Communicates the relationships among academic standards, effective instruction, and student performance;

d. Implements the district's adopted curricula and state's adopted academic standards in a manner that is rigorous and culturally relevant to the students and school; and e. Ensures the

appropriate use of high quality formative and interim assessments aligned with the adopted standards and curricula.

# Standard 4: Faculty Development.

# Effective school leaders recruit, retain and develop an effective and diverse faculty and staff.

The leader:

a. Generates a focus on student and professional learning in the school that is clearly linked to the system-wide strategic objectives and the school improvement plan;

b. Evaluates, monitors, and provides timely feedback to faculty on the effectiveness of instruction;

c. Employs a faculty with the instructional proficiencies needed for the school population served;

d. Identifies faculty instructional proficiency needs, including standards-based content, research-based pedagogy, data analysis for instructional planning and improvement, and the use of instructional technology;

e. Implements professional learning that enables faculty to deliver culturally relevant and differentiated instruction; and f. Provides resources and time and engages faculty in effective individual and collaborative professional learning throughout the school year.

# Standard 5: Learning Environment.

# Effective school leaders structure and monitor a school learning environment that improves learning for all of Florida's diverse student population.

The leader:

a. Maintains a safe, respectful and inclusive student-centered learning environment that is focused on equitable opportunities for learning and building a foundation for a fulfilling life in a democratic society and global economy;
b. Recognizes and uses diversity as an asset in the development and implementation of procedures and practices that motivate all students and improve student learning;

c. Promotes school and classroom practices that validate and value similarities and differences among students;

d. Provides recurring monitoring and feedback on the quality of the learning environment;

e. Initiates and supports continuous improvement processes focused on the students' opportunities for success and wellbeing.

f. Engages faculty in recognizing and understanding cultural and developmental issues related to student learning by identifying and addressing strategies to minimize and/or eliminate achievement gaps.

# **Domain 3: Organizational Leadership**

# Standard 6: Decision Making.

Effective school leaders employ and monitor a decision-making process that is based on vision, mission and improvement priorities using facts and data.

The leader:

a. Gives priority attention to decisions that impact the quality of student learning and teacher proficiency;

b. Uses critical thinking and problem solving techniques to define problems and identify solutions;

c. Evaluates decisions for effectiveness, equity, intended and actual outcome; implements follow-up actions; and revises as needed;

- d. Empowers others and distributes leadership when appropriate; and
- e. Uses effective technology integration to enhance decision making and efficiency throughout the school.

#### Standard 7: Leadership Development.

# Effective school leaders actively cultivate, support, and develop other leaders within the organization. The leader:

a. Identifies and cultivates potential and emerging leaders;

b. Provides evidence of delegation and trust in subordinate leaders;

c. Plans for succession management in key positions;

d. Promotes teacher-leadership functions focused on instructional proficiency and student learning; and

e. Develops sustainable and supportive relationships between school leaders, parents, community, higher education and business leaders.

#### **Standard 8: School Management**

# Effective school leaders manage the organization, operations, and facilities in ways that maximize the use of resources to promote a safe, efficient, legal, and effective learning environment.

The leader:

a. Organizes time, tasks and projects effectively with clear objectives and coherent plans;

b. Establishes appropriate deadlines for him/herself and the entire organization;

c. Manages schedules, delegates, and allocates resources to promote collegial efforts in school improvement and faculty development; and

d. Is fiscally responsible and maximizes the impact of fiscal resources on instructional priorities.

#### Standard 9: Communication.

Effective school leaders practice two-way communications and use appropriate oral, written, and electronic communication and collaboration skills to accomplish school and system goals by building and maintaining relationships with students, faculty, parents, and community.

The leader:

a. Actively listens to and learns from students, staff, parents, and community stakeholders;

b. Recognizes individuals for effective performance;

c. Communicates student expectations and performance information to students, parents, and community;

d. Maintains high visibility at school and in the community and regularly engages stakeholders in the work of the school; e. Creates opportunities within the school to engage students, faculty, parents, and community stakeholders in

constructive conversations about important school issues.

f. Utilizes appropriate technologies for communication and collaboration; and

g. Ensures faculty receives timely information about student learning requirements, academic standards, and all other local state and federal administrative requirements and decisions.

# **Domain 4: Professional and Ethical Behavior**

#### Standard 10: Professional and Ethical Behaviors.

# Effective school leaders demonstrate personal and professional behaviors consistent with quality practices in education and as a community leader.

The leader:

a. Adheres to the Code of Ethics and the Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession in Florida, pursuant to Rules 6B-1.001 and 6B-1.006, F.A.C.

b. Demonstrates resiliency by staying focused on the school vision and reacting constructively to the barriers to success that include disagreement and dissent with leadership;

c. Demonstrates a commitment to the success of all students, identifying barriers and their impact on the well-being of the school, families, and local community;

d. Engages in professional learning that improves professional practice in alignment with the needs of the school system; and

e. Demonstrates willingness to admit error and learn from it;

f. Demonstrates explicit improvement in specific performance areas based on previous evaluations and formative feedback.

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# Leadership Evaluation: <u>A Multi-Dimensional Framework</u>

The School Leader Evaluation System is based on contemporary research and meta-analyses by Dr. Douglas Reeves, Dr. John Hattie, Dr. Vivian Robinson, Dr. Robert Marzano and other research findings that identify school leadership strategies or behaviors that, done correctly and in appropriate circumstances, have a positive probability of improving student learning and faculty proficiency on instructional strategies that positively impact student learning.

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# Florida School Leader Assessment

# **Conference/Proficiency Status Short Form**

The *Florida School Leader Assessment (FSLA) Conference Summary/Proficiency Status Update – Short Form* is designed to summarize and provide feedback about proficiency on the indicators, standards, and domains to the school leader within a designated timeframe. It allows for ongoing feedback to be afforded in a specific, actionable and timely manner. It is expected that this form will be used by the school leader and the Principal Assessment Leader or evaluator throughout the school year.

# Florida School Leader Assessment (FSLA) Conference Summary/Proficiency Status Update - Short Form

Leader:
Principal Assessment Leader/Evaluator:
This form summarizes feedback about proficiency on the indicators, standards, and domains marked
below based on consideration of evidence encountered during this
timeframe:

Domain 1: Student Achievement								
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Scale Levels: (choose one) Where ther	Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evidence to rate current proficiency on an indicator, assign							
a proficiency level by checking one of th	ne four proficiency l	evels. If not be	eing rated at this time, le	eave blank.				
Proficiency Area 1 - Student Learni	ng Results: Effecti	ve school lea	aders achieve results o	on the school's				
student learning goals and direct en	nergy, influence, a	nd resources	s toward data analysis	s for				
instructional improvement, develo	pment and implen	nentation of	quality standards-bas	ed curricula.				
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Indicator 1.1 – Academic Standards	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory				
Indicator 1.2 – Performance Data	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory				
Indicator 1.3 – Planning and Goal Setting	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory				
Indicator 1.4 - Student Achievement Resu	lts () Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory				
Proficiency Area 2 - Student Learnin	ng as a Priority: Ef	fective schoo	ol leaders demonstrat	e that student				
learning is their top priority throug	h effective leader	ship actions	that build and suppor	t a learning				
organization focused on student su	ccess.							
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Indicator 2.1 - Learning Organization	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory				
Indicator 2.2 - School Climate	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory				
Indicator 2.3 - High Expectations	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory				
Indicator 2.4 - Student Performance Focus	6 () Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory				

Domain 2: Instructional Leadership								
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Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evidence to rate current proficiency on an indicator, assign								
a proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels. If not being rated at this time, leave blank.								
Proficiency Area 3 - Instructional Plan Implementation: Effective school leaders work collaboratively								
to develop and implement an instructional framework that aligns curriculum with state standards,								
effective instructional practices, student learning needs, and assessments.								
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Indicator 3.1 - FEAPs	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 3.2- Standards based Instruction	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 3.3 - Learning Goals Alignments	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 3.4 - Curriculum Alignments	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 3.5 - Quality Assessments	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 3.6 - Faculty Effectiveness	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory

Proficiency Area 4 - Faculty Development: Effective school leaders recruit, retain, and develop an effective and diverse faculty and staff; focus on evidence, research, and classroom realities faced by teachers; link professional practice with student achievement to demonstrate the cause and effect relationship; facilitate effective professional development; monitor implementation of critical initiatives; and secure and provide timely feedback to teachers so that feedback can be used to increase teacher professional practice.

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Indicator 4.1 - Recruitment and Retention	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 4.2- Feedback Practices	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 4.3 - High effect size strategies	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 4.4 - Instructional Initiatives	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
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Indicator 4.7 - Actual Improvement	() Highly Effeo	ctive () Effect	ive () Needs Improveme	nt () Unsatisfactory
Proficiency Area 5 - Learning Enviro	nment: Effective	e school leade	rs structure and mon	itor a school
learning environment that improve	s learning for all	of Florida's d	iverse student popul	ation.
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Indicator 5.1 - Student Centered	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 5.2 - Success Oriented	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 5.3- Diversity	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 5.4 - Achievement Gaps	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory

#### **Domain 3 - Organizational Leadership**

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**Scale Levels:** (choose one) Where there is sufficient evidence to rate current proficiency on an indicator, assign a proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels. If not being rated at this time, leave blank.

Proficiency Area 6 - Decision Making: Effective school leaders employ and monitor a decision-making process that is based on vision, mission, and improvement priorities using facts and data; manage the decision making process, but not all decisions, using the process to empower others and distribute leadership when appropriate; establish personal deadlines for themselves and the entire organization; and use a transparent process for making decisions and articulating who makes which decisions.

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Indicator 6.1- Prioritization Practices	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory			
Indicator 6.2- Problem Solving.	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory			
Indicator 6.3 - Quality Control	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory			
Indicator 6.4 - Distributive Leadership	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory			
Indicator 6.5 - Technology Integration	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory			
Proficiency Area 7 - Leadership D	Proficiency Area 7 - Leadership Development: Effective school leaders actively cultivate, support, and						
develop other leaders within the	develop other leaders within the organization, modeling trust, competency, and integrity in ways that						
positively impact and inspire growth in other potential leaders.							
Indicator 7.1- Leadership Team	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory			
Indicator 7.2 - Delegation	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory			

Indicator 7.3 - Succession Planning() Highly Effective() Effective() Needs Improvement() UnsatisfactoryIndicator 7.4 - Relationships() Highly Effective() Effective() Needs Improvement() UnsatisfactoryProficiency Area 8 - School Management: Effective school leaders manage the organization,<br/>operations, and facilities in ways that maximize the use of resources to promote a safe, efficient, legal,<br/>and effective learning environment; effectively manage and delegate tasks and consistently

demonstrate fiscal efficiency; and understand the benefits of going deeper with fewer initiatives as opposed to superficial coverage of everything.

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Indicator 8.2- Strategic Instructional	Resourcing () Highly Effect	tive () Effective	e () Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 8.3 – Collegial Learning Res	ources () Highly Effect	ive () Effective	e () Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory

Proficiency Area 9 - Communication: Effective school leaders use appropriate oral, written, and electronic communication and collaboration skills to accomplish school and system goals by practicing two-way communications, seeking to listen and learn from and building and maintaining relationships with students, faculty, parents, and community; managing a process of regular communications to staff and community keeping all stakeholders engaged in the work of the school; recognizing individuals for good work; and maintaining high visibility at school and in the community.

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Indicator 9.1 Constructive Conversations	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 9.2 - Clear Goals and Expectations	G () Highly Effective	e () Effective	e () Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 9.3 - Accessibility	() Highly Effective	e () Effective	e () Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 9.4 - Recognitions	() Highly Effectiv	e () Effectiv	e () Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory

# **Domain 4 - Professional and Ethical Behaviors**

() Highly Effective () Effective () Needs Improvement () Unsatisfactory Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evidence to rate current proficiency on an indicator, assign a proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels. If not being rated at this time, leave blank. Proficiency Area 10 - Professional and Ethical Behaviors: Effective school leaders demonstrate personal and professional behaviors consistent with quality practices in education and as a community leader by staying informed on current research in education and demonstrating their understanding of the research, engage in professional development opportunities that improve personal professional practice and align with the needs of the school system, and generate a professional development focus in their school that is clearly linked to the system-wide strategic objectives.

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Indicator 10.1 – Resiliency	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 10.2 - Professional Learning	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 10.3 - Commitment	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 10.4 – Professional Conduct	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory

Signature of School Leader

Signature of Evaluator

Date

Signature of Vice President of NEP

# **Deliberate Practice Guidelines**

**Deliberate Practice:** The leader's work on specific improvements in mastery of educational leadership is a separate metric and is combined with the FSLA Domain Scores to determine a summative leadership practice score.

# **Deliberate Practice (DP)**

#### **Proficiency Area(s) and Target(s) for School Leader Growth**

<u>Deliberate Practice Priorities</u>: The leader and the evaluator identify 1 to 4 specific and measurable priority learning goals related to teaching, learning, or school leadership practices that impact student learning growth. One or two targets are recommended.

- The target of a deliberate practice process describes an intended result and will include "scales" or progress points that guide the leader toward highly effective levels of personal mastery;
- The leader takes actions to make discernible progress on those priority goals; monitors progress toward them, uses the monitoring data to make adjustments to practice, and provides measurable evidence of growth in personal mastery of the targeted priorities.
- The evaluator monitors progress and provides feedback.
- <u>The targets are "thin slices" of specific gains sought</u> not broad overviews or long term goals taking years to accomplish.
- Deliberate practices ratings are based on comparison of proficiency at a "start point" and proficiency at a designated "evaluation point". The start point data can be based on a preceding year FSLA evaluation data on a specific indicator or proficiency area, or determined by school leader and evaluator either at the end of the preceding work year or at the start of the new work year in which the DP targets will be used for evaluation.

<u>Relationship to other measures of professional learning</u>: Whereas FSLA indicator 4.5 addresses the leader's involvement with professional learning focused on faculty needs and indicator 10.2 addresses the leader's pursuant of learning aligned with a range of school needs, the Deliberate Practice targets are more specific and deeper learning related to teaching, learning, or school leadership practices that impact student learning. The DP learning processes establish career-long patterns of continuous improvement and lead to high quality instructional leadership.

#### Selecting Growth Targets:

Growth target 1: An issue that addresses a school improvement need related to student learning and either selected by the district or approved by leader's supervisor. The focus should be on complex issues that take some time to master such as providing observation and feedback of high-effect size instructional practices.

Growth target 2: An issue related to a knowledge base or skill set relevant to instructional leadership selected by leader.

Growth target 3-4: Optional: additional issues as appropriate.

• The addition of more targets should involve estimates of the time needed to accomplish targets 1 and 2. Where targets 1 and 2 are projected for mastery in less than half of a school year, identify additional target(s).

The description of a target should be modeled along the lines of learning goals.

- A concise description (rubric) of what the leader will know or be able to do
- Of sufficient substance to take at least 6 weeks to accomplish
- Includes scales or progressive levels of progress that mark progress toward mastery of the goal.

**Rating Scheme** 

- Unsatisfactory = no significant effort to work on the targets
- Needs Improvement = evidence some of the progress points were accomplished but not all of the targets
- Effective = target accomplished
- Highly effective = exceeded the targets and able to share what was learned with others

#### Sample:

Target: Leader will be able to provide feedback to classroom teachers on the effectiveness of learning goals with scales in focusing student engagement on mastery of state standards.

Scales:

Level 3: Leader develops and implements a process for monitoring the alignment of classroom assessments to track trends in student success on learning goals.

Level 2: Leader develops and implements a process for routinely visits classes and engaging students in discussion on what they are learning and compares student perceptions with teacher's learning goals.

Level 1: Leader can locate standards in the state course description for each course taught at the school and engages teachers in discussion on how they align instruction and learning goals with course standards.

# School Leader Evaluation System

# Deliberate Practice Growth Target

School Leader's Name and Position:
Evaluator's Name and Position:
Target for school year: <u>20</u> Date Growth Targets Approved:
School Leader's Signature:
Evaluator's Signature
Deliberate Practice Growth Target #: (Insert target identification number here, the check one category below)
() School Growth Target () Leader's Growth target
Focus issue(s): Why is the target worth pursuing?
Growth Target: Describe what you expect to know or be able to do as a result of this professional learning effort.
Anticipated Gain(s): What do you hope to learn?
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Plan of Action: A general description of how you will go about accomplishing the target.
Progress Points: List progress points or steps toward fulfilling your goal that enable you to monitor your progress. If you goal
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Notes:

# Florida School Leader Assessment

# A Multi-Dimensional Leadership Assessment 4 Domains - 10 Proficiency Areas - 45 Indicators

A <u>summative performance level</u> is based 50% on Student Growth Measures (SGM) that conform to the requirements of s. 1012.34, F.S., and 50% on a Leadership Practice Score. In the Florida State Model, the Leadership Practice Score is obtained from two metrics:

- Florida School Leader Assessment (FSLA)
- Deliberate Practice Score

The school leader's FSLA Score is combined with a Deliberate Practice Score to generate a Leadership Practice Score. The tables below list the school leader performance proficiencies addressed in the four domains of the FSLA and the Deliberate Practice Metric.

Domain 1: The focus is on leadership practices that impact prioritization and results for student achievement on priority learning goals - knowing what's important, understanding what's needed, and taking actions that get results.

#### **Domain 1: Student Achievement** 2 Proficiency Areas – 8 Indicators This domain contributes 20% of the FSLA Score Proficiency Area 1 - Student Learning Results: Effective school leaders achieve results on the school's student learning goals and direct energy, influence, and resources toward data analysis for instructional improvement, development and implementation of quality standards-based curricula. Indicator 1.1 - Academic Standards: The leader demonstrates understanding of student requirements and academic standards (Common Core and NGSSS). Indicator 1.2 – <u>Performance Data</u>: The leader demonstrates the use of student and adult performance data to make instructional leadership decisions. Indicator 1.3 - Planning and Goal Setting: The leader demonstrates planning and goal setting to improve student achievement. Indicator 1.4 - Student Achievement Results: The leader demonstrates evidence of student improvement through student achievement results. Proficiency Area 2 - Student Learning as a Priority: Effective school leaders demonstrate that student learning is their top priority through effective leadership actions that build and support a learning organization focused on student success. Indicator 2.1 - Learning Organization: The leader enables faculty and staff to work as a system focused on student learning, and engages faculty and staff in efforts to close learning performance gaps among student subgroups within the school. Indicator 2.2 - School Climate: The leader maintains a school climate that supports student engagement in learning.

Indicator 2.3 - High Expectations: The leader generates high expectations for learning growth by all students.

Indicator 2.4 - <u>Student Performance Focus</u>: The leader demonstrates understanding of present levels of student performance based on routine assessment processes that reflect the current reality of student proficiency on academic standards.

# Domain 2: The focus is on instructional leadership – what the leader does and enables others to do that supports teaching and learning.

#### Domain 2: Instructional Leadership 3 Proficiency Areas – 17 Indicators This domain contributes 40% of the FSLA Score

Proficiency Area 3 - Instructional Plan Implementation: Effective school leaders work collaboratively to develop and implement an instructional framework that aligns curriculum with state standards, effective instructional practices, student learning needs, and assessments.

Indicator 3.1 – <u>FEAPs</u>: The leader aligns the school's instructional programs and practices with the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (FEAPs) (Rule 6A-5.065, F.A.C.), and models use of Florida's common language of instruction to guide faculty and staff's implementation of the foundational principles and practices.

Indicator 3.2 - <u>Standards-based Instruction</u>: The leader delivers an instructional program that implements the state's adopted academic standards (Common Core and NGSSS) in a manner that is rigorous and culturally relevant to the students by aligning academic standards, effective instruction and leadership, and student performance practices with system objectives, improvement planning, faculty proficiency needs, and appropriate instructional goals, and communicating to faculty the cause and effect relationship between effective instruction on academic standards and student performance.

Indicator 3.3 - Learning Goals Alignments: The leader implements recurring monitoring and feedback processes to insure that priority learning goals established for students are based on the state's adopted student academic standards as defined in state course descriptions, presented in student accessible forms, and accompanied by scales or rubrics to guide tracking progress toward student mastery.

Indicator 3.4 - <u>Curriculum Alignments</u>: The leader implements systemic processes to insure alignment of curriculum resources with state standards for the courses taught.

Indicator 3.5 - <u>Quality Assessments</u>: The leader ensures the appropriate use of high quality formative and interim assessments aligned with the adopted standards and curricula.

Indicator 3.6 - <u>Faculty Effectiveness</u>: The leader monitors the effectiveness of classroom teachers and uses contemporary research and the district's instructional evaluation system criteria and procedures to improve student achievement and faculty proficiency on the FEAPs.

Proficiency Area 4 - Faculty Development: Effective school leaders recruit, retain, and develop an effective and diverse faculty and staff; focus on evidence, research, and classroom realities faced by teachers; link professional practice with student achievement to demonstrate the cause and effect relationship; facilitate effective professional development; monitor implementation of critical initiatives; and secure and provide timely feedback to teachers so that feedback can be used to increase teacher professional practice.

Indicator 4.1 - <u>Recruitment and Retention</u>: The leader employs a faculty with the instructional proficiencies needed for the school population served.

Indicator 4.2 - <u>Feedback Practices</u>: The leader monitors, evaluates proficiency, and secures and provides timely and actionable feedback to faculty on the effectiveness of instruction on priority instructional goals, and the cause and effect relationships between professional practice and student achievement on those goals.

Indicator 4.3 - <u>High Effect Size Strategies</u>: Instructional personnel receive recurring feedback on their proficiency on high effect size instructional strategies.

Indicator 4.4 -<u>Instructional Initiatives</u>: District-supported state initiatives focused on student growth are supported by the leader with specific and observable actions, including monitoring of implementation and measurement of progress toward initiative goals and professional learning to improve faculty capacity to implement the initiatives.

Indicator 4.5 - <u>Facilitating and Leading Professional Learning</u>: The leader manages the organization, operations, and facilities to provide the faculty with quality resources and time for professional learning and promotes, participates in, and engages faculty in effective individual and collaborative learning on priority professional goals throughout the school year.

Indicator 4.6 - <u>Faculty Development Alignments</u>: The leader implements professional learning processes that enable faculty to deliver culturally relevant and differentiated instruction by generating a focus on student and professional learning in the school that is clearly linked to the system-wide objectives and the school improvement plan; identifying faculty instructional proficiency needs (including standards-based content, research-based pedagogy, data analysis for instructional planning and improvement); aligning faculty development practices with system objectives, improvement planning, faculty proficiency needs, and appropriate instructional goals; and using instructional technology as a learning tool for students and faculty.

Indicator 4.7 - <u>Actual Improvement</u>: The leader improves the percentage of effective and highly effective teachers on the faculty.

Proficiency Area 5 - Learning Environment: Effective school leaders structure and monitor a school learning environment that improves learning for all of Florida's diverse student population.

Indicator 5.1 – <u>Student-Centered</u>: The leader maintains a safe, respectful and inclusive student-centered learning environment that is focused on equitable opportunities for learning, and building a foundation for a fulfilling life in a democratic society and global economy by providing recurring monitoring and feedback on the quality of the learning environment and aligning learning environment practices with system objectives, improvement planning, faculty proficiency needs, and appropriate instructional goals.

Indicator 5.2 – <u>Success-Oriented</u>: The leader initiates and supports continuous improvement processes and a multi-tiered system of supports focused on the students' opportunities for success and well-being.

Indicator 5.3 - <u>Diversity</u>: To align diversity practices with system objectives, improvement planning, faculty proficiency needs, and appropriate instructional goals, the leader recognizes and uses diversity as an asset in the development and implementation of procedures and practices that motivate all students and improve student learning, and promotes school and classroom practices that validate and value similarities and differences among students.

Indicator 5.4 - <u>Achievement Gaps</u>: The leader engages faculty in recognizing and understanding cultural and developmental issues related to student learning by identifying and addressing strategies to minimize and/or eliminate achievement gaps associated with student subgroups within the school.

Domain 3: The focus is on school operations and leadership practices that integrate operations into an effective system of education.

#### Domain 3 - Operational Leadership 4 Proficiency Areas – 16 Indicators This domain contributes 20% of the FSLA Score

Proficiency Area 6 - Decision-Making: Effective school leaders employ and monitor a decision-making process that is based on vision, mission, and improvement priorities using facts and data; manage the decision-making process, but not all decisions, using the process to empower others and distribute leadership when appropriate; establish personal deadlines for themselves and the entire organization; and use a transparent process for making decisions and articulating who makes which decisions.

Indicator 6.1- <u>Prioritization Practices</u>: The leader gives priority attention to decisions that impact the quality of student learning and teacher proficiency, gathering and analyzing facts and data, and assessing alignment of decisions with school vision, mission, and improvement priorities.

Indicator 6.2 – Problem-Solving: The leader uses critical thinking and problem-solving techniques to define problems and identify solutions.

Indicator 6.3 - <u>Quality Control</u>: The leader maintains recurring processes for evaluating decisions for effectiveness, equity, intended and actual outcome(s); implements follow-up actions revealed as appropriate by feedback and monitoring; and revises decisions or implements actions as needed.

Indicator 6.4 - <u>Distributive Leadership</u>: The leader empowers others and distributes leadership when appropriate.

Indicator 6.5 - <u>Technology Integration</u>: The leader employs effective technology integration to enhance decision making and efficiency throughout the school. The leader processes changes and captures opportunities available through social networking tools, accesses and processes information through a variety of online resources, incorporates data-driven decision making with effective technology integration to analyze school results, and develops strategies for coaching staff as they integrate technology into teaching, learning, and assessment processes.

Proficiency Area 7 - Leadership Development: Effective school leaders actively cultivate, support, and develop other leaders within the organization, modeling trust, competency, and integrity in ways that positively impact and inspire growth in other potential leaders.

Indicator 7.1 - <u>Leadership Team</u>: The leader identifies and cultivates potential and emerging leaders, promotes teacher-leadership functions focused on instructional proficiency and student learning, and aligns leadership development practices with system objectives, improvement planning, leadership proficiency needs, and appropriate instructional goals.

Indicator 7.2 – <u>Delegation</u>: The leader establishes delegated areas of responsibility for subordinate leaders and manages delegation and trust processes that enable such leaders to initiate projects or tasks, plan, implement, monitor, provide quality control, and bring projects and tasks to closure.

Indicator 7.3 - Succession Planning: The leader plans for and implements succession management in key positions.

Indicator 7.4 - <u>Relationships</u>: The leader develops sustainable and supportive relationships between school leaders, parents, community, higher education, and business leaders.

Proficiency Area 8 - School Management: Effective school leaders manage the organization, operations, and facilities in ways that maximize the use of resources to promote a safe, efficient, legal, and effective learning environment; effectively manage and delegate tasks and consistently demonstrate fiscal efficiency; and understand the benefits of going deeper with fewer initiatives as opposed to superficial coverage of everything.

Indicator 8.1 - <u>Organizational Skills</u>: The leader organizes time, tasks, and projects effectively with clear objectives, coherent plans, and establishes appropriate deadlines for self, faculty, and staff.

Indicator 8.2 - <u>Strategic Instructional Resourcing</u>: The leader maximizes the impact of school personnel, fiscal and facility resources to provide recurring systemic support for instructional priorities and a supportive learning environment.

Indicator 8.3 – <u>Collegial Learning Resources</u>: The leader manages schedules, delegates, and allocates resources to provide recurring systemic support for collegial learning processes focused on school improvement and faculty development.

Proficiency Area 9 - Communication: Effective school leaders use appropriate oral, written, and electronic communication and collaboration skills to accomplish school and system goals by practicing two-way communications, seeking to listen and learn from and building and maintaining relationships with students, faculty, parents, and community; managing a process of regular communications to staff and community keeping all stakeholders engaged in the work of the school; recognizing individuals for good work; and maintaining high visibility at school and in the community.

Indicator 9.1 - <u>Constructive Conversations</u>: The leader actively listens to and learns from students, staff, parents, and community stakeholders and creates opportunities within the school to engage students, faculty, parents, and community stakeholders in constructive conversations about important issues.

Indicator 9.2 - <u>Clear Goals and Expectations</u>: The leader communicates goals and expectations clearly and concisely using Florida's common language of instruction and appropriate written and oral skills, communicates student expectations and performance information to students, parents, and community, and ensures faculty receive timely information about student learning requirements, academic standards, and all other local, state, and federal administrative requirements and decisions.

Indicator 9.3 - <u>Accessibility</u>: The leader maintains high visibility at school and in the community, regularly engages stakeholders in the work of the school, and utilizes appropriate technologies for communication and collaboration.

Indicator 9.4 - <u>Recognitions</u>: The leader recognizes individuals, collegial work groups, and supporting organizations for effective

Domain 4: The focus is on the leader's professional conduct and leadership practices that represent quality leadership.

# Domain 4 - Professional and Ethical Behaviors 1 Proficiency Area – 4 Indicators

#### This domain contributes 20% of the FSLA Score

Proficiency Area 10 - Professional and Ethical Behaviors: Effective school leaders demonstrate personal and professional behaviors consistent with quality practices in education and as a community leader by staying informed on current research in education and demonstrating their understanding of the research, engage in professional development opportunities that improve personal professional practice and align with the needs of the school system, and generate a professional development focus in their school that is clearly linked to the system-wide strategic objectives.

Indicator 10.1 – <u>Resiliency</u>: The leader demonstrates resiliency in pursuit of student learning and faculty development by staying focused on the school vision and reacting constructively to adversity and barriers to success, acknowledging and learning from errors, constructively managing disagreement and dissent with leadership, and bringing together people and resources with the common belief that the organization can grow stronger when it applies knowledge, skills, and productive attitudes in the face of adversity.

Indicator 10.2 - <u>Professional Learning</u>: The leader engages in professional learning that improves professional practice in alignment with the needs of the school and system and demonstrates explicit improvement in specific performance areas based on previous evaluations and formative feedback.

Indicator 10.3 – <u>Commitment</u>: The leader demonstrates a commitment to the success of all students, identifying barriers and their impact on the well being of the school, families, and local community.

Indicator 10.4 - <u>Professional Conduct</u>: The leader adheres to the Code of Ethics of the Education Profession in Florida (Rule 6B-1.001, F.A.C.) and to the Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession (Rule 6B-1.006, F.A.C.).

# Florida School Leader Assessment Process

# NEP will implement the Florida School Leader Assessment (FSLA) processes listed below to provide:

- > Guides to self-reflection on what's important to success as a school leader
- > Criteria for making judgments about proficiency that are consistent among raters
- Specific and actionable feedback from colleagues and supervisors focused on improving proficiency
- Summative evaluations of proficiency and determination of performance levels
- 1. Orientation
- 2. Pre-evaluation and planning
- 3. Initial meeting between evaluator and leader
- 4. Collect data and application of practice
- 5. Mid year review
- 6. Prepare a performance assessment
- 7. Year end review

# Seven Steps of the School Leader Assessment

## Step 1: Orientation:

The orientation step can occur at the start of a new work year, at the start of a new school year, or at the start of assignment as a principal/school leader. The depth and detail of orientation may vary based on prior training and whether changes in the evaluation model have occurred, but an annual orientation or re-fresher orientation should occur. The orientation step should include:

- Training on the Florida Principal Leadership Standards (FPLS), Student Success Act, applicable State Board of Education rules, and school specific expectation.
- All leaders and evaluators will have access to the same information and expectations. This may be provided by the leader's review of district evaluation documents, online modules, mentor sessions, or face-to-face training where awareness of the processes and expectations are identified.
- At the orientation step, each school leader is expected to engage in personal reflection on the connection between his/her practice and the FPLS. This is a "what do I know and what do I need to know" self-check aligned with the FPLS and the district evaluation system indicators.

## **Step 2: Pre-evaluation Planning**:

After orientation processes, the school leader and evaluator prepare for a formal conference to address evaluation processes and expectations. Two things occur:

• Leader's self-assessment from the orientation step moves to more specific identification of improvement priorities. These may be student achievement priorities or leadership practice priorities. The leader gathers any data or evidence that supports an issue as an improvement priority. This will include School

Improvement Plan, student achievement data, prior faculty evaluations, and evidence of systemic processes that need work.

• The evaluator articulates a perspective on strengths and growth needs for the leader and for student achievement issues at the school.

# **Step 3: Initial Meeting between the leader and evaluator**:

A meeting on "expectations" held between the school leader and evaluator to address the following:

- Evaluation processes are reviewed and questions answered.
- Perceptions (of both) from Pre-evaluation Planning are shared.
- Domain, Proficiency Areas, Indicators from evaluation system that will be focus issues are identified and discussed.
- Student growth measures that are of concern are discussed.
- Relationship of evaluation indicators from school improvement process.
- Such a meeting is typically face-to-face but may also be via phone.
- Proposed targets for <u>Deliberate Practice</u> are discussed and determined, or a timeframe for selection of Deliberate Practice targets are set. While a separate meeting or exchange of information may be implemented to complete the Deliberate Practice targets, they should be discussed at the Step 3 Conference given their importance to the leader's growth and the summative evaluation.

# Step 4: Monitoring, Data Collection, and Application to Practice:

Evidence is gathered that provides insights on the school leader's proficiency on the issues in the evaluation system by those with input into the leader's evaluation.

- The leader shares with the evaluator evidence on practice on which the leader seeks feedback or wants the evaluator to be informed.
- The evaluator accumulates data and evidence on leader's actions or impact of leader's actions during the routine conduct of work. Such data and evidence may come from site visits, be provided by the leader, from formal or informal observations, or from evidence, artifacts or input provided by others. The accumulated information is analyzed in the context of the evaluation system indicators.
- As evidence and observations are obtained that generate specific and actionable feedback, it is provided to the leader in a timely manner. Feedback may be provided face-to-face, via email or telephone.
- Collegial groups, mentors, communities of practice, professional learning communities, and lesson study groups in which the leader participates may provide specific and actionable feedback for proficiency improvement.
- These monitoring actions occur before and continue after the mid-year Progress Check (step 5).

## **Step 5: Mid-year Progress Review between leader and evaluator:**

At a mid-year point, a progress review is conducted.

- Actions and impacts of actions taken on priorities identified in Step 3 Initial Meeting are reviewed.
- Any indicators which the evaluator has identified for a specific status update are reviewed. (The leader is given notice of these indicators prior to the Progress Check, as the feedback expected is more specific than that for the general indicator overview.)
- The leader is prepared to provide a general overview of actions/processes that apply to all of the domains and proficiency areas and may include any of the indicators in the district system. Any indicator that the evaluator or the leader wishes to address should be included.
- Strengths and progress are recognized.
- Priority growth needs are reviewed.
- Where there is no evidence related to an indicator and no interim judgment of proficiency can be provided, a plan of action must be made:
  - If the evaluator decides that the absence of evidence indicates unsatisfactory proficiency because actions or impacts of action should be evident if leader was proficient, the leader is provided notice that the indicator(s) will be addressed in a follow-up meeting.

- The absence of evidence is explained by lack of opportunity for the evaluator to note anything relevant, and leader is asked to provide follow-up data on the indicator prior to the year-end conference.
- If the lack of evidence on one indicator is balanced by substantial evidence on other indicators in the same proficiency area, no follow-up is required until evidence supporting a Needs Improvement (NI) or Unsatisfactory (U) rating emerges.
- Any actions or inactions which might result in an unsatisfactory rating on a domain or proficiency area if not improved are communicated.
- Any indicators for which there is insufficient evidence to rate proficiency at this stage, but which will be a priority for feedback in remainder of the year, are noted.
- *FSLA Feedback and Protocol Form* is used to provide feedback on all indicators for which there is sufficient evidence to rate proficiency. Notes or memorandums may be attached to the forms as appropriate to reflect what is communicated in the Progress Check.

## **Step 6: Prepare a consolidated performance assessment:**

The summative evaluation form is prepared by the evaluator for the school leaders and a performance rating assigned.

- Consider including relevant and appropriate evidence by any party entitled to provide input into the leader's evaluation.
- Review evidence on leader's proficiency on indicators.
- Use accumulated evidence and rating on indicators to rate each proficiency area.
- Consolidate the ratings on proficiency areas into domain ratings.
- Consolidate Domain ratings, using FSLA weights, to calculate a FSLA score.

### Step 7: Year-end Meeting between school leader(s) and evaluator:

The year-end meeting addresses the FSLA score, the Deliberate Practice Score and Student Growth Measures.

- The FSLA score is explained.
- The leader's growth on the Deliberate Practice targets is reviewed and a Deliberate Practice Score is assigned.
- The FSLA Score and Deliberate Practice Score are combined (as per weighting formula) to generate a Leadership Practice Score.
- If the Student Growth Measurement (SGM) score is known, inform the leader how the Leadership Practice Score and SGM Score combine to a summative performance level of Highly Effective, Effective, Needs Improvement, or Unsatisfactory.
- If the SGM score is not known, inform leader of possible performance levels based on known Leadership Practice Score and various SGM outcomes.
- If recognitions or employment consequences are possible based on performance level, inform leader of the process moving forward.
- Review priority growth issues that should be considered at next year's step 2 and step 3 processes.

# **School Leader Evaluation System Timeline**

# **Prior to First Day of Student Attendance**

- 1. Orientation an training on evaluation criteria and process (step 1)
- 2. Pre-Evaluation Meeting (step 2)
- 3. Initial Meeting Between School Leader and Evaluator(s) ; Deliberate Targets Established (step 3)

# August to April

1. Monitoring, Data Collection and Application to Practice

# **By February 1**

1. Mid-Year Progress Review Between School Leader and Evaluator (step 5)

# Prior to April 15

1. The School Leaders Consolidated Performance Assessment Prepared by Evaluator ( step 6 )

# Prior to May 1

1. Evaluator Meets With School Leader for Review of Evaluation (step 7)

# **When Student Performance Data Arrives**

1. Summative Evaluations are Finalized

# **Scoring Guide for State Model Metrics**

An evaluation system that is aligned with the purpose of Section 1012.34, F.S. and applicable State Board rules (e.g., 6A-5.065, 6A-5.080) has two functions:

- Providing quality feedback during a work year that focuses improvement effort on essential proficiencies, and
- Generating an annual summative performance level based on the proficiency exhibited by the school leader during the work year.

For Florida school leaders being evaluated using the FSLA, the Florida state model for the evaluation of school leaders, the summative annual performance level is based on two factors:

• Student Growth Measures Score (SGM)- 50%:

The performance of students under the leader's supervision represents 50% of the annual performance level. The specific growth measures used conform to Florida Statutes and State Board rules. Annual evaluations will include school wide assessment scores of students taking the FCAT. This measure will count 50% of the overall evaluation unless there is less than 3 years of data. In that case the scores will count 40% of the overall evaluation. UA will use District calculations of the SGM. By 2014-15 the District will develop assessment measures for those grades not tested by FCAT. District calculations will parallel state rules, policies and procedures.

• <u>Leadership Practice Score – 50%</u>:

The Leadership Practice Score is an assessment of the leader's proficiency on the Florida Principal Leadership Standards (FPLS). This is based on two metrics:

- **The Florida School Leader Assessment (FSLA):** A system for feedback and growth based on the leader's work and impact of that work on others. The FSLA contributes 80% of the Leadership Practice Score.
- **Deliberate Practice (DP):** Deep learning and growth on a few very specific aspects of educational leadership. The DP Score contributes 20% of the Leadership Practice Score.

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Score Indicators	Based on rubrics in the "long forms"
Score Proficiency Areas	Based on tables in this guide
Score Domains	Based on tables in this guide
Score FSLA	Based on formula in this guide
Score Deliberate Practice Metric	Based on directions in this guide
Calculate Leadership Practice Score	Combine FSLA and Deliberate Practice Scores
	Based on formula in this guide
Calculate Student Growth Measure Score	Based on goal review with Pinellas County
	Schools
Assign Proficiency Level rating label	Combine Leadership and GM scores
	Score Indicators Score Proficiency Areas Score Domains Score FSLA Score Deliberate Practice Metric Calculate Leadership Practice Score Calculate Student Growth Measure Score

#### Summary of Scoring Processes

# **Scoring Guide**

The subsequent sections of the procedural manual include the scoring guidelines for the Florida School Leader Assessment. These guidelines and procedures will be employed University Academy. Included are:

Section One: How to "score" the FSLA Section Two: How to "score" Deliberate Practice Section Three: Leadership Practice Score Section Four: Student Growth Score Section Five: Annual Performance Rating

# Section One: How to Score the FSLA

## **About the FSLA Scoring Process**

The state scoring model has these features:

- The summative performance labels specified in Section 1012.34, F.S. are also used in the FSLA to summarize feedback on domains, proficiency areas, and indicators. They are:
  - Highly Effective (HE)
  - Effective (E)
  - Needs Improvement (NI)
  - Unsatisfactory (U)
- Direct Weighting: The FSLA score is based on ratings for each of the four domains, but the system specifically gives added weight to Domain 2: Instructional Leadership. The weightings are:
  - Domain 1: Student Achievement: 20%
  - Domain 2: Instructional Leadership: 40%
  - Domain 3: Organizational Leadership: 20%
  - o Domain 4: Professional and Ethical Behavior: 20%
- Embedded Weighting: The use of Domain scores to generate an FSLA score results in embedded weighting as the Domains have different numbers of indicators. For example: Domain 1 has eight indicators, Domain 3 has 16 indicators and Domain 4 has four indicators, but each Domain contributes 20% to the FLSA score. The result of this is:
  - Domain 2 indicators have the most impact on the FSLA results due to direct weighing. There are 17 indicators, but the Domain is weighted at 40%, thus magnifying the impact of that domain on the final rating.
  - Domain 4 has the next highest level of impact due to embedded weighting. There are only four indicators in this Domain, but the Domain contributes 20% of the FSLA score.
  - Domain 1 has more impact than Domain 3 since Domain 1 has eight indicators and Domain 3 has 16 indicators, but each Domain contributes 20% of the FSLA score.
- Proficiency on Indicators leads to an FSLA Score.

- Ratings on indicators (using rubrics in the FSLA) are combined to generate a rating (HE, E, NI, or U) on each Proficiency Area.
- Ratings on Proficiency Areas are combined (using the tables in this scoring guide) to generate a Domain Rating.
- Ratings on Domains are combined (using tables in this scoring guide) to generate a FSLA Score.

# How to determine an FSLA Score

Generating a score for the FSLA has four steps:

## Step One: Rate each Indicator

Start with judgments on the indicators. Indicators in each Proficiency Area are rated as HE, E, NI, or U based on accumulated evidence.

- The FSLA supports this indicator proficiency rating process with <u>rubrics</u> for distinguishing between the levels (HE, E, NI, or U) that are specific to the indicator.
- To guide the rating decision, <u>illustrative examples</u> of leadership actions and illustrative examples of impacts of leadership actions are provided.
- The rubrics for indicators and the illustrative examples are found in the "long forms" the Data Collection and Feedback Protocols.
- > Ratings can be recorded on the long form or the short form.

### Rating Labels: What do they mean?

The school leader should complete a self-assessment by scoring each of the indicators. The evaluator also will score each of the indicators. At an end-of the year conference, their respective ratings are shared and discussed. The evaluator then determines a final rating for each indicator and, using the procedures in this scoring guide, calculates an FSLA score.

#### **Indicator ratings:**

When assigning ratings to indicators in the FSLA, the evaluator should begin by reviewing the indicator rubrics. These are "word-picture" descriptions of leadership behaviors in each of the four levels of leadership behavior— "Highly Effective", "Effective", "Needs Improvement", and "Unsatisfactory." The evaluator finds the level that best describes performance related to the indicator.

The rating rubrics provide criteria that distinguish among the proficiency levels on the indicator. The illustrative examples of Leadership Evidence and Impact Evidence for each indicator provide direction on the range of evidence to consider. The rating for each indicator is the lowest rating for which the "word-picture" descriptors are appropriate and representative descriptions of what was observed about the leader's performance.

The ratings on the indicators aggregate to a rating on the Proficiency Areas based on tables in this guide. The ratings on the Proficiency Areas within a Domain aggregate to a domain rating, using tables and formulas in this scoring guide.

The FSLA rubrics are designed to give school leaders a formative as well as a summative assessment of where they stand in all leadership performance areas and detailed guidance on how to improve. While they are not checklists for use by the school leader's supervisor, they do reflect the key behaviors about which evaluators and school leaders should be conversing frequently throughout the year. Moreover, these behavioral leadership descriptions will form the basis for coaching and mentoring sessions.

#### Distinguishing between proficiency ratings:

### Effective

The "Effective" level describes leadership performance that has a local impact and meets organizational needs. It is adequate, necessary, and clearly makes a significant contribution to the school. The majority of the leadership workforce will be in the effective area once they have a clear understanding of what the FPLS require and have

made the adjustments and growth necessary to upgrade performance. Prior ratings for school leaders generally will not provide any guidance as to where those leaders who repeat past performance levels will fall in the shift to research and standards-based assessments. Both school leaders and evaluators should reflect on performance based on the new FPLS and the rubrics of the FSLA.

## **Highly Effective**

The "Highly Effective" level is reserved for truly outstanding leadership as described by very demanding criteria. Performance at this level is dramatically superior to "Effective" in its impact on students, staff members, parents, and the school district. Highly effective leadership results from recurring engagement with "deliberate practice." In brief, the "Highly Effective" leader helps every other element within the organization become as good as they are. In normal distributions, some leaders will be rated highly effective on some indicators, but very few leaders will be rated highly effective as a summative performance level.

#### **Needs Improvement**

The "Needs Improvement" level describes school leaders who understand what is required for success, are willing to work toward that goal, and, with coaching and support, can increase proficiency. Needs Improvement rating will occur where expectations have been raised and standards made more focused and specific. Professional behavior and focused professional learning will guide school leaders toward increasingly effective performance.

### Unsatisfactory

Performance at the "Unsatisfactory" level describe leaders who do not understand what is required to be proficient or who have demonstrated through their actions and/or inactions that they choose not to become proficient on the strategies, knowledge bases, and skills sets needed for student learning to improve and for their school faculty to develop.

## Step Two: Rate each Proficiency Area

Ratings on the indicators in a Proficiency Area are combined to assign a proficiency level (HE, E, NI, or U) to a Proficiency Area: The distribution of indicator ratings within a Proficiency Area result in a Proficiency Area Rating. Since the number of indicators in a Proficiency Area varies, the following formulas are applied to assign Proficiency Area ratings. For each Proficiency Area, use the appropriate table.

Table 1

For Proficiency Areas 1,2,5,7,9 and 10 with <b>four Indicators</b> , each Proficiency Area is rated:				
Highly Effect	Highly Effective (HE) if: three or more indicators are HE and none are less than E.			
Examples:	HE+HE+HE+HE=	HE HE+HI	E+HE+E=HE	
Effective (E) if	f: at least three a	are E or higher an	nd no more than one are NI. None are U.	
Examples:	E+E+E+HE=E	E+E+E+NI=E	E+E+E=E	
Needs Impro	vement (NI) if	: Criteria for E n	not met and no more than one is U.	
Examples:	E+E+NI+NI=NI	HE+HE+NI+NI =NI	HE+E+U+NI=NI	
Unsatisfactory (U) if: two or more are U.				
Examples:	HE+U+U+HE=U	E+NI+U+U=U	E+E+U+U=U	

For the Proficiency Areas with fewer or more than four indicators, use the appropriate table below:

Table 2

For proficiency Area 3 with <b>six Indicators</b> , each Proficiency Area is rated:			
Highly Effective (HE) if: four or more indicators are HE and none are less than E.			
Examples:	HE+HE+HE+HE+HE+HE=HE	HE+HE+HE+E+E=HE	
Effective (E) if: at least four are E or higher and no more than two are NI. None are U.			

Examples:	HE+HE+E+E+E=E	E+E+E+E+NI+NI=E		
Needs Impro	ovement (NI) if: Criter	ia for E not met and i	no more than two a	ire U.
Examples:	HE+HE+NI+NI+NI+NI=NI	NI+NI+NI+NI+U+U=NI	E+E+E+NI+NI+NI=NI	HE+HE+E+E+E+U=NI
Unsatisfacto	ry (U) if: two or more	are U.		
Examples:	HE+HE+HE+HE+U+U=U	NI+NI+NI+NI+U+U=U		

#### Table 3

For Proficiency Area 4 with seven Indicators, each Proficiency Area is rated:		
Highly Effective (HE) if: five or more indicators are HE and none are less than E.		
Examples: HE+HE+HE+HE+E=HE		
Effective (E) if: at least five are E or higher and no more than two are NI. None are U.		
Examples: HE+HE+E+E+NI+NI=E E+E+E+E+NI+NI=E		
Needs Improvement (NI) if: Criteria for E not met and no more than two are U.		
Examples: E+E+E+E+NI+NI+NI=NI HE+HE+E+E+E+U+U=NI HE+HE+HE+HE+HE+HE+U=NI		
Unsatisfactory (U) if: two or more are U.		
Examples:HE+HE+HE+HE+HE+U+U=UNI+NI+NI+NI+NI+U+U=U		

### Table 4

For Proficier	For Proficiency Area 6 with <b>five Indicators</b> , each Proficiency Area is rated:		
Highly Effec	ctive (HE) if: four or more inc	dicators are HE and none are less than E.	
Examples:	HE+HE+HE+HE+HE=HE	HE+HE+HE+E=HE	
Effective (E)	if: at least four are E or higher	and no more than one are NI. None are U.	
Examples:	E+E+E+E=E HE+HE+E+E	=E HE+E+E+NI=E E+E+E+E+NI=E	
Needs Impr	rovement (NI) if: Criteria for	E not met and no more than one is U.	
Examples:	HE+HE+NI+NI+NI=NI E+E+N	NI+NI+U=NI NI+NI+NI+NI+U=NI	
Unsatisfact	Unsatisfactory (U) if: two or more are U.		
Examples:	HE+HE+HE+U+U=U NI	+NI+NI+U+U=U	

#### Table 5

For Proficiency Area 8 with three Indicators, each Proficiency Area is rated:				
Highly Effective (HE) if: two or more indicators are HE and none are less than E.				
Examples: HE+HE+HE=HE HE+HE+E=HE				
Effective (E) if: two or more are E or higher and no more than one is NI. None are U.				
Examples: E+E+E=E E+E+HE=E E+HE+NI=E HE+HE+NI=E				
Needs Improvement (NI) if: Criteria for E not met and no more than one is U.				
Examples: NI+NI+NI=NI NI+NI+U=NI HE+E+U=NI HE+NI+NI=NI				
Unsatisfactory (U) if: two or more are U.				
Examples: HE+U+U=U NI+U+U=U				

When you have a rating (HE, E, NI, or U) for each Proficiency Area in a Domain, you then generate a Domain rating.

# **Step Three: Rate Each Domain**

Domains are rated as HE, E, NI, or U based on the distribution of ratings on Proficiency Areas within the Domain. The tables below provide rating criteria for each FSLA Domain.

Table 6	
Domain Rating	Domain I: Student Achievement (Two Proficiency Areas)
Highly Effective if:	Both Proficiency Areas rated HE
Effective if:	One Proficiency Area rated HE and one Effective, or
	Both rated Effective
Needs Improvement if:	• One Proficiency Area rated HE or E and one rated NI or U
	Both Proficiency Areas rated NI

Table 6

Unsatisfactory if:	•	One Proficiency Area rated NI and the other is rated U
	•	Both are rated U

#### Table 7

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Domain Rating	<b>Domain 2: Instructional Leadership</b> (Three Proficiency Areas)
Highly Effective if:	All three Proficiency Areas are HE
	Two Proficiency Areas rated HE and one E
Effective if:	Two Proficiency Area rated E and one Effective or NI
	All three Proficiency Areas rated E
Needs Improvement if:	Any two Proficiency Areas rated NI
	• One Proficiency Area rated NI, one Proficiency Area rated U and
	one Proficiency Area rated E or HE
Unsatisfactory if:	Two or more Proficiency Areas rated U

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Table 0		
Domain Rating	Domain 3: Organizational Leadership (Four Proficiency Areas)	
Highly Effective if:	All four Proficiency Areas are HE	
	Three Proficiency Areas rated HE and one E	
Effective if:	Two Proficiency Areas rated E and two rated HE	
	All four Proficiency Areas rated E	
	• Three Proficiency Areas rated E and one rated either NI or HE	
Needs Improvement if:	Two Proficiency Areas rated E and two rated NI	
	Any three Proficiency Areas rated NI	
	• One Proficiency Area rated NI, one Proficiency Area rated U and	
	two Proficiency Area rated E or HE	
Unsatisfactory if:	Two or more Proficiency Areas rated U	

#### Table 9

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Domain Rating	Domain 4: Professional Behaviors (One Proficiency Area)
Highly Effective if:	If Proficiency Area 10 rated HE
Effective if:	If Proficiency Area 10 rated E
Needs Improvement if:	If Proficiency Area 10 rated NI
Unsatisfactory if:	If Proficiency Area 10 rated U

When you have determined Domain ratings, you then combine those ratings to generate an FSLA score.

### **Step 4: Calculate the FSLA Score**

- In Step One, proficiency ratings for indicators were made based on an assessment of available evidence and the rating rubrics.
- In Step Two, the apportionment of Indicators ratings, using the tables provided, generated a rating for each Proficiency Area within a Domain.
- In Step Three, Domain ratings were generated. All of these steps were based on evidence on the Indicators and scoring tables.

<u>At the FSLA scoring stage the model shifts to a weighted point system</u>. Points are assigned to Domain ratings, direct weights are employed, and scores are converted to a numerical scale. The following point model is used:

Table 10	
DOMAIN RATING	POINTS ASSIGNED
A Domain rating of Highly Effective	3 points
A Domain rating of Effective	2 points
A Domain rating of Needs Improvement	1 point
A Domain rating of Unsatisfactory	0 points

The Domain points are multiplied by the Domain's direct weight: The rating is entered in column 2 ("Rating"), the points in column 3 ("Points"), and a weighted score calculated in column 5.

Table 11				
Domain	Rating	Points	Weight	Domain Weighted Score
Domain I: Student Achievement			.20	
Domain 2: Instructional Leadership			.40	
Domain 3: Organizational Leadership			.20	
Domain 4: Professional and Ethical Behavior			.20	

#### Example

#### Table 12

Domain	Rating	Points	Weight	Domain Weighed Score
Domain I: Student Achievement	HE	3	.20	.6
Domain 2:Instructional Leadership	Е	2	.40	.8
Domain 3:Organizational Leadership	HE	3	.20	.6
Domain 4: Professional & Ethical Behavior	NI	1	.20	.2

After a Domain Weighted Score is calculated, the scores are converted to a 100 point scale. This process results in a FSLA Score range of 0 to 300 Points.

This table illustrates the conversion of a Domain Weighted value to a 100 point scale.

#### **Example**

Table 13

Domain	Rating	Points	Weight	Weighed	Convert to 100	Domain
				value	point scale	Score
Domain I	HE	3	.20	.6	x 100	60
Student Achievement						
Domain 2	Е	2	.40	.8	x 100	80
Instructional Leadership						
Domain 3	HE	3	.20	.6	x 100	60
Organizational						
Leadership						
Domain 4	NI	1	20	.2	x 100	20
Professional and Ethical						
Behavior						

FSLA Score			220

The Domain scores are added and an FSLA score determined. The FSLA Score is converted to an FSLA rating of HE, E, NI, or U based on this scale:

Table 14	
FSLA SCORE	FSLA Proficiency Rating
240 to 300	Highly Effective
151 to 239	Effective
75 to 150	Needs Improvement
0 to 74	Unsatisfactory

The FSLA score is combined with a Deliberate Practice Score to generate a Leadership Practice Score. Section Two provides scoring processes for Deliberate Practice.

The FSLA score will be 80% of the Leadership Practice Score.

The Deliberate Practice Score will be 20% of the Leadership Practice Score.

# Section Two: How to Score Deliberate Practice

#### **Deliberate Practice Score**

- The DP score is 20% of the Leadership Practice Score.
- The DP metric will have 1 to 4 specific growth targets.
- Each target will have progress points (much like a learning goal for students).
- The targets will have equal weight and the leader's growth on each will be assessed as HE, E, NI, or U.

Table 15	
Scoring a DP Growth Target	Rating Rubrics
Highly Effective	Target met, all progress points achieved, and verifiable improvement in leader's performance
Effective	Target met, progress points achievedimpact not yet evident
Needs Improvement	Target not met, but some progress points met
Unsatisfactory	Target not met, nothing beyond 1 progress point

Table 15

A DP Score has an upper limit of 300 points. Each target is assigned an equal proportion of the total points. Therefore the points for each target will vary based on the number of targets.

Table 16

Number of growth targets	Maximum points per target	Maximum Point Range
One Target	300	300
Two Targets	150 (300/2)	300 (150 x 2)
Three Targets	100 (300/3)	300 (100 x 3)
Four Targets	75 (300/4)	300 (75 x 4)

Target values based on Rating (HE, E, NI, or U) and Number of Targets.

This chart shows the points earned by a growth target based on a rating Level (HE, E, NI, or U) and the total number of targets in the DP plan.

Table 1	7				
Rating	Point values	If 1 target	If 2 targets	If 3 targets	If 4 targets
HE	max points	300	150	100	75
Е	.80 of max	240	120	80	60
NI	.5 of max	150	75	50	37.5
U	.25 if some progress	75	37.5	25	18.75
U	.0 if 1 progress stage	0	0	0	0

A DP score is based on ratings of the targets and the points earned for each rating.

### **Examples**

If the DP has three Growth Targets:

Table 18

DP Target	Rating	Points (based on table 17 – column 5 ) *
DP TARGET 1	HE	100
DP TARGET 2	Е	80
DP TARGET 3	NI	50
DP Score (target score added together)		230

\* Points available vary based on total number of growth targets. Use Table 17 to select point values.

## **Deliberate Practice rating**

Table 19

DP Score Range	DP Rating
241 to 300	Highly Effective
151 to 240	Effective
75 to 150	Needs Improvement
0 to 74	Unsatisfactory

# Section Three: How to Calculate a Leadership Practice Score

80% of the Leadership Practice Score is based on the Florida School Leader Assessment Proficiency Score 20% of the Leadership Practice Score is based on the Deliberate Practice Growth Score

A. FSLA Score: \_\_\_\_\_X .80 = \_\_\_\_\_

B. Deliberate Practice Score:

\_\_\_\_\_X .20 = \_\_\_\_\_

C. Add scores from calculations A and B above to obtain Leadership Practice Score =

D. Use the Leadership Practice Rubric to determine the Leadership Practice Rating

Leadership Practice Score Range	Leadership Practice Rating
240 to 300	Highly Effective
151 to 239	Effective
75 to 150	Needs Improvement
0 to 74	Unsatisfactory

# **Example:**

FSLA score of 220 x. 80 = 176DP score of 230 x .20 = 46 Leadership Practice Score is 222 Leadership Practice Rating is *Effective* 

# Section Four: Student Growth Measure (SGM)

According to the Student Success Act (SB 736), at least 50% of the school administrator's evaluation must be based on student growth. It further stipulates that student learning growth must be assessed annually and measured by statewide assessments or, for subjects not measured by state assessments, by assessments. Whenever possible, three years of data should be considered. The Committee determined that for the 2012-13 school year, school level student growth will comprise 50% of the school leader's evaluation.

# **Student Growth Measure (50%)**

# Administrator of School Where Students Take FCAT

For the 2012-13 school year, the administrator's School Level Student Growth Measure will be determined based on the administrator's school FCAT-reading Value Added measurement.

As other value added state assessment measures are developed by the Florida Student Growth Implementation Committee, our school will transition to a more inclusive student growth model.

#### FCAT Student Growth Measure Score Calculation:

An administrator's student growth score will be determined by aggregating a teacher's VAM measurement for reading across grade levels and up to three years where available. This method will allow utilization of the same cut scores and grade scales as teachers (Category 1, 2 & 3). In the simplest of terms, the VAM is determined as an average of teacher scores and adjusted by a standard of error. After determining the composite scores, administrators will be ranked within a category and the score adjusted to match the ratio of possible scores within the proper range of a 300 point scale.

The formula for the ratio is:

Final score = ((VAM - Min Earned Score) \*(Max Possible Score –Min Possible Score)/ (Max Earned Score – Min Earned Score)) + Minimum Possible score rounded to the nearest whole number Example: Where the administrator is found to be 'effective' with a score of = -.016520535, a maximum score of .67036605 and a minimum of -.373419438 within the range the computation would be:

Student Growth Score Range	School Leader's Student Growth Rating
240 - 300	Highly Effective
151 - 239	Effective
75 - 150	Needs Improvement
0 - 74	Unsatisfactory

#### **Rubric for FCAT School Level Student Growth Measure**

Note: For the 2012-13 School Year, Cut Scores will be based on one year of data

# Section Five: How to Calculate an Annual Performance Level

## Cut Scores for Student Growth Measure Using a 300 Point Scale

Above 240= Highly Effective 151-239 = Effective 75 - 150 = Needs Improvement 0 - 74 = Unsatisfactory

 Step 1: Enter Leadership Practice Score: \_\_\_\_\_

 Step 2: Enter Student Growth Measure Score: \_\_\_\_\_

 Step 2: Add Leadership Practice Score and SGM Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Step 3: Determine Performance Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Performance Score Ranges	Performance Level Rating
480 to 600	Highly Effective
301 to 479	Effective
150 to 300	Needs Improvement
0 to 149	Unsatisfactory

Example:

SGM score of 212 + Leadership Practice Score of 222 = 432 Performance Score

Performance Score of 432 = Performance Level Rating of Effective

#### Step 4: Enter rating on School Leader Summative Evaluation form

# **School Leader Summative Evaluation**

FCAT student growth data likely will not be made available until after the close of the 2012-13 school year. Therefore, the school leader's Student Growth Measure Score will not be available to determine the administrator's overall proficiency levels at the typically scheduled evaluation time. The first two sections of the School Leader Summative Evaluation will be completed prior to the end of the school year and an interim score and rating will be given. Once the student growth data becomes available, the remainder of the evaluation will be completed and a final score and rating will be determined. The rating labels and weighting scales/scoring system for the School Leader Summative Evaluation is illustrated on the following pages.

# **School Leader Summative Evaluation**

# 2012-13

School Leader's Name	
School/Department	
School Leader'sID#	
Evaluator	

#### 1. Florida School Leader Assessment

1. Horna School Leader Assessment						
Domain 1: Student Achievement						
() Highly Effective ()	Effective ()	Needs Impro	vement () Unsat	isfactory		
Scale Levels: (choose one) Where ther	e is sufficient evider	nce to rate cur	rrent proficiency on an ir	ndicator, assign		
a proficiency level by checking one of th	ne four proficiency l	evels. If not be	eing rated at this time, le	eave blank.		
Proficiency Area 1 - Student Learni	ng Results: Effecti	ve school lea	aders achieve results o	on the school's		
student learning goals and direct er	nergy, influence, a	nd resource	s toward data analysis	for		
instructional improvement, develo	oment and implen	nentation of	quality standards-bas	ed curricula.		
() Highl	y Effective () Effe	ctive () Nee	eds Improvement () Ui	nsatisfactory		
Indicator 1.1 – Academic Standards	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory		
Indicator 1.2 – Performance Data	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory		
Indicator 1.3 – Planning and Goal Setting	0 0 1	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory		
Indicator 1.4 - Student Achievement Resu	1, 1, 1	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory		
Proficiency Area 2 - Student Learnin						
learning is their top priority throug	h effective leader	ship actions	that build and suppor	t a learning		
organization focused on student suc	ccess.					
() Highly Effective () Effe	ctive () Needs Imj	provement	() Unsatisfactory			
Indicator 2.1 - Learning Organization	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory		
Indicator 2.2 - School Climate	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory		
Indicator 2.3 - High Expectations	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory		
Indicator 2.4 - Student Performance Focus	6 () Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory		

#### **Domain 2: Instructional Leadership**

( ) Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory		
Scale Levels: (choose one) Where	there is sufficient	evidence to rate current profic	iency on an indicator, assign		
a proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels. If not being rated at this time, leave blank.					
<b>Proficiency Area 3 - Instruction</b>	al Plan Impleme	ntation: Effective school lead	lers work collaboratively		

Proficiency Area 3 - Instructional Plan Implementation: Effective school leaders work collaboratively to develop and implement an instructional framework that aligns curriculum with state standards, effective instructional practices, student learning needs, and assessments.

() Highly Effective		() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 3.1 - FEAPs	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 3.2- Standards based Instruction	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 3.3 - Learning Goals Alignments	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 3.4 - Curriculum Alignments	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 3.5 - Quality Assessments	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 3.6 - Faculty Effectiveness	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory

Proficiency Area 4 - Faculty Development: Effective school leaders recruit, retain, and develop an effective and diverse faculty and staff; focus on evidence, research, and classroom realities faced by teachers; link professional practice with student achievement to demonstrate the cause and effect relationship; facilitate effective professional development; monitor implementation of critical initiatives; and secure and provide timely feedback to teachers so that feedback can be used to increase teacher professional practice.

() H	ghly Effective ()	Effective (	) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 4.1 - Recruitment and Retention	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 4.2- Feedback Practices	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 4.3 - High effect size strategies	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 4.4 - Instructional Initiatives	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 4.5 - Facilitating & Leading Prof. I	earning () Highly E	ffective () Effe	ective () Needs Improvemer	nt () Unsatisfactory

Indicator 4.6 – Faculty Development Alig	nments () Highly Effe	ctive () Effe	ctive () Needs Improveme	nt () Unsatisfactory
Indicator 4.7 - Actual Improvement	() Highly Effect	tive () Effect	tive () Needs Improveme	nt () Unsatisfactory
Proficiency Area 5 - Learning Envi	ironment: Effective	school leade	ers structure and mon	nitor a school
learning environment that improv				
	Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfac		
Indicator 5.1 - Student Centered	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 5.2 - Success Oriented	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 5.3- Diversity	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 5.4 - Achievement Gaps	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Dou	main 3 - Organiza	tional Load	orchin	
	0		<b>—</b>	ti afa atawa
		Needs Impro		tisfactory
Scale Levels: (choose one) Where th				
a proficiency level by checking one				
Proficiency Area 6 - Decision Mak	0			0
process that is based on vision, mi	ission, and improve	ement priori	ties using facts and da	ata; manage the
decision making process, but not a	all decisions, using	the process t	to empower others an	nd distribute
leadership when appropriate; esta	ablish personal dea	dlines for th	emselves and the ent	ire
organization; and use a transpare	nt process for mak	ing decisions	and articulating who	) makes which
decisions.	-	C	0	
	() Highly Effective (	) Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 6.1- Prioritization Practices	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 6.2- Problem Solving.	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 6.3 - Quality Control	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 6.4 - Distributive Leadership	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 6.5 - Technology Integration	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Proficiency Area 7 - Leadership De				
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#### **Domain 4 - Professional and Ethical Behaviors**

() Highly Effective () Effective () Needs Improvement () Unsatisfactory Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evidence to rate current proficiency on an indicator, assign a proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels. If not being rated at this time, leave blank.

Proficiency Area 10 - Professional and Ethical Behaviors: Effective school leaders demonstrate personal and professional behaviors consistent with quality practices in education and as a community leader by staying informed on current research in education and demonstrating their understanding of the research, engage in professional development opportunities that improve personal professional practice and align with the needs of the school system, and generate a professional development focus in their school that is clearly linked to the system-wide strategic objectives.

	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 10.1 – Resiliency	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 10.2 - Professional Learning	() Highly Effective	() Effective	( ) Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 10.3 - Commitment	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory
Indicator 10.4 – Professional Conduct	() Highly Effective	() Effective	() Needs Improvement	() Unsatisfactory

Domain	Rating	Points	Weight	Weighed value	Convert to 100 point scale	Domain Score
Domain I			.20		x 100	
Student Achievement						
Domain 2			.40		x 100	
Instructional Leadership						
Domain 3			.20		x 100	
Organizational						
Leadership						
Domain 4			20		x 100	
Professional and Ethical						
Behavior						
FSLA Score						*

#### FSLA Score \_\_\_\_\_

FSLA SCORE	FSLA Proficiency Rating
240 to 300	Highly Effective
151 to 239	Effective
75 to 150	Needs Improvement
0 to 74	Unsatisfactory

#### 2. Deliberate Practice

Table 1	
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Rating	Point values	If 1 target	If 2	If 3	If 4
			targets	targets	targets
HE	max points	300	150	100	75
Е	.80 of max	240	120	80	60
NI	.5 of max	150	75	50	37.5
U	.25 if some progress	75	37.5	25	18.75
U	.0 if 1 progress stage	0	0	0	0

A DP score is based on ratings of the targets and the points earned for each rating.

DP Target	Rating	Points (based on Table1) *
DP TARGET 1		
DP TARGET 2		

DP TARGET 3	
DP TARGET 4	
DP Score (target score added together)	

#### Deliberate Practice Score \_\_\_\_\_

DP Score Range	DP Rating
241 to 300	Highly Effective
151 to 240	Effective
75 to 150	Needs Improvement
0 to 74	Unsatisfactory

#### 3. Leadership Practice Score

FSLA Score \_\_\_\_\_ X .80 = \_\_\_\_\_

Deliberate Practice Score \_\_\_\_\_ X .20 = \_\_\_\_\_

Combined Leadership Practice Score \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Score Range	Leadership Practice Rating
240 to 300	Highly Effective
151 to 239	Effective
75 to 150	Needs Improvement
0 to 74	Unsatisfactory

Leadership Practice Rating:

\_\_\_\_\_ Highly Effective \_\_\_\_\_ Effective \_\_\_\_\_ Needs Improvement \_\_\_\_\_ Unsatisfactory

\*If the Student Growth Measure Score is not known, the Leadership Practice Rating will be the Interim Evaluation Performance Rating.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

School Leader's Signature (Signature is required; however, it does not imply agreement. Rebuttal statement may be attached.)

\_\_\_\_\_Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Evaluator's Signature

4. Student Growth Measure Score (Based on Applicable Computation Formula)

Student Growth Score Range	School Leader's Student Growth Rating
240 - 300	Highly Effective
151 - 239	Effective
75 - 150	Needs Improvement
0 - 74	Unsatisfactory

Student Growth Measure Rating:

\_\_\_\_\_ Highly Effective \_\_\_\_\_ Effective \_\_\_\_\_ Needs Improvement \_\_\_\_\_ Unsatisfactory

5. Summative School Leader Evaluation Score

Leadership Practice Score \_\_\_\_\_\_ + Student Growth Measure Score \_\_\_\_\_ = Summative School Leader Evaluation Score \_\_\_\_\_

Performance Score Ranges	Performance Level Rating
480 to 600	Highly Effective
301 to 479	Effective
150 to 300	Needs Improvement
0 to 149	Unsatisfactory

### 6. Summative Performance Level Rating:

\_\_\_\_\_ Highly Effective \_\_\_\_\_ Effective \_\_\_\_\_ Needs Improvement \_\_\_\_\_ Unsatisfactory

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

\_Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Administrator's Signature (Signature is required; however, it does not imply agreement. Rebuttal statement may be attached.)

Evaluator's Signature

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# **Continuous Improvement and Professional Development**

In order to monitor the effectiveness of the Leader Evaluation System, a Committee will be established to review and analyze performance data and make recommendations for improvements to the system. The committee will consist of board members, parents and teachers. It is anticipated that the Committee will meet quarterly to monitor the effectiveness of the procedures and amend the process as required. An annual report of the evaluation process will be presented to the School Board for review.

The school leaders' performance evaluation results will be scrutinized to determine school leadership needs that should be addressed and incorporated into the school level improvement plan and professional development plans. The review of the leader proficiency data will provide a realistic assessment of the impact of this evaluation process and the impact from professional development activities. NEP Schools may participate in any relevant professional development activities as outlined in the Master In-service Plan for Pinellas County Schools or any professional development activities designed by NEP or FLDOE.

# APPENDIX

# Florida School Leader Assessment Data Collection and Feedback Protocol Forms and Evaluation Rubrics for Domains 1, 2, 3 and 4

These forms provide guidance to school leaders and evaluators on what is expected regarding each indicator.

The forms provide:

- The text of all Proficiency Areas and FSLA indicators
- Rubrics to distinguish among proficiency levels
  - o A generic rubric that applies to each indicator and
  - o An indicator specific rubric that applies to the individual indicator
- Narratives to assist in understanding the focus and priorities embedded in the FSLA
- Illustrative examples of Leadership Actions and Impacts on Others of Leadership Action that assist in understanding how the issue(s) in an indicator are observed "on the job".
- Reflection questions to guide personal growth

## Domain 1 - Student Achievement

Narrative: Student achievement results in the student growth measures (SGM) segment of evaluation represent student results on specific statewide or district assessments or end-of-course exams. The leadership practice segment of the evaluation, through the proficiency areas and indicators in this domain, focuses on <u>leadership behaviors</u> that influence the desired student results.

Narrative: This proficiency area focuses on the leader's knowledge and actions regarding academic standards, use of performance data, planning and goal setting related to targeted student results, and capacities to understand what results are being obtained. This proficiency area is aligned with Florida Principal Leadership Standard #1.

Proficiency Area 1. <u>Student Learning Results</u>: Effective school leaders achieve results on the school's student learning goals and direct energy, influence, and resources toward data analysis for instructional improvement, development and implementation of quality standards-based curricula.

Narrative: Standards-based instruction is an essential element in the state's plan of action for preparing Florida's students for success in a 21st century global economy. This indicator is focused on the leader's understanding of what students are to know and be able to do. School leaders need to know the academic standards teachers are to teach and students are to master.

Note: Every credit course has specific academic standards assigned to it. Common Core Standards and Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) assigned to each course are found at <u>www.floridastandards.org</u>.

# Indicator 1.1 - Academic Standards: The leader demonstrates understanding of student requirements and academic standards (Common Core Standards and Next Generation Sunshine State Standards). Rating Rubric

Rating Rubric			
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders.Effective: Leader impact of leader's act this indicator are suff appropriate reflection with only normal variaEvery faculty meeting and staff development forum is focused on student achievement on the Common Core Standards and NGSSS, including periodic reviews of student work.The link between s student achievement on the Common Core Standards and NGSSS, including periodic reviews of student work.The leader can articulate which Common Core Standards are designated for implementation in multiple courses.The leader is able whether or not lear and student activitie to standards in the descriptions.	Leader's actions or impact of lead actions relevant to tions.Leader's actions or impact of lead actions relevant to this indicator a evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency.andards and te is in alignment in ning goals, nments toCommon Core Standards and NGSSS are accessible to facu and students. Required trainin on standards-based instruction has been conducted, but the libetween standards and studen performance is not readily evident to many faculty or students.	re relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. Classroom learning goals and curriculum are not monitored for alignment to standards or are considered a matter of individual discretion regardless of course description requirements. The leader is hesitant to intrude or is indifferent to decisions in the classroom that are at variance from the requirements	
<ul> <li>Leadership Evidence of proficiency on this indicates seen in the leader's behaviors or actions. <u>Illustrative</u> of such evidence may include, but are not limited to following:</li> <li>School leader extracts data on standards associate courses in the master schedule from the course data and monitor for actual implementation.</li> <li>Lesson plans are monitored for alignment with constandards.</li> <li>Agendas, memoranda, etc. reflect leader's communification on the role of state standards in curriculum planning, and tracking student progress.</li> <li>Common Core Standards shared by multiple coursidentified and teachers with shared Common Core</li> </ul>	re examples       behaviors or actions of the community. Illustrative examined include, but are not limited         ed with escriptions       • Lesson plans identify comprogress on state standations to lesson         rect       • Students can articulate with course and their perceptions         • Students can articulate with course and their perceptions       • Teacher routinely access         • Students can articulate with course and their perception.       • Teachers routinely access         • Other impact evidence of the course and their perception.       • Teachers routinely access	<ul> <li>Teacher leaders' meeting records verify recurring review of progress on state standards.</li> <li>Students can articulate what they are expected to learn in a course and their perceptions align with standards in the course description.</li> <li>Teachers routinely access course descriptions to maintain alignment of instruction with standards.</li> </ul>	

are organized by the leader inter	o collegial teams to coordinate		
instruction on those shared sta			
• Other leadership evidence of p	roficiency on this indicator		
•		lance to rete current proficion	au an this indicator assign a
Scale Levels: (choose one)			,
proficiency level by checking	one of the four proficiency le	evels below. If not being rated	at this time, leave blank:
[] Highly Effective	[] Effective	[] Needs Improvement	[] Unsatisfactory
Evidence Log (Specifically, w	vhat has been observed that	t reflects current proficiency or	n this indicator? The examples
above are illustrative and do r	not reflect an exclusive list o	f what is expected):	

Highly Effective:	Effective:	Needs Improvement:	Unsatisfactory:
Do you routinely share examples of specific leadership, teaching, and curriculum strategies that are associated with improved student achievement on the Common Core Standards or NGSSS?	How do you support teachers' conversations about how they recognize student growth toward mastery of the standards assigned to their courses?	How do you monitor what happens in classrooms to insure that instruction and curriculums are aligned to academic standards?	Where do you find the standards that are required for the courses in your master schedule?

# Indicator 1.2 – Performance Data: The leader demonstrates the use of student and adult performance data to make instructional leadership decisions.

Narrative: This indicator addresses the leader's proficiency in use of student and adult performance data to make instructional leadership decisions. What does test data and other sources of student performance data related to targeted academic goals say about what is needed? What does data about teacher proficiency or professional learning needs indicate needs to be done? The focus is what the leader does with data about student and adult performance to make instructional decisions that impact student achievement.

#### **Rating Rubric**

Rating Rubito			
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders. The leader can specifically document examples of decisions in teaching, assignment, curriculum, assessment, and intervention that have been made on the basis of data analysis. The leader has coached school administrators in other schools to improve their data analysis skills and to inform instructional decision making.	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. The leader uses multiple data sources, including state, district, school, and classroom assessments, and systematically examines data at the subscale level to find strengths and challenges. The leader empowers teaching and administrative staff to determine priorities using data on student and adult performance. Data insights are regularly the subject of faculty meetings and professional development sessions.	Needs Improvement: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. The leader is aware of state and district results and has discussed those results with staff, but has not linked specific decisions to the data. Data about adult performance (e.g. evaluation feedback data, professional learning needs assessments) are seldom used to inform instructional leadership decisions.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. The leader is unaware of or indifferent to the data about student and adult performance, or fails to use such data as a basis for making decisions.

<ul> <li>Leadership Evidence of proficiency on this indicator may be seen in the leader's behaviors or actions. <u>Illustrative examples</u> of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:</li> <li>Data files and analyses on a wide range of student performance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Impact Evidence of leadership proficiency may be seen in the behaviors or actions of the faculty, staff, students and/or community. <u>Illustrative examples</u> of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:</li> <li>Teachers use performance data to make instructional decisions.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>assessments are in routine use by the leader.</li> <li>Analyses of trends and patterns in student performance over time are reflected in presentations to faculty on instructional improvement needs.</li> <li>Analyses of trends and patterns in evaluation feedback on faculty proficiencies and professional learning needs are reflected in presentations to faculty on instructional improvement needs.</li> <li>Leader's agendas, memoranda, etc. reflect recurring attention to performance data and data analyses.</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Department and team meetings reflect recurring attention to student performance data.</li> <li>Teacher leaders identify changes in practice within their teams or departments based on performance data analyses.</li> <li>Teacher leaders make presentations to colleagues on uses of performance data to modify instructional practices.</li> <li>Other impact evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>
Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evide proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency lev	els below. If not being rated at this time, leave blank:
	[] Needs Improvement [] Unsatisfactory reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The examples what is expected):

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
How do you aggregate data about teacher proficiencies on instructional practices to stimulate dialogue about what changes in instruction are needed in order to improve student performance?	How do you verify that all faculties have sufficient grasp of the significance of student performance data to formulate rational improvement plans?	By what methods do you enable faculty to participate in useful discussions about the relationship between student performance data and the instructional actions under the teachers' control?	How much of the discussions with district staff about student performance data are confusing to you and how do you correct that?

# Indicator 1.3 – Planning and Goal Setting: The leader demonstrates planning and goal setting to improve student achievement.

Narrative: Knowing the standards and making use of performance data is expected to play a significant role in planning and goal setting. This indicator is focused on the leader's alignment of planning and goal setting with improvement of student achievement.

Rating Rubric			
Highly Effective: Leader's	Effective: Leader's actions or	Needs Improvement:	Unsatisfactory: Leader's
actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders.	impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations.	Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency.	actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact.
The leader routinely shares	Goals and strategies reflect a	Specific and measurable goals	Planning for improvement in
examples of specific leadership,	clear relationship between the	related to student achievement	student achievement is not
teaching, and curriculum	actions of teachers and leaders	are established, but these efforts	evident and goals are neither
strategies that are associated	and the impact on student	have yet to result in improved	measurable nor specific.
with improved student achievement.	achievement. Results show steady improvements based on these leadership initiatives.	student achievement or planning for methods of monitoring improvements.	The leader focuses more on student characteristics as an
Other leaders credit this leader with sharing ideas, coaching, and providing technical	Priorities for student growth are established, understood by staff and students, and plans to	Priorities for student growth are established in some areas,	explanation for student results than on the actions of the teachers and leaders in the

assistance to implement	achieve those priorities are	understood by some staff and	system.		
successful new initiatives	aligned with the actual actions of	students, and plans to achieve			
supported by quality planning	the staff and students.	those priorities are aligned with			
and goal setting.		the actual actions of some of the			
		staff.			
Leadership Evidence of profic	iency on this indicator may be	Impact Evidence of leadership	proficiency may be seen in the		
seen in the leader's behaviors of	or actions. Illustrative examples	behaviors or actions of the facu	ilty, staff, students and/or		
of such evidence may include, I	out are not limited to the	community. Illustrative example	es of such evidence may		
following:		include, but are not limited to th			
Clearly stated goals are access	ssible to faculty and students	Faculty members are able to	<u> </u>		
<ul> <li>Agendas, memoranda, and of</li> </ul>		planning and goal setting pro			
	ess that resulted in formulation of		id teachers' actions are evident and		
the adopted goals.		accessible.			
	ulty provide recurring updates on		e the goals for their achievement		
	tion and progress toward goals.	which emerged from faculty a			
	ents focus on the school goals for	<ul> <li>Teachers and students track</li> </ul>			
student achievement.	ents locus on the school goals lot	accomplishment of the stated goals.			
Other leadership evidence of	proficiency on this indicator	<ul> <li>Other impact evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>			
	Where there is sufficient evide	· · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
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	one of the four proficiency lev				
[] Highly Effective	[] Effective	[] Needs Improvement	[] Unsatisfactory		
Evidence Log (Specifically,	what has been observed that	reflects current proficiency on	this indicator? The examples		
• • • •	not reflect an exclusive list of	• •			
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Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory	
What methods of sharing	How will you monitor progress	How do you engage more	How are other school leaders	
successful planning processes	toward the goals so that	faculties in the planning process	implementing planning and goal	
with other school leaders are	adjustments needed are	so that there is a uniform faculty	setting?	
most likely to generate district-	evident in time to make	understanding of the goals set?		
wide improvements?	"course corrections?"			

# Indicator 1.4 - Student Achievement Results: The leader demonstrates evidence of student improvement through student achievement results.

Narrative: Engagement with the standards, using data, making plans and setting goals are important. This indicator shifts focus to the leader's use of evidence of actual improvement to build support for continued effort and further improvement.

Rating Rubric			
Highly Effective: Leader's	Effective: Leader's actions or	Needs Improvement:	Unsatisfactory: Leader's
actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed	impact of leader's actions relevant to	Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are	actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal
effective levels and constitute models	this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work	evident but are inconsistent or of	or are not occurring, or are having an
of proficiency for other leaders.	with only normal variations.	insufficient scope or proficiency.	adverse impact.
A consistent record of improved	The leader reaches the required	Accumulation and exhibition of	Evidence of student
student achievement exists on	numbers, meeting performance	student improvement results are	improvement is not routinely
multiple indicators of student	goals for student achievement.	inconsistent or untimely.	gathered and used to promote
success.	Results on accomplished goals	Come evidence of immersement	further growth.
Student success occurs not only	are used to maintain gains and	Some evidence of improvement exists, but there is insufficient	Indifferent to the data about
on the overall averages, but in	stimulate future goal setting.	evidence of using such	learning needs, the leader
each group of historically	The average of the student	improvements to initiate changes	blames students, families, and
disadvantaged students.	population improves, as does the	in leadership, teaching, and	external characteristics for
Explicit use of previous data	achievement of each group of	curriculum that will create the	insufficient progress.
indicates that the leader has	students who have previously	improvements necessary to	The leader does not believe that
focused on improving	been identified as needing	achieve student performance	student achievement can
performance. In areas of	improvement.	goals.	improve.
previous success, the leader		The leader has taken some	The leader has not taken
aggressively identifies new		decisive actions to make some	decisive action to change time,
challenges, moving proficient performance to the exemplary		changes in time, teacher	teacher assignment, curriculum,
level. Where new challenges		assignment, curriculum,	leadership practices, or other
emerge, the leader highlights the		leadership practices, or other	variables in order to improve
need, creates effective		variables in order to improve	student achievement.
interventions, and reports		student achievement, but	
improved results.		additional actions are needed to	
		generate improvements for all students.	
Leadership Evidence of profic	iency on this indicator may be	Impact Evidence of leadership	proficiency may be seen in the
seen in the leader's behaviors of	or actions. <u>Illustrative examples</u>	behaviors or actions of the facu	lty, staff, students and/or
of such evidence may include, t	out are not limited to the	community. Illustrative example	s of such evidence may
following:		include, but are not limited to th	e following:
The leader generates data that	at describes what improvements	Teachers routinely inform sture	
have occurred.		progress on instructional goal	
	ther documents for faculty and		al signage informing of student
students communicate the pro		improvements are distributed	
<ul> <li>Evidence on student improver</li> </ul>	ent capacity to make further gains.	<ul> <li>Team and department meetin evidence of student improven</li> </ul>	gs' minutes reflect attention to
parents.	ment is routinely shared with	<ul> <li>Other impact evidence of prof</li> </ul>	
Other leadership evidence of	proficiency on this indicator.		
		ence to rate current proficiency	on this indicator. assign a
		els below. If not being rated a	
[] Highly Effective	[] Effective	[] Needs Improvement	[] Unsatisfactory
Evidence Log (Specifically,	what has been observed that	reflects current proficiency on	this indicator? The examples
above are illustrative and do	not reflect an exclusive list of	what is expected):	

raise expectations and improve

future results?

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory

Proficiency Area 2. <u>Student Learning as a Priority</u> : Effective school leaders demonstrate that student learning is their top priority through effective leadership actions that build and support a learning organization focused on student success.			
How do you share with other	How do you engage students	How do you engage faculty in	What processes should you employ
school leaders how to use	in sharing examples of their	routinely sharing examples of	to gather data on student
student improvement results to	growth with other students?	student improvement?	improvements?

Narrative: This proficiency area is aligned with Florida Principal Leadership Standard #2. A learning organization has essential elements regarding the behavior of people in the organization. When all elements are present and interacting, productive systemic change is possible. This proficiency area is focused on the degree to which learning organization elements exist in the school and reflect the following priorities on student learning:

- Supports for personal mastery of each person's job focus on job aspects related to student learning
- Team learning among faculty is focused on student learning
- Processes for exploring and challenging mental models that hamper understanding and progress on student learning are in use
- A shared vision has student learning as a priority
- Systems thinking is employed to align various aspects of school life in ways that promote learning

Indicator 2.1 – Learning Organization: The leader enables faculty and staff to work as a system focused on student learning and engages faculty and staff in efforts to close learning performance gaps among student subgroups within the school.

Narrative: Are the elements of a learning organization present among the adults in the school? Are the learning organization elements focused on student learning? Is the system in operation at the school engaging faculty in improving results for under-achieving subgroups? This indicator addresses the systemic processes that make gap reduction possible. Is the leader proficient in building capacity for change?

Note: Indicator 5.4 from Florida Principal Leadership Standard #5 addresses actual success in reducing achievement gaps.

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<b>Highly Effective:</b> Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders. <b>Effective:</b> Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations.The essential elements of a learning organization (i.e. personal mastery of competencies, team learning, examination of mental models, shared vision, and systemic thinking) are focused on improving student learning results. Positive trends are evident in closing learning performance gaps among all student subgroups within the school.The leader's actions or impact of leader's actions of quality work with only normal variations.The eise evidence that the interaction among the elements of the learning organization deepen the impact on student learning. The leader routinely shares with colleagues throughout the district the effective leadership practices learned from proficient implementation of the essentialEffective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions and supported processes enable the instructional and administrative workforce of the school to function as a learning organization with all faculty having recurring opportunities to participate in deepening persona mastery of competencies, team learning. The leader routinely shares with colleagues throughout the district the effective leadership practices learned from proficient implementation of the essentialEffective: Leader's actions or imported processes enable the instructional and administrative workforce of the school to function as a learning organization dimension organization duents a shared vision	insufficient scope or proficiency. The leader's actions reflect attention to building an organization where the essential elements of a learning organization (i.e. personal mastery of competencies, team learning, examination of mental	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. There is no or minimal evidence of proactive leadership that supports emergence of a learning organization focused on student learning as the priority function of the organization. Any works in progress on personal mastery of instructional competencies, team learning processes, examinations of mental models, a shared vision of outcomes sought, or systemic thinking about instructional practices are not aligned or are not organized in ways that impact student achievement gaps.

### Rating Rubric

elements of a learning organization.	
<ul> <li>Leadership Evidence of proficiency on this indicator may be seen in the leader's behaviors or actions. Illustrative example of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:         <ul> <li>Principal's support for team learning processes focused on student learning is evident throughout the school year.</li> <li>Principal's team learning processes are focused on student learning.</li> <li>Principal's meeting agendas reflect student learning topics routinely taking precedence over other issues as reflected by place on the agenda and time committed to the issues.</li> <li>School Improvement Plan reflects a systemic analysis of the actionable causes of gaps in student performance and contail goals that support systemic improvement.</li> <li>The principal supports through personal action, professional learning by self and faculty, exploration of mental models, tea learning, shared vision, and systems thinking practices focused on improving student learning.</li> <li>Dialogues with faculty and staff on professional learning goes beyond learning what is needed for meeting basic expectatior and is focused on learning that enhances the collective capact to create improved outcomes for all students.</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>behaviors or actions of the faculty, staff, students and/or community. <u>Illustrative examples</u> of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:</li> <li>Team learning practices are evident among the faculty and focused on performance gaps among student subgroups within the school.</li> <li>Professional learning actions by faculty address performance gaps among student subgroups within the school.</li> <li>Performance gaps among student subgroups within the school show improvement trends.</li> <li>Faculty, department, team, and cross-curricular meetings focus on student learning issues.</li> <li>Data Teams, Professional Learning Communities, and/or Lesson Study groups show evidence of recurring meetings and focus on student learning issues.</li> <li>Faculty and staff talk about being part of something larger than themselves, of being connected, of being generative of something truly important in students' lives.</li> <li>There is systemic evidence of celebrating student success with an emphasis on reflection on why success happened.</li> <li>Teacher or student questionnaire results address learning organization's essential elements.</li> <li>Other impact evidence of proficiency on this indicator, assign a</li> </ul>
[] Highly Effective [] Effective	<pre>/ levels below. If not being rated at this time, leave blank: [] Needs Improvement [] Unsatisfactory</pre>
	hat reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The examples

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
Has your leadership resulted in people continually expanding their capacity to create the results they truly desire? Is there evidence that new and expansive patterns of thinking are nurtured? Are the people who make up your school community continually learning to see the "big picture" (i.e. the systemic connections between practices and processes)?	Where the essential elements of a learning organization are in place and interacting, how do you monitor what you are creating collectively is focused on student learning needs and making a difference for all students?	What essential elements of a learning organization have supports in place and which need development? Understanding that systemic change does not occur unless all of the essential elements of the learning organization are in operation, interacting, and focused on student learning as their priority function, what gaps do you need to fill in your supporting processes and what leadership actions will enable all faculty and staff to get involved?	What happens in schools that are effective learning organizations that does not happen in this school? How can you initiate work toward a learning organization by developing effective collaborative work systems (e.g., Data Teams, Professional Learning Communities, Lesson Studies)?

Narrative: "Climate" at a school is determined by how people treat one another and what is respected and what is not. School leaders who promote a school climate where learning is respected, effort is valued, improvement is recognized, and it is safe to acknowledge learning needs have provided students support for sustained engagement in learning.

## **Rating Rubric**

Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders.	<b>Effective:</b> Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations.	<b>Needs Improvement:</b> Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact.
The leader ensures that the school's identity and climate (e.g., vision, mission, values, beliefs, and goals) actually drives decisions and informs the climate of the school. Respect for students' cultural, linguistic and family background is evident in the leader's conduct and expectations for the faculty. The leader is proactive in guiding faculty in adapting the learning environment to accommodate the differing needs and diversity of students. School-wide values, beliefs, and goals are supported by individual and class behaviors through a well-planned management system.	The leader systematically (e.g., has a plan, with goals, measurable strategies, and recurring monitoring) establishes and maintains a school climate of collaboration, distributed leadership, and continuous improvement, which guides the disciplined thoughts and actions of all staff and students. Policies and the implementation of those policies result in a climate of respect for student learning needs and cultural, linguistic and family background. Classroom practices on adapting the learning environment to accommodate the differing needs and diversity of students are consistently applied throughout the school.	Some practices promote respect for student learning needs and cultural, linguistic and family background, but there are discernible subgroups who do not perceive the school climate as supportive of their needs. The school climate does not generate a level of school-wide student engagement that leads to improvement trends in all student subgroups. The leader provides school rules and class management practices that promote student engagement and are fairly implemented across all subgroups. Classroom practices on adapting the learning environment to accommodate the differing needs and diversity	Student and/or faculty apathy in regard to student achievement and the importance of learning is easily discernible across the school population and there are no or minimal leadership actions to change school climate. Student subgroups are evident that do not perceive the school as focused on or respectful of their learning needs or cultural, linguistic and family background or there is no to minimal support for managing individual and class behaviors through a well- planned management system.
<ul> <li>Leadership Evidence of proficiency on this indicator may be seen in the leader's behaviors or actions. <u>Illustrative examples</u> of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:</li> <li>The leader organizes, allocates, and manages the resources of time, space, and attention so that the needs of all student subgroups are recognized and addressed.</li> <li>There are recurring examples of the leader's presentations, documents, and actions that reflect respect for students' cultural, linguistic and family background.</li> <li>The leader maintains a climate of openness and inquiry and supports student and faculty access to leadership.</li> <li>The school's vision, mission, values, beliefs, and goals reflect an expectation that student learning needs and cultural, linguistic and family backgrounds are respected and school rules consistent with those beliefs are routinely implemented.</li> <li>Professional learning is provided to sustain faculty understanding of student needs.</li> <li>Procedures are in place and monitored to ensure students have effective means to express concerns over any aspect of school climate.</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>of students are inconsistently applied.</li> <li>Impact Evidence of leadership proficiency may be seen in the behaviors or actions of the faculty, staff, students and/or community. <u>Illustrative examples</u> of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:</li> <li>Classroom rules and posted procedures stress positive expectations and not just "do nots."</li> <li>All student subgroups participate in school events and activities.</li> <li>A multi-tiered system of supports that accommodates the differing needs and diversity of students is evident across all classes.</li> <li>Students in all subgroups express a belief that the school responds to their needs and is a positive influence on their future well-being.</li> <li>Walkthroughs provide recurring trends of high student engagement in lessons.</li> <li>Student services staff/counselors' anecdotal evidence shows trends in student attitudes toward the school and engagement in learning.</li> <li>Teacher/student/parent survey or questionnaire results reflect a school climate that supports student engagement in learning.</li> <li>The availability of and student participation in academic supports outside the classroom that assist student engagement</li> </ul>	
		in learning. • Other impact evidence of prof ence to rate current proficiency	on this indicator, assign a
[] Highly Effective	[] Effective	rels below. If not being rated a [] Needs Improvement reflects current proficiency on 1	[] Unsatisfactory

# Indicator 2.3 – High Expectations: The leader generates high expectations for learning growth by all students.

above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of what is expected):

#### **Reflection Questions for Indicator 2.2**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
In what ways might you further extend your reach within the district to help others benefit from your knowledge and skill in establishing and maintaining a school climate that supports student engagement in learning?	What strategies have you considered that would ensure that the school's identity and climate (e.g., vision, mission, values, beliefs, and goals) actually drives decisions and informs the climate of the school? How could you share with your colleagues across the district the successes (or failures) of your efforts?	How might you structure a plan that establishes and maintains a school climate of collaboration, distributed leadership, and continuous improvement, which guides the disciplined thought and action of all staff and students?	What might be the importance of developing a shared vision, mission, values, beliefs, and goals to establish and maintain a school climate that supports student engagement in learning?

Narrative: The leader who expects little from students and faculty will get less than they are capable of accomplishing. "Every child can learn" takes on new meaning when supported by faculty and school leader expectations that students can and will learn ...not just a minimum to get by. Expecting quality is a measure of respect.

## **Rating Rubric**

Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders.         The leader incorporates community members and other stakeholder groups into the establishment and support of high academic expectations.         The leader benchmarks expectations to the performance of the state's, nations, and world's highest performing schools.         The leader creates systems and approaches to monitor the level of academic expectations.         The leader creates systems and approaches to monitor the level of academic expectations.	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. The leader systematically (e.g., has a plan, with goals, measurable strategies, and a frequent monitoring schedule) creates and supports high academic expectations by empowering teachers and staff to set high and demanding academic expectations for every student. The leader ensures that students are consistently learning, respectful, and on task. The leader sets clear expectations for student academics and establishing consistent practices across	Needs Improvement: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. The leader creates and supports high academic expectations by setting clear expectations for student academics, but is inconsistent or occasionally fails to hold all students to these expectations. The leader sets expectations, but fails to empower teachers to set high expectations for student academic performance.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. The leader does not create or support high academic expectations by accepting poor academic performance. The leader fails to set high expectations or sets unrealistic or unattainable goals. Perceptions among students, faculty, or community that academic shortcomings of student subgroups are explained by inadequacy of parent involvement, community conditions, or student apathy are not challenged by the school leader.
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personal academic goals.	classrooms.		
	The leader ensures the use of		
	instructional practices with proven effectiveness in creating		
	success for all students.		
	including those with diverse		
	characteristics and needs.		
Leadership Evidence of profic		Impact Evidence of leadership pr	
	or actions. <u>Illustrative examples</u>	behaviors or status of the faculty a	
of such evidence may include,	but are not limited to the	examples of such evidence may in	nclude, but are not limited to
following:		the following:	
<ul> <li>School Improvement Plan tar what normal variation might p</li> </ul>	gets meaningful growth beyond provide.	<ul> <li>Rewards and recognitions are al difficult rather than easier outcom</li> </ul>	
	and state standards are used to ormance and performance at the	<ul> <li>Learning goals routinely identify targeted implementation level.</li> </ul>	performance levels above the
higher levels of implementation		<ul> <li>Teachers can attest to the leader</li> </ul>	r's support for setting high
	provided to teachers regarding	academic expectations.	
	s are focused on high expectations.	Students can attest to the teacher's high academic	
	porative work systems (e.g., Data	expectations.	
for "raising the bar."	g Communities) address processes	<ul> <li>Parents can attest to the teacher's high academic expectations.</li> <li>Other impact evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Other leadership evidence of</li> </ul>	proficiency on this indicator	Other impact evidence of proficie	ency on this indicator.
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		ence to rate current proficiency of	
		els below. If not being rated at th	
[] Highly Effective	[] Effective	[] Needs Improvement	[] Unsatisfactory
Evidence Log (Specifically,	what has been observed that	reflects current proficiency on this	s indicator? The examples
above are illustrative and do	not reflect an exclusive list of	what is expected):	
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# **Reflection Questions for Indicator 2.3**

<b>Reflection Questions</b>			
Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
What strategies have you considered using that would increase the professional knowledge opportunities for colleagues across the school district in the area of setting high academic expectations for students?	How might you incorporate community members and other stakeholder groups into the establishment and support of high academic expectations?	What are 2-3 key strategies you have thought about using that would increase your consistency in creating and supporting high academic expectations for every student?	What might be some strategies you could use to create or support high academic expectations of students?

# Indicator 2.4 – Student Performance Focus: The leader demonstrates understanding of present levels of student performance based on routine assessment processes that reflect the current reality of student proficiency on academic standards.

Narrative: Lots of talk about high expectations, goal setting, working hard, rigor, and getting results is important, but leaders need to know where students' actual performance levels are to be able to track real progress. Knowing annual test results is useful, but it is not enough. What does the leader do to know whether progress is being made or not and whether "mid-course" corrections are required?

Rating Rubric			
Highly Effective: Leader's	Effective: Leader's actions or	Needs Improvement:	Unsatisfactory: Leader's

actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders. Assessment data generated at the school level provides an on- going perspective of the current reality of student proficiency on academic standards. There is evidence of decisive changes in teacher assignments and curriculum based on student and adult performance data. Case studies of effective decisions based on performance data are shared widely with other leaders and throughout the district.	<ul> <li>impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations.</li> <li>Each academic standard has been analyzed and translated into student-accessible language and processes for tracking student progress are in operation.</li> <li>Power (high priority) standards are widely shared by faculty members and are visible throughout the building.</li> <li>Assessments on student progress on them are a routine event.</li> <li>The link between standards and student performance is in evidence from the posting of</li> </ul>	Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. Standards have been analyzed, but are not translated into student-accessible language. School level assessments are inconsistent in their alignment with the course standards. Power (high priority) standards are developed, but not widely known or used by faculty, and/or are not aligned with assessment data on student progress. Student work is posted, but does not reflect proficient work throughout the building.	actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. There is no or minimal coordination of assessment practices to provide on-going data about student progress toward academic standards. School level assessments are not monitored for alignment with the implementation level of the standards. No processes in use to analyze standards and identify assessment priorities. No high priority standards are identified and aligned with assessment practices.	
	proficient student work throughout the building.			
<ul> <li>displays reflecting students' c routinely used by the leader to</li> <li>Documents, charts, graphs, ta displays reflect trend lines over learning priorities.</li> <li>Teacher schedule changes ar</li> <li>Curriculum materials changes</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of</li> </ul>	or actions. <u>Illustrative examples</u> but are not limited to the ables, and other forms of graphic urrent levels of performance are o communicate "current realities." ables, and other forms of graphic er time on student growth on re based on student data. s are based on student data. proficiency on this indicator.	Other impact evidence of prof	Ity, staff, students and/or <u>s</u> of such evidence may e following: s practices. ress on learning goals. work are posted with teacher work aligns with priority goals. ficiency on this indicator.	
Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evidence to rate current proficiency on this indicator, assign a proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels below. If not being rated at this time, leave blank: <ul> <li>[] Highly Effective</li> <li>[] Effective</li> <li>[] Needs Improvement</li> <li>[] Unsatisfactory</li> </ul> <li>Evidence Log (Specifically, what has been observed that reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The examples above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of what is expected):</li>				

## **Reflection Questions for Indicator 2.4**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
What data other than end of	What data other than end of	What data other than end of year	What data other than end of year
year state assessments would	year state assessments would	state assessments would be	state assessments would be helpful
be helpful in understanding	be helpful in understanding	helpful in understanding student	in understanding student progress?
student progress at least every	student progress on at least a	progress on at least a semi-	
3-4 weeks?	quarterly basis?	annual basis?	

# **Domain 2 - Instructional Leadership**

Narrative: School leaders do many things. Domain 2 of the FSLA addresses a core of leader behaviors that impact the quality of essential elements for student learning growth. The skill sets and knowledge bases employed for this domain generate 40% of the FSLA Score. The success of the school leader in providing a quality instructional framework, appropriately focused faculty development, and a student oriented learning environment are essential to student achievement.

Narrative: Proficiency Area 3 is focused on Florida Principal Leadership Standard #3 (FPLS). Aligning the key issues identified in the indicators into an efficient system is the leader's responsibility. This area stresses the leader's proficiency at understanding the current reality of what faculty and students know and can do regarding priority practices and goals.

<u>Proficiency Area 3</u>. Instructional Plan Implementation: Effective school leaders work collaboratively to develop and implement an instructional framework that aligns curriculum with state standards, effective instructional practices, student learning needs, and assessments.

Indicator 3.1 – FEAPs: The leader aligns the school's instructional programs and practices with the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (Rule 6A-5.065, F.A.C.) and models use of the Florida common language of instruction to guide faculty and staff implementation of the foundational principles and practices.

Narrative: Indicator 3.1 is focused on the school leader's understanding of the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (FEAPs) and ability to use Florida's common language of instruction. To be effective participants in school, district and statewide communities of practice working collegially for high quality implementation of the FEAPs, educators at the school level must be able to communicate and organize their efforts using the terms and concepts in the FEAPs and the Florida common language of instruction. This indicator is about the school leader's proficiency in making that happen by using a core set of expectations (the FEAPs) and terminology (the common language) to guide and focus teacher discussions on instructional improvements. Florida's common language of instruction is used so that educators in Florida use the core terms in the same way and with a common understanding.

Note: The FEAPs, a FEAPs brochure, and Florida's common language may be explored at http://www.floridaschoolleaders.org.

Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders.         The instructional program and practices are fully aligned with the FEAPs. Faculty and staff implementation of the FEAPs is consistently proficient and professional conversations among school leadership and faculty about instruction use the Florida common language of instruction and the terminology of the FEAPs.         The leader's use of FEAPs and common language resources results in all educators at the school site having access to and making use of the FEAPs and common language.         Teacher-leaders at the school use the FEAPs and common language.	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. The leader's use of FEAPs content and terms from the common language is a routine event and most instructional activities align with the FEAPs. Coordinated processes are underway that link progress on student learning growth with proficient FEAPs implementation. The leader's use of FEAPs and common language resources results in most faculty at the school site having access to and making use of the FEAPs and common language. The leader uses the common language to enable faculty to recognize connections between the FEAPs, the district's evaluation indicators, and contemporary research on effective instructional practice.	Needs Improvement: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. The leader demonstrates some use of the FEAPs and common language to focus faculty on instructional improvement, but is inconsistent in addressing the FEAPs. The leader's use of FEAPs and common language resources results in some faculty at the school site having access to and making use of the FEAPs and common language. There are gaps in alignment of ongoing instructional practices at the school site with the FEAPs. There is some correct use of terms in the common language but errors or omissions are evident.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. There is no or minimal evidence that the principles and practices of the FEAPs are presented to the faculty as priority expectations. The leader does not give evidence of being conversant with the FEAPs or the common language. The leader's use of FEAPs and common language resources results in few faculty at the school site having access to and making use of the FEAPs and common language.
Leadership Evidence of proficiency on this indicator may be seen in the leader's behaviors or actions. <u>Illustrative examples</u> of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the		Impact Evidence of leadership behaviors or actions of the facul community. Illustrative example	ty, staff, students, and/or

following:	include, but are not limited to the following:			
<ul> <li>The leader's documents, agendas, memorandum, etc. make reference to the content of the FEAPs and make correct use of the common language.</li> <li>School improvement documents reflect concepts from the FEAPs and common language.</li> <li>The leader can articulate the instructional practices set forth in the FEAPs.</li> <li>Faculty meetings focus on issues related to the FEAPs.</li> <li>The leader's monitoring practices result in written feedback to faculty on quality of alignment of instructional practice with the FEAPs.</li> <li>The leader's communications to parents and other stakeholders reflect use of FEAPs and common language references.</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Teachers are conversant with the content of the FEAPs.</li> <li>Teachers can describe their primary instructional practices using the terms and concepts in the FEAPs.</li> <li>Teachers use the common language and attribute their use to the leader providing access to the online resources.</li> <li>School level support programs for new hires include training on the FEAPs.</li> <li>FEAPs brochures and excerpts from the common language are readily accessible to faculty.</li> <li>Faculty members are able to connect indicators in the district's instructional evaluation system with the FEAPs.</li> <li>Sub-ordinate leaders (e.g. teacher leaders, assistant principals) use FEAPs and common language terms accurately in their communications.</li> </ul>			
Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evide	Other impact evidence of proficiency on this indicator. ence to rate current proficiency on this indicator, assign a			
proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency lev				
[] Highly Effective [] Effective	[] Needs Improvement [] Unsatisfactory			
Evidence Log (Specifically, what has been observed that reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The examples above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of what is expected): Enter data here:				

### **Reflection Questions for Indicator 3.1**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory	
How are you able to provide	How do you recognize	Do you review the FEAPs and/or	Do you know where to find the text	
specific feedback to teachers	practices reflected in the	common language resources	of the FEAPs and common	
on improving proficiency in the	FEAPs and/or common	frequently enough to be able to	language?	
FEAPs and/or common	language as you conduct	recall the main practices and		
language?	teacher observations?	principles contained in them?		

Indicator 3.2 – Standards-Based Instruction: The leader delivers an instructional program that implements the state's adopted academic standards (Common Core and NGSSS) in a manner that is rigorous and culturally relevant to the students by:

- aligning academic standards, effective instruction and leadership, and student performance practices with system objectives, improvement planning, faculty proficiency needs, and appropriate instructional goals, and
- communicating to faculty the cause and effect relationship between effective instruction on academic standards and student performance.

Narrative: Florida's plan of action for educating our children for the 21<sup>st</sup> century is based on standards-based instruction. Course descriptions specify the standards that are to be learned in each course. All of the course content in courses for which students receive credit toward promotion/graduation is expected to be focused on the standards in the course description. This indicator addresses the leader's proficiency at making sure all students receive rigorous, culturally relevant standards-based instruction by aligning key practices with the state's academic standards (Common Core, NGSSS, Access Points). The leader does what is necessary to make sure faculty recognize and act on the cause and effect relationship between good instruction (i.e., research-based strategies, rigorous, culturally relevant,) on the "right stuff" (the state standards adapted based on data about student needs).

Note: Course descriptions and the standards for each course may be explored at www.floridastandards.org.

Hig	hly Effective: Leader's	Effective: Leader's actions or	Needs Improvement:	Unsatisfactory: Leader's
actio	ons or impact of leader's actions	impact of leader's actions relevant to	Leader's actions or impact of leader's	actions or impact of leader's actions
relev	vant to this indicator exceed	this indicator are sufficient and	actions relevant to this indicator are	relevant to this indicator are minimal

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effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders.	appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations.	evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency.	or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact.	
of proficiency for other leaders. Processes exist for all courses to ensure that what students are learning is aligned with state standards for the course. The leader has institutionalized quality control monitoring to ensure that instruction is aligned with the standards and is consistently delivered in a rigorous and culturally relevant manner for all students.	with only normal variations. Processes exist for most courses to ensure that what students are learning is aligned with state standards for the course. Instruction aligned with the standards is, in most courses, delivered in a rigorous and culturally relevant manner for all students. The leader routinely monitors instruction to ensure quality is	Processes exist for some courses to ensure that what students are learning is aligned with state standards for the course. Instruction is aligned with the standards in some courses. Instruction is delivered in a rigorous manner in some courses.	There is limited or no evidence that the leader monitors the alignment of instruction with state standards, or the rigor and cultural relevance of instruction across the grades and subjects. The leader limits opportunities for all students to meet high expectations by allowing or ignoring practices in curriculum and instruction that are culturally,	
Teacher teams coordinate work on student mastery of the standards to promote integration of the standards into useful skills. The leader provides quality assistance to other school leaders in effective ways to communicate the cause and effect relationship between effective standards-based instruction and student growth.	maintained and intervenes as necessary to improve alignment, rigor, and/or cultural relevance for most courses. Collegial faculty teamwork is evident in coordinating instruction on Common Core standards that are addressed in more than one course.	Instruction is culturally relevant for some students. The leader has implemented processes to monitor progress in some courses, but does not intervene to make improvements in a timely manner.	racially, or ethnically insensitive and/or inappropriate. The leader does not know and/or chooses not to interact with staff about teaching using research- based instructional strategies to obtain high levels of achievement for all students.	
Leadership Evidence of profici	iency on this indicator may be	Impact Evidence of leadership	proficiency may be seen in the	
<ul> <li>minutes, and other documents curriculum and instruction witt</li> <li>School Improvement Plan goa targeted academic standards.</li> <li>The leader's presentations to include illustrations of what "ri mean.</li> <li>Monitoring documents indicate based instructional practices r cultural relevance.</li> <li>Results of monitoring on reser increase alignment to standar relevance.</li> <li>School's financial documents standards-based instruction, r</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of</li> </ul>	but are not limited to the ent, grade-level meeting agendas, s focus on the alignment of n state standards. als and actions are linked to faculty on proficiency expectations gor" and "culturally relevant" e frequent review of research- regarding alignment, rigor and arch-based instruction are used to ds, rigor, and/ or cultural reflect expenditures supporting rigor, and/or cultural relevance. proficiency on this indicator.	<ul> <li>content from <u>www.floridastane</u></li> <li>Faculty has and makes use o with their course(s).</li> <li>Activities and assignments are to the course and those connection.</li> <li>Teachers can describe a sche curriculum and standards and implement that plan in their complement that plan in their complement that plan in their complement for standards-based instructional practices in pursuit of student progress.</li> <li>Other impact evidence of professional procession of the standards evidence of profession.</li> </ul>	s of such evidence may e following: cess or provide evidence of using dards.org f the list of standards associated e aligned with standards applicable ections are conveyed to students. bol wide "plan of action" that aligns l provide examples of how they purses. s efforts to preserve instructional ruction. s frequent monitoring of research- and application of those practices on the course standards. iciency on this indicator.	
Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evidence to rate current proficiency on this indicator, assign a proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels below. If not being rated at this time, leave blank:       [] Highly Effective       [] Effective       [] Needs Improvement       [] Unsatisfactory         Evidence Log (Specifically, what has been observed that reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The examples above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of what is expected):       Enter data here:				

# **Reflection Questions for Indicator 3.2**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
What procedures might you establish to increase your ability to help your colleagues	In what ways can you offer professional learning for individual and collegial groups	What might be 2-3 key leadership strategies that would help you to systematically act on the belief	Where do you go to find out what standards are to be addressed in each course?
lead the implementation of the district's curriculum to provide instruction that is standards- based, rigorous, and culturally relevant?	within the school or district that illustrate how to provide rigor and cultural relevance when delivering instruction on the standards?	that all students can learn at high levels? How can your leadership in curriculum and instruction convey	How might you open up opportunities for all students to meet high expectations through your leadership in curriculum and
What can you share about your leadership actions to ensure that staff members have adequate time and support.	How do you engage teachers in deliberate practice focused on mastery of standards-based instruction?	respect for the diversity of students and staff? How might you increase the consistency with which you monitor and support staff to	instruction? Do you have processes to monitor how students spend their learning time?
and effective monitoring and feedback on proficiency in use of research-based instruction focused on the standards?		effectively use research-based instruction to meet the learning needs of all students?	In what ways are you monitoring teacher implementation of effective, research-based instruction?
		What are ways you can ensure that staff members are aligning their instructional practices with state standards?	In what ways are you monitoring teacher instruction in the state's academic standards?

Indicator 3.3 – Learning Goals Alignments: The leader implements recurring monitoring and feedback processes to insure that priority learning goals established for students are based on the state's adopted student academic standards as defined in state course descriptions, presented in student accessible forms, and accompanied by scales or rubric to guide tracking progress toward student mastery.

Narrative: "Learning goals" is a high-effect size strategy that uses scales or progressive levels to monitor student growth on the way to mastery of a state academic standard. Learning goals typically take 2-9 weeks of student time to master so are more comprehensive than daily objectives. The essential issue is that the teacher creates "scales" or levels of progress toward mastery of the learning goal. Teacher and students use those scales to track progress toward mastery of the goal(s). This indicator addresses the leader's proficiency at monitoring and providing feedback on teacher and student use of priority learning goals with scales. The leader is expected to go beyond low levels of monitoring that address whether the teacher provides such goals and attends to the levels of student understanding and engagement with the learning goals. Do the students pursue those goals? Do they track their own progress? Is celebrations of success on learning goals focused on how success was achieved more than that is was obtained?

Note: Beginning in the 2012-13 school year, professional learning about learning goals and sample learning goals may be explored at <u>www.floridastandards.org</u>, <u>www.floridaschoolleaders.org</u>, and <u>www.startwithsuccess.org</u>.

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Highly Effective: Leader's	Effective: Leader's actions or	Needs Improvement:	Unsatisfactory: Leader's
actions or impact of leader's actions	impact of leader's actions relevant to	Leader's actions or impact of leader's	actions or impact of leader's actions
relevant to this indicator exceed	this indicator are sufficient and	actions relevant to this indicator are	relevant to this indicator are minimal
effective levels and constitute models	appropriate reflections of quality work	evident but are inconsistent or of	or are not occurring, or are having an
of proficiency for other leaders.	with only normal variations.	insufficient scope or proficiency.	adverse impact.
Recurring leadership	Clearly stated learning goals	Specific and measurable	Clearly stated priority learning
involvement in the improvement	accompanied by a scale or rubric	learning goals with progress	goals accompanied by a scale or
in quality of daily classroom	that describes measurable levels	scales, aligned to the state's	rubric that describes levels of
practice is evident and is focused	of performance, aligned to the	adopted student academic	performance relative to the
on student progress on priority	state's adopted student	standards in the course	learning goal are <u>not</u>
learning goals.	academic standards, is an	description, are in use in some	systematically provided across
Douting and requiring practices	instructional strategy in routine	but not most of the courses.	the curriculum to guide student
Routine and recurring practices	use in courses school wide.		learning, <u>or</u> learning goals,
are evident that support		Learning goals are	where provided, are not aligned
celebration of student success in	Standards-based instruction is	posted/provided in some classes	to state standards in the course
accomplishing priority learning	an evident priority in the school	are not current, do not relate to	description.
goals and such celebrations	and student results on	the students current assignments	

focus on how the success was obtained. The leader routinely shares examples of effective learning goals that are associated with improved student achievement. Other leaders credit this leader with sharing ideas, coaching, and providing technical assistance to implement successful use of leaning goals in standards-based instruction.	incremental measures of success, like progress on learning goals, are routinely monitored and acknowledged. The formats or templates used to express learning goals and scales are adapted to support the complexity of the expectations and the learning needs of the students. Clearly stated learning goals aligned to state or district initiatives in support of student reading skills are in use school wide.	and/or activities, or are not recognized by the students as priorities for their own effort. Learning goals tend to be expressed at levels of text complexity not accessible by the targeted students and/or at levels of complexity too simplified to promote mastery of the associated standards. Processes that enable students and teachers to track progress toward mastery of priority learning goals are not widely implemented throughout the school.	The leader engages in minimal to non-existent monitoring and feedback practices on the quality and timeliness of information provided to students on what they are expected to know and be able to do (i.e. no alignment of learning goals with state standards for the course). There are minimal or no leadership practices to monitor faculty practices on tracking student progress on priority learning goals.	
Leadership Evidence of profic		Impact Evidence of leadership		
seen in the leader's behaviors of		behaviors or actions of the facu		
of such evidence may include,	but are not limited to the	community. <u>Illustrative example</u>		
following: • Agendas, meeting minutes, a	nd memoranda to the faculty make	<ul> <li>include, but are not limited to th</li> <li>Clearly stated learning goals a</li> </ul>	accompanied by a scale or rubric	
	e of learning goals with scales to		mance relative to the learning goal	
	on what they are to understand and	are posted or easily assessab	ble to students.	
be able to do.	-h	• Teams or departments meet regularly to discuss the quality of		
	cher observation and feedback als and tracking student progress.	learning goals with scales being employed and adapt them based on student success rates.		
The leader provides coaching	or other assistance to teachers	Teacher lesson plans provide evidence of the connection of		
struggling with use of the lear		planned activities and assignments to learning goals.		
	onitor and promote faculty collegial ation levels of learning goals to	<ul> <li>Teacher documents prepared for parent information make clear the targeted learning goals for the students.</li> </ul>		
promote alignment with the in		<ul> <li>Students are able to express their learning goals during</li> </ul>		
associated state standards.		walkthroughs or classroom observations.		
<ul> <li>Leader's communications to students provide evidence of support of students making progress on learning goals.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Students are able to explain the relationship between current activities and assignments and priory learning goals.</li> </ul>		
Progress monitoring of adult and student performance on			er collegial learning teams routinely	
targeted priority learning goals is documented, charted, and		<ul> <li>discuss learning goals and scales for progression</li> <li>Methods of both teachers and students tracking student</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>posted in high traffic areas of</li> <li>Evidence of the leader's inter</li> </ul>	the school. vention(s) with teachers who do	<ul> <li>Methods of both teachers and progress toward learning goal</li> </ul>		
	at increase students' opportunities	Celebrations of student success include reflections by teachers		
for success.		and students on the reasons for the success		
Other leadership evidence of	proficiency on this indicator.	Teachers can identify the learning goals that result in the high levels of student learning.		
		<ul> <li>Other impact evidence of proficiency on this indicator</li> </ul>		
Scale Levels: (choose one)	Where there is sufficient evide			
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	what has been observed that		this indicator? The examples	
above are illustrative and do	not reflect an exclusive list of	what is expected):		
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Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
What specific strategies have you employed to measure improvements in teaching and innovations in use of learning goals and how can you use such measures as predictors of improved student achievement?	What system supports are in place to ensure that the best ideas and thinking on learning goals are shared with colleagues and are a priority of collegial professional learning?	To what extent do learning goals presented to the students reflect a clear relationship between the course standards and the assignments and activities students are given?	What have I done to deepen my understanding of the connection between the instructional strategies of learning goals and tracking student progress?

# Indicator 3.4 – Curriculum Alignments: Systemic processes are implemented to ensure alignment of curriculum resources with state standards for the courses taught.

Narrative: Academic standards are determined at the state level and the curriculum used to enable students to master those standards is determined at the district and school level. Curriculum must be aligned with the standards if it is to support standards-based instruction. Curriculum resources may or may not be fully aligned with the standards assigned to a specific course. The learning needs of students in specific classes may require additional or adapted curriculum materials to address issues of rigor, cultural relevance, or support for needed learning goals. School leaders maintain processes to monitor the appropriateness and alignment of curriculum to standards and intervene to make adjustments as needed to enable students to access curriculum that supports the standards.

Note: Where gaps or misalignments are noted by the processes addressed in this indicator, the leader's actions relevant to Indicator 8.2 (Strategic Instructional Resourcing) should be addressed.

Rating Rubric			
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders. The leader routinely engages faculty in processes to improve the quality of curriculum resources in regard to their alignment with standards and impact on student achievement and supports replacing resources as more effective ones are available. The leader is proactive in engaging other school leaders in sharing feedback on identification and effective use of curriculum resources that are associated with improved student achievement. Parents and community members credit this leader with sharing ideas or curriculum supports that enable home and community to support student mastery of priority standards.	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. Specific and recurring procedures are in place to monitor the quality of alignment between curriculum resources and standards. Procedures under the control of the leader for acquiring new curriculum resources include assessment of alignment with standards. Curriculum resources aligned to state standards by resource publishers/developers are used school wide to focus instruction on state standards, and state, district, or school supplementary materials are routinely used that identify and fill gaps, and align instruction with the implementation level of the standards.	Needs Improvement: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. Processes to monitor alignment of curriculum resources with standards in the course descriptions are untimely or not comprehensive across the curriculum. Efforts to align curriculum with standards are emerging but have not yet resulted in improved student achievement. Curriculum resources aligned to state standards by text publishers/developers are used school wide to focus instruction on state standards, but there is no to minimal use of state, district, or school supplementary materials that identify and fill gaps, and align instruction with the implementation level of the standards.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. There are no or minimal processes managed by the leader to verify that curriculum resources are aligned with the standards in the course descriptions.
Leadership Evidence of profici	iency on this indicator may be	Impact Evidence of leadership	
seen in the leader's behaviors of		behaviors or actions of the faculty, staff, students and/or	
of such evidence may include, b	but are not limited to the	community. <u>Illustrative examples</u> of such evidence may	
following:		include, but are not limited to the following:	
Curriculum is presented to faculty and students as the content reflected in course descriptions rather than the content in a textbook.		• Teachers can describe the strengths and weaknesses of primary texts in regard to alignment with standards in the state course description.	
<ul> <li>School procedures for acquisition of instructional materials include assessment of their usefulness in helping students' master state standards and include processes to address gaps</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Students are able to characterize text books and other school provided resources tools as aids in student mastery of course standards.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>or misalignments.</li> <li>Course descriptions play a larger role in focusing course content than do test item specification documents.</li> </ul>		Pacing guides focus assignments and activities planned for students on learning goals and state standards rather than coverage of chapters in a text.	
Agendas, meeting minutes, and memoranda to the faculty make			
evident a focus on importance of curriculum being a vehicle for enabling students to master standards in the course description.		Teachers can identify suppler	nentary material used to deepen
<ul> <li>Media center acquisitions reflection curriculum supports that supports</li> </ul>	ect a systematic effort to build ort student mastery of content	<ul> <li>student mastery of standards.</li> <li>Parent feedback/questionnaire results indicate recognition that</li> </ul>	
standards at various levels of	implementation.	the school is focused on stand	dards-based instruction rather than
<ul> <li>NGSSS and Common Core s frame discussions on the qual</li> </ul>	tandards are routinely used to lity and sufficiency of curriculum	<ul><li>covering topics or chapters.</li><li>Student feedback/questionnal</li></ul>	ire results indicate recognition that

<ul> <li>the curriculum is focused on what students need to understand and be able to do.</li> <li>Results on student growth measures show steady improvements in student learning.</li> <li>Other impact evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>				
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<b>Evidence Log</b> (Specifically, what has been observed that reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The examples above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of what is expected):				
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## **Reflection Questions for Indicator 3.4**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
What system is in place to ensure that your best ideas and thinking on using curriculum to enable students to master standards are shared with colleagues, particularly when there is evidence at your school of improved student achievement?	What specific school improvement strategies have you employed to measure improvements in teaching and innovations in curriculum that serve as predictors of improved student achievement?	How can you monitor whether the activities and assignments student get that involve use of curriculum resources are aligned with learning goals and standards?	Do you know which standards are addressed in your curriculum?

# Indicator 3.5 – Quality Assessments: The leader ensures the appropriate use of high quality formative and interim assessments aligned with the adopted standards and curricula.

Narrative: How do we know

what our students already know, what they need to know, and how they are doing as we move forward with instruction? The school leader needs "assessment literacy" to address these questions. Where indicator 1.2 addresses the leader's proficiency in use of student performance data, this indicator focuses on actions taken at the school site to generate interim assessment data and make sure faculty use formative assessment practices to monitor and adjust instruction. Assessment of student progress toward academic standards is an important aspect of tracking student progress. Leaders need to make use of data on interim and formative assessments to guide goal setting and progress monitoring. They need to provide teachers access to quality assessments and promote teacher use of formative assessments as a routine strategy. The leader needs on-going assessment data to inform a variety of decisions regarding such issues as resource allocations, student and teacher schedules, professional learning impacts, and adjustments in plans.

Highly Effective: Leader's	Effective: Leader's actions or	Needs Improvement:	Unsatisfactory: Leader's
actions or impact of leader's actions	impact of leader's actions relevant to	Leader's actions or impact of leader's	actions or impact of leader's actions
relevant to this indicator exceed	this indicator are sufficient and	actions relevant to this indicator are	relevant to this indicator are minimal
effective levels and constitute models	appropriate reflections of quality work	evident but are inconsistent or of	or are not occurring, or are having an
of proficiency for other leaders.	with only normal variations.	insufficient scope or proficiency.	adverse impact.
The leader uses a variety of creative ways to provide professional learning for individual and collegial groups within the district focused on applying the knowledge and skills of assessment literacy,	The leader systematically seeks, synthesizes, and applies knowledge and skills of assessment literacy and data analysis. The leader routinely shares	The leader haphazardly applies rudimentary knowledge and skills of assessment literacy and is unsure of how to build knowledge and develop skills of assessment literacy and data	The leader has little knowledge and/or skills of assessment literacy and data analysis. There is little or no evidence of interaction with staff concerning assessments.

state, district, school, and classroom assessment data to improve student achievement.st classroom assessment data to ar th Tr assessment data is routinely used to review and adapt plans and priorities.For ar ar th th sc ar th th sc ar th th sc ar th th sc th sc th th th th sc th	actions. Illustrative examples	analysis. The leader inconsistently shares knowledge with staff to increase student achievement. There is inconsistency in how assessment data are used to change schedules, instruction, curriculum, or leadership. There is rudimentary use of assessment data from state, district, school, and classroom.	The leader is indifferent to data and does not use data to change schedules, instruction, curriculum or leadership. Student achievement remains unchanged or declines. The leader does not use assessment data from state, district, school, and classroom.
<ul> <li>seen in the leader's behaviors or ar of such evidence may include, but following:</li> <li>Documents for faculty use that see of formative assessments to mon</li> </ul>	actions. Illustrative examples	Impact Evidence of leadorship	
<ul> <li>seen in the leader's behaviors or ar of such evidence may include, but following:</li> <li>Documents for faculty use that see of formative assessments to mon</li> </ul>	actions. Illustrative examples		proficiency may be seen in the
Documents for faculty use that se     of formative assessments to mon	are not limited to the	behaviors or status of the facult examples of such evidence may the following:	
<ul> <li>Samples of written feedback proveffective assessment practices.</li> <li>Collaborative work systems' (e.g. learning communities) agendas a engagements with interim and for</li> <li>Faculty meeting agendas and min formative and interim assessmen</li> <li>Classroom walkthrough data reveassessment practices in the class</li> <li>Assessment rubrics are being use</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of protection</li> </ul>	nitor student progress on vided to teachers regarding d., data teams, professional and minutes reflect recurring ormative assessment data. inutes reflect attention to nt processes. reals routine use of formative scrooms. sed by the school.	<ul> <li>Teachers can describe intera effective assessment practice</li> <li>Teachers' assessments are firstandards of the course.</li> <li>Teachers attest to the leader's skills of effective assessment</li> <li>Teachers can provide assess course standard.</li> <li>Teachers attest to the leader'assessment practices.</li> <li>Student folders and progress formative data.</li> </ul>	es are promoted. iocused on student progress on the 's efforts to apply knowledge and t practices. sments that are directly aligned with 's frequent monitoring of tracking records reflect use of forms teachers of the alignment ssments.
Scale Levels: (choose one) Wh	here there is sufficient evide	ence to rate current proficiency	on this indicator assign a
proficiency level by checking on			
[] Highly Effective	[] Effective	[] Needs Improvement	[] Unsatisfactory
Evidence Log (Specifically, wh above are illustrative and do no Enter data here:	nat has been observed that i	reflects current proficiency on	/

# **Reflection Questions for Indicator 3.5**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
How might you engage other school leaders in sharing quality examples of formative assessment and use of interim assessment data?	How might you engage teacher leaders in sharing quality examples of formative assessment practices with other faculty?	How are you systematically seeking, synthesizing, and applying knowledge and skills of assessment literacy and data analysis? In what ways are you	How are you expanding your knowledge and/or skills of assessment literacy and data analysis?
What procedures might you	How can you provide ongoing	sharing your knowledge with staff to increase all students'	What strategies have you considered that would increase your interaction with staff

Indicator 3.6 – Faculty Effectiveness: The leader monitors the effectiveness of classroom teachers and uses contemporary research and the district's instructional evaluation system criteria and procedures to improve student achievement and faculty proficiency on the FEAPs.

procedures to improve a	student achievement and	faculty proficiency of the	
establish to increase your ability	professional learning for	achievement?	concerning assessments?
to help your colleagues provide professional learning for individual and collegial groups within the district focused on applying the knowledge and skills of assessment literacy, data analysis, and the use of state, district, school, and classroom assessment data to improve student achievement?	individual and collegial groups within the district focused on applying the knowledge and skills of assessment literacy, data analysis, and the use of state, district, school, and classroom assessment data to improve student achievement?	In what ways are you using state, district, school, and classroom assessment data to make specific and observable changes in teaching, curriculum, and leadership decisions to increase student achievement?	How are you using your knowledge and skills of assessment literacy to change schedules, instruction, and curriculum or leadership practices to increase student achievement?

Narrative: School leaders are responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of classroom teachers. This indicator addresses the proficiency and focus of the leader's monitoring processes to maintain awareness of faculty effectiveness and the use of monitoring data to improve student and faculty performance. The focus here is on monitoring teacher use of strategies supported by contemporary research, teacher proficiency on issues contained in the district's teacher evaluation system, what teachers do to improve student achievement, and faculty proficiency on the FEAPs. Note: Indicator 3.1 is focused on the leader's grasp of the FEAPs whereas this indicator focuses on monitoring the faculties' grasp of the FEAPs. Indicator 4.2 is focused on the leader's use of monitoring data to provide timely feedback.

Rubric			
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders. The leader's monitoring process generates a shared vision with the faculty of high expectations for faculty proficiency in the FEAPs, research-based instructional strategies, and the indicators in the teacher evaluation system. The leader shares productive monitoring methods with other school leaders to support district wide improvements.	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations The leader's effectiveness monitoring process provides the leader and leadership team with a realistic overview of the current reality of faculty effectiveness on the FEAPs, the indicators in the teacher evaluation system, and research-based instructional strategies. The leader's monitoring practices are consistently implemented in a supportive and constructive manner.	Needs Improvement:Leader's actions or impact of leader'sactions relevant to this indicator areevident but are inconsistent or ofinsufficient scope or proficiencyThe district teacher evaluationsystem is being implemented butthe process is focused onprocedural compliance ratherthan improving facultyproficiency on instructionalstrategies that impact studentachievement.The manner in which monitoringis conducted is not generallyperceived by faculty assupportive of their professionalimprovement.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. Monitoring does not comply with the minimum requirements of the district teacher evaluation system. Monitoring is not focused on teacher proficiency in research- based strategies and the FEAPs.
Leadership Evidence of proficiency on this indicator may be seen in the leader's behaviors or actions. Illustrative examples of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:         • Schedules for classroom observation document monitoring of faculty.         • Records or notes indicate the frequency of formal and informal observations.         • Data from classroom walkthroughs is focused on high-		<ul><li>faculty effectiveness mo</li><li>Teacher-leader meeting</li></ul>	Ity, staff, students and/or <u>s</u> of such evidence may <u>e</u> following: that the leader initiated nt focused on issues arising from
<ul><li>effect size strategies an</li><li>Notes and memorandum</li></ul>	d other FEAPs implementation. n from follow-up conferences ormal or informal observations	monitoring on FEAPs, te research-based strategi	eacher evaluation indicators, or

<ul> <li>practices.</li> <li>Agendas for meetings arising from the monite</li> <li>The leader meets with their growth in proficie</li> <li>Leadership team agen issues arising from mo</li> <li>Principal's resource al on monitoring data.</li> </ul>	teachers to provide feedback on ncy on instructional strategies. das or memoranda focused on	<ul> <li>Teachers can describ strategies employed a how they are adapted student needs.</li> <li>Data and feedback fr walkthroughs and ob revise instructional pr</li> <li>Other impact evidence</li> </ul>	g from monitoring process. be the high-effect size instructional across the grades and curriculum and d in the teacher's classroom to meet om school leader(s) generated from servations are used by teachers to ractices. be of proficiency on this indicator.		
Scale Levels: (choose one	) Where there is sufficient e	vidence to rate current proficien	cy on this indicator, assign a		
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Highly Effective	Effective				

tee	edback that would move	feedback to teachers is both	time on monitoring the proficiency	that your monitoring has a useful
the	em toward even higher levels	specific enough to be helpful	of instructional practices and	focus?
of	proficiency?	and perceived as support	giving feedback to be an effective	
		rather than negative criticism?	support for the faculty?	
Ho	ow do you engage highly			
eff	fective teachers in sharing a			
vis	sion of high quality teaching			
	ith their colleagues so that			
	ere is no plateau of "good			
	nough"?			
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Proficiency Area 4: <u>Faculty Development</u>: Effective school leaders recruit, retain, and develop an effective and diverse faculty and staff; focus on evidence, research, and classroom realities faced by teachers; link professional practice with student achievement to demonstrate the cause and effect relationship; facilitate effective professional development; monitor implementation of critical initiatives; and provide timely feedback to teachers so that feedback can be used to increase teacher professional practice.

Narrative: This proficiency area is aligned with FPLS standard 4. It moves the focus from "what is the current reality" of faculty proficiency to continuous progress toward what the faculty can achieve with effort and focus.

Indicator 4.1 – Recruitment and Retention: The leader employs a faculty with the instructional proficiencies needed for the school population served.

Narrative: The focus of this indicator is on the leader's actions to staff the school with the best faculty possible for the needs of the school population. It addresses actions taken to anticipate staffing needs, seek out quality applicants, and efforts to retain quality staff once on the faculty.

Rating Rubric			
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders.	<b>Effective:</b> Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations.	<b>Needs Improvement:</b> Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact.
The leader tracks the success of her or his recruitment and hiring strategies, learns from past experience, and revisits the process annually to continually improve the process. The leader engages in a variety of traditional and non-traditional recruitment strategies and then prioritizes based on where they find their most effective teachers. Effective recruiting and hiring practices are frequently shared with other administrators and colleagues throughout the system.	The leader works collaboratively with the staff in the human resources office to define the ideal teacher based upon the school population served. The leader is sensitive to the various legal guidelines about the kind of data that can be sought in interviews. A hiring selection tool that helps interviewers focus on key instructional proficiencies that are aligned with the teacher evaluation criteria is developed and effectively utilized. A hiring process is clearly communicated including how staff is involved.	The leader relies on the district office to post notices of vacancies and identify potential applicants. Efforts to identify replacements tend to be slow and come after other schools have made selections. Interview processes are disorganized, not focused on the school's needs, and do not improve from year to year.	The leader approaches the recruitment and hiring process from a reactive rather than a proactive standpoint. Consequently, the process may not be well thought out, is disjointed, and not aligned with key success criteria embedded within the teacher evaluation documents essential to organizational success. No coherent plan or process is employed to encourage quality staff to remain on the faculty.
Leadership Evidence of proficiency on this indicator may be seen in the leader's behaviors or actions. <u>Illustrative examples</u> of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:		Impact Evidence of leadership behaviors or status of the facult <u>examples of such evidence may</u> the following:	y and staff. Illustrative
<ul> <li>The leader maintains an updated assessment of the instructional capacities needed to improve faculty effectiveness and uses that assessment in filling vacancies.</li> <li>Samples of hiring documents (e.g., posting notices, interview questions with look/listen for) that identify highly desirable instructional proficiencies needed in teacher applicants.</li> <li>Documentation that the recruitment and select process is subjected to an in-depth review and evaluation for continuous improvement purposes.</li> <li>The leader has an established record of retaining effective and highly effective teachers on the staff.</li> <li>The leader has a systematic process for selecting new hires and reviews that process for its impact on faculty effectiveness.</li> <li>Programs for new and transfer teachers that promote adjustment to the school culture and instructional responsibilities</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>the school population served.</li> <li>Teachers confirm that a critical includes an evaluation of the</li> <li>Teacher leaders are involved providing input to the leader.</li> <li>Teachers new to the school c processes that had a positive school.</li> </ul>	al part of the hiring process effectiveness of the process. in monitoring staffing needs and an describe effective induction impact on their adjustment to the nent heads, team leaders) can acities needed in finding the faculty.

<ul> <li>is provided.</li> <li>Evidence that the leader has shared successful hiring practices with other administrators and colleagues within the district.</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>	
Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evide	
proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency level	
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<b>Evidence Log</b> (Specifically, what has been observed that	reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The examples
above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of	what is expected):
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#### **Reflection Questions for Indicator 4.1**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
What can be done to encourage quality teachers to stay with your school and quality applicants to seek to join the faculty?	What connections do you have to reach potential applicants other that the districts personnel office?	Have you gathered data about why teachers choose to leave your faculty? What strategies have you employed to meet the learning needs of your faculty, from novice to veteran to expert?	At what point in the school year do you check on staff retention and estimate future staffing needs? In what ways are professional learning opportunities linked to individual faculty needs?

# Indicator 4.2 – Feedback Practices: The leader monitors, evaluates proficiency, and provides timely and actionable feedback to faculty on the effectiveness of instruction on priority instructional goals and the cause and effect relationships between professional practice and student achievement on those goals.

Narrative: Where indicator 3.6 focuses on monitoring to maintain awareness of faculty effectiveness, this indicator focuses on the use of the monitoring process to provide quality and timely feedback to teachers. The feedback processes need to deepen teacher understanding of the impact of their practices on student learning.

Rating Rubric			
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders.	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations.	<b>Needs Improvement:</b> Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact.
The leader uses a variety of creative ways to provide positive and corrective feedback. The entire organization reflects the leader's focus on accurate,	The leader provides formal feedback consistent with the district personnel policies, and provides informal feedback to reinforce proficient performance	The leader adheres to the personnel policies in providing formal feedback, although the feedback is just beginning to provide details that improve	There is no or only minimal monitoring that results in feedback on proficiency. Formal feedback, when

timely, and specific recognition of proficiency and improvement in proficiency. The focus and specificity of feedback creates a clear vision of what the priority instructional goals are for the school and the cause and effective relationship between practice and student achievement on those priority goals. The leader balances individual recognition with team and organization-wide recognition.	and highlight the strengths of colleagues and staff. The leader has effectively implemented a system for collecting feedback from teachers as to what they know, what they understand, where they make errors, and when they have misconceptions about use of instructional practices. Corrective and positive feedback is linked to organizational goals and both the leader and employees can cite examples of where feedback is used to improve individual and organizational performance.	teaching or organizational performance, or there are faculties to whom feedback Is not timely or not focused on priority improvement needs. The leader tends to view feedback as a linear process; something they provide teachers rather than a collegial exchange of perspectives on proficiency.	provided, is nonspecific. Informal feedback is rare, nonspecific, and not constructive.
organization-wide recognition. employees can cite examples of where feedback is used to improve individual and		<ul> <li>behaviors or status of the facult <u>examples of</u> such evidence may the following:</li> <li>Teachers can attest to regula observations.</li> <li>Teachers report recognition a individuals.</li> <li>Teachers describe feedback f recognizing instructional strent teaching to a new level.</li> <li>Teachers report that leader us observation and teacher-self is feedback.</li> <li>Feedback to teachers, over th multiple sources of information videos, self-reflections, lesson and from more than one persi- Teacher leaders have opportu- teaching practices and provid</li> <li>Feedback and evaluation data growth plans.</li> <li>Other impact evidence of proto- ence to rate current proficiency vels below. If not being rated a [] Needs Improvement reflects current proficiency on</li> </ul>	y and staff <u>. Illustrative</u> y include, but are not limited to rly scheduled formal and informal is team members and as from the leader in terms of ngths and suggestions to take their ses a combination of classroom assessment data as part of the ne course of the year, is based on n (e.g. observations, walkthroughs, n studies, PLCs, assessment data,) on. unities to observe colleagues e feedback. a is used by teachers to formulate ficiency on this indicator.

# **Reflection Questions for Indicator 4.2**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
How frequently do teachers	What are some examples of	In what ways do you currently	How can frequent, focused and
recognize that your feedback is	focused, constructive, and	recognize faculty in providing	constructive feedback support
directly linked to improving both	meaningful feedback that you	feedback and affirmation to	teachers in improving their

Indicator 4.3 – High effect size strategies: Instructional personnel receive recurring feedback	on
their proficiency on high effect size strategies.	

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their personal performance and that of the school? What might you do to ensure that they see this important	provide to your staff? How does this support their learning?	them? To what extent do you acknowledge the efforts of	instructional practice?
connection?		teams, as well as that of individuals?	

Narrative: Teaching is a complex process. The "right thing to do" varies with conditions in the classroom. However, teachers need proficiency on a core repertoire of high importance strategies. These are strategies all teachers are expected to be able to use effectively. This indicator is focused on the leader's proficiency in focusing faculty attention on improvement of those "high effect size" strategies – those with higher probabilities of causing student growth when done correctly and in appropriate circumstances.

Note: Department lists of high-effect size strategies are posted at www.flode.org and www.floridaschoolleaders.org

Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. In addition to the formal feedback consistent with the district evaluation system indictors, the leader provides recurring informal feedback on high effect size strategies to reinforce proficient performance and highlight the strengths of colleagues and staff. The leader has effectively implemented a system for collecting feedback from teachers as to what they know, what they understand, where they make errors, and when they have misconceptions about use of high effect size strategies. Corrective and positive feedback on high effect size strategies is linked to organizational goals. Both the leader and employees can cite examples of where feedback on high effect size strategies is used to improve individual and organizational performance.	Needs Improvement: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. The leader adheres to the district evaluation system requirements for providing formal feedback on high effect size strategies, but the feedback is general rather than providing details that improve teaching or organizational performance related to high effect size strategies. The leader tends to view feedback as a linear process; something they provide teachers rather than two way communications where the leader also learns from the teachers' expertise.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. The leader is not aware of the high effect size strategies expected to be used in district schools or fails to communicate them to faculty. Feedback on high effect size strategies is rare, nonspecific, and not constructive.
<ul> <li>Leadership Evidence of proficiency on this indicator may be seen in the leader's behaviors or actions. <u>Illustrative examples</u> of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:</li> <li>Professional learning supports on the high effective size strategies are readily available to faculty.</li> <li>Samples of written feedback provided teachers high effect size</li> </ul>		y and staff. <u>Illustrative</u> y include, but are not limited to rly scheduled formal and informal n high effect strategies.
	impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. In addition to the formal feedback consistent with the district evaluation system indictors, the leader provides recurring informal feedback on high effect size strategies to reinforce proficient performance and highlight the strengths of colleagues and staff. The leader has effectively implemented a system for collecting feedback from teachers as to what they know, what they understand, where they make errors, and when they have misconceptions about use of high effect size strategies. Corrective and positive feedback on high effect size strategies is linked to organizational goals. Both the leader and employees can cite examples of where feedback on high effect size strategies is used to improve individual and organizational performance. Siency on this indicator may be or actions. <u>Illustrative examples</u> but are not limited to the	impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations.Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency.In addition to the formal feedback consistent with the district evaluation system indictors, the leader provides recurring informal feedback on high effect size strategies to reinforce proficient performance and highlight the strengths of colleagues and staff.The leader has effectively implemented a system for collecting feedback from teachers as to what they know, what they understand, where they make errors, and when they have misconceptions about use of high effect size strategies is linked to organizational goals.Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions or impact of leader's actions or impact of leader's actions compact of leaders in behaviors or status of the facult examples of such evidence mart the following:Imag

Indicator 4.4 - <u>Instructional Initiatives</u>: District supported state initiatives focused on student growth are supported by the leader with specific and observable actions including monitoring of implementation and measurement of progress toward initiative goals and professional learning to improve faculty capacity to implement the initiatives.

improvo rabarty capacity to impromote the initial	
<ul> <li>Walkthrough and observation practices are designed to emphasize feedback on use of high effective size strategies.</li> <li>School improvement plan includes actions to improve proficiency in high effect size strategies.</li> <li>Evidence the leader has a system for securing specific feedback from teachers on their implementation of high effect size strategies correctly and in appropriate circumstances.</li> <li>Documentation of an instructional monitoring schedule that supports frequent (every other week) instructional monitoring of high effect size strategies.</li> <li>The leader provides feedback that describes ways to enhance performance on high effect size strategies and reach the next level on same.</li> <li>The leader manages schedules that enable teachers to make observational rounds or view video examples of other teachers using the high effect size strategies.</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Teachers describe feedback from the leader in terms of recognizing instructional strengths and suggestions to take their teaching to a new level.</li> <li>Teachers report that leader uses a combination of classroom observation and teacher-self assessment data as part of the feedback on high effect size strategies.</li> <li>High effect size strategies provided through various state and district initiatives are employed by teachers to whom the initiatives apply.</li> <li>Departments routinely discuss their capacity to implement the high effect strategies applicable to their subject area.</li> <li>Teachers are afforded opportunities to observe mentor teachers using the high effect size strategies.</li> <li>Lesson study teams use the process to improve application of high effect strategies to the content of targeted lessons.</li> <li>Other impact evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>
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Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evide proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency level by	
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	reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The examples
above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of	what is expected):
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# **Reflection Questions for Indicator 4.3**

<b>Reflection Questions</b>			
Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
How frequently do teachers recognize that your feedback is directly linked to improving both their personal performance on high effect size strategies and as well as the organizational performance? What might you do to ensure that they see this important connection?	What are some examples of focused, constructive, and meaningful feedback on high effect size strategies that you provide to your staff? How does this support their learning?	In what ways do you currently recognize faculty in providing feedback and affirmation to them on high effect size strategies? To what extent do you acknowledge the efforts of teams, as well as that of individuals?	How can frequent, focused and constructive feedback support teachers in improving their instructional practice?

Narrative: The Department of Education and/or district-supported initiatives focused on improving student performance require school leader support to be successful at the school site. This indicator addresses the leader's proficiency in supporting such initiatives. Indicator 4.4 also focuses on professional learning needed to implement priority initiatives.

Note: District and FLDOE websites provide support and information about priority initiatives.

Rating Rubric			
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders. All initiatives are implemented across the grades and subjects as appropriate with full fidelity to the components of each initiative.	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. Most of the district and state initiatives are implemented across the grades and subjects as appropriate with full fidelity to the components of each	<b>Needs Improvement:</b> Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. Some initiatives are implemented across the some of the grades and subjects as appropriate with work in progress to implement the components of each	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. District and state supported initiatives are not supported by the leader with any specific plans, actions, feedback or monitoring.
The leader monitors teachers' implementation of the initiative, tracks the impact of the initiative on student growth, and shares effective practices and impacts with other school leaders.	initiative. The leader is conversant with the impact the initiative is expected to have and monitors teacher and student implementation of the elements of the initiative.	initiative. The leader relies on teachers to implement the initiatives and is seldom involved in monitoring or providing feedback on the impact of the initiative's implementation on student growth.	The leader is unaware of what state and district initiatives are expected to be implemented at the school.
<ul> <li>Leadership Evidence of proficiency on this indicator may be seen in the leader's behaviors or actions. Illustrative examples of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:</li> <li>The initiatives being pursued are explicitly identified and access to supporting resources is provided.</li> <li>Leader's agendas, memoranda, etc. reflect presentations to faculty on the targeted initiatives.</li> <li>A Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) and Response to Intervention (Rti) is fully implemented and the leader monitors regularly to sustain implementation.</li> <li>The leader monitors practices in areas where subject specific strategies are expected and provides feedback on the effective use of such strategies (e.g. ESOL strategies)</li> <li>Reading Strategies from Just Read, Florida! are implemented.</li> <li>The leader can identify all of the initiatives in use and describe how progress is monitored for each.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>initiatives.</li> <li>Video exemplars that support routinely used by faculty.</li> <li>Online resources and technol understanding of the initiative</li> <li>State or district web-based re are regularly accessed by fac</li> <li>Teachers have participated in</li> </ul>	Ity, staff, students and/or s of such evidence may <u>e following:</u> how they implement the various implementing the initiatives are ogy supports that deepened s are used by faculty. sources aligned with the initiatives ulty, professional development and implemented the strategies
Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator.     Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evidence to rate current proficiency on this indicator, assign a proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels below. If not being rated at this time, leave blank:     [] Highly Effective [] Effective [] Needs Improvement [] Unsatisfactory     Evidence Log (Specifically, what has been observed that reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The examples above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of what is expected):     Enter data here:			

# **Reflection Questions for Indicator 4.4**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
How do you engage your faculty in communities of practice where practices related to the initiatives are shared with faculty in other schools or districts?	How do you use monitoring of these initiatives to identify faculty professional development needs that, if addressed, would improve the quality of implementation?	How do you communicate with district and state resources to learn more about what these initiatives can contribute to my school?	How do you find out what initiatives should be implemented?

Indicator 4.5 – Facilitating and Leading Professional Learning: The leader manages the organization, operations, and facilities to provide the faculty with quality resources and time for professional learning and promotes, participates in, and engages faculty in effective individual and collaborative learning on priority professional goals throughout the school year.

Narrative: Indicator 4.5 is focused on what the leader does to engage faculty in meaningful professional learning (which includes being involved in what the faculty is learning).Professional learning on-the-job is an essential aspect of effective schools. School leaders who manage the school in ways that support both individual and collegial professional learning get better outcomes than those who do not. The leader's personal participation in professional learning plays a major role in making professional learning efforts pay off. This indicator addresses the leader's role as a leader in professional development.

Rating Rubitc				
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders.         The leader uses a variety of creative ways to provide professional learning for individual and collegial groups focused on deepening subject matter knowledge and proficiency at high effect size strategies.         The leader is personally involved in the learning activities of the faculty in ways that both show support and deepen understanding of what to monitor.         The entire organization reflects the leader's focus on accurate, timely, and specific professional learning on the standards in the course descriptions.         Leadership monitoring of professional learning is focused on accurate proficiency at the standards in the course descriptions.	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. The leader provides recurring opportunities for professional learning for individual and collegial groups focused on issues directly related to faculty proficiency at high effect size strategies and student learning needs. The leader removes barriers to time for professional learning and provides needed resources as a priority. Participation in specific professional learning that target improved instruction and student learning is recognized by the faculty as a school priority. Leadership monitoring of professional learning is focused on the impact of instructional proficiency on student learning.	Needs Improvement: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. Less than a majority of the faculty can verify participation in professional learning focused on student needs or faculty proficiency at high effect size strategies. Time for professional learning is provided but is not a consistent priority. Minimal effort expended to assess the impact of professional learning on instructional proficiency. Leadership monitoring of professional learning is focused primarily participation with minimal attention given to the impact of instructional proficiency on student learning.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. Focused professional development on priority learning needs is not operational. Few faculty members have opportunities to engage in collegial professional development processes on the campus. Individual professional learning is not monitored and is not connected to the school improvement plan or student learning needs.	
Leadership Evidence of profic	ency on this indicator may be	Impact Evidence of leadership	proficiency may be seen in the	
seen in the leader's behaviors of		behaviors or status of the faculty and staff. Illustrative		
of such evidence may include, b	but are not limited to the	examples of such evidence may include, but are not limited to		
following:		the following:		
Documents generated by or at the direction of the leader establish a clear pattern of attention to individual professional development.     Documents generated by or at the direction of the leader		<ul> <li>Faculty members describe an organizational climate supportive of professional learning and can provide examples of personal involvement.</li> <li>Minutes and/or summary records of lescen study teams, book</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Documents generated by or at the direction of the leader establish a clear pattern of attention to collegial professional development.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Minutes and/or summary records of lesson study teams, book study groups, and/or PLCs provide evidence that these collegial opportunities are active on the campus.</li> </ul>		
Schedules provide evidence of recurring time allocated for			cdotal records of teams and/or	
professional learning.		department meetings reflect r	ecurring engagement in	
<ul> <li>Technology is used to provide easy and recurring access to professional learning.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>professional learning.</li> <li>Information on the availability</li> </ul>	of professional learning is easily	
	es allocated to support prioritized	accessible for faculty.		
professional learning.		<ul> <li>Other impact evidence of prof</li> </ul>	ficiency on this indicator.	
	e evidence that administrators are		,	

monitoring faculty participation in professional learning.

Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator.

**Scale Levels:** (choose one) Where there is sufficient evidence to rate current proficiency on this indicator, assign a proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels below. If not being rated at this time, leave blank:

Indicator 4.6 – Faculty Development Alignments: The leader implements professional learning processes that enable faculty to deliver culturally relevant and differentiated instruction by:

- generating a focus on student and professional learning in the school that is clearly linked to the system-wide objectives and the school improvement plan,
- identifying faculty instructional proficiency needs (including standards-based content, research-based pedagogy, data analysis for instructional planning and improvement),
- aligning faculty development practices with system objectives, improvement planning, faculty proficiency needs, and appropriate instructional goals,
- and using instructional technology as a learning tool for students and faculty.

[] Highly Effective	[] Effective	[] Needs Improvement	[] Unsatisfactory
Evidence Log (Specifically, w	hat has been observed that	at reflects current proficiency on this	s indicator? The examples
above are illustrative and do no	ot reflect an exclusive list	of what is expected):	

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## **Reflection Questions for Indicator 4.5**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
What strategies have you implemented so that you spread your learning about providing professional learning for individual and collegial groups within your school to your colleagues across the school system?	What might be some creative ways to provide professional learning for individual and collegial groups focused on deepening subject matter knowledge and proficiency at high effect size strategies?	As you think about your leadership in providing professional learning, what are key strategies for you to consider that would help you provide recurring opportunities for professional learning for individual and collegial groups focused on issues directly related to faculty proficiency at high effect size strategies and student learning needs?	How would you describe your efforts to make certain that your professional learning is focused on student needs or faculty proficiency at high effect size strategies?

Narrative: Faculty development has many aspects. This indicator addresses the leader's proficiency at developing faculty capacity to implement culturally relevant differentiated instruction by <u>aligning</u> the various faculty developments processes and practices with certain key issues (Standards-based content, research-based methods, data for planning, etc. as specified in the text of the standard.)

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Highly Effective: Leader's	Effective: Leader's actions or	Needs Improvement:	Unsatisfactory: Leader's
actions or impact of leader's actions	impact of leader's actions relevant to	Leader's actions or impact of leader's	actions or impact of leader's actions
relevant to this indicator exceed	this indicator are sufficient and	actions relevant to this indicator are	relevant to this indicator are minimal
effective levels and constitute models	appropriate reflections of quality work	evident but are inconsistent or of	or are not occurring, or are having an
of proficiency for other leaders.	with only normal variations.	insufficient scope or proficiency.	adverse impact.
The leader has demonstrated a	Professional learning includes a	The leader attempts to	Professional learning is typically
record of differentiated	plan for the implementation of	implement all of the priority	"one size fits all," and there is
professional learning for faculty	the prioritized instructional needs	instructional needs without a	little or no evidence of
based on student needs.	(e.g., research-based instruction,	plan for doing so.	recognition of individual faculty
The leader has developed a	data analysis, instructional	The leader is aware of the	needs or matching of faculty

system of job-embedded professional learning that differentiates training and implementation of instructional priorities based on teacher needs, which help retain proficient and highly exemplary staff. The leader routinely shares professional learning opportunities with other schools, departments, districts, and organizations.	technology, culturally relevant) aligned to school improvement plan and some effort has been made to differentiate (coaching, mentoring, collaborative teams, coaching) and embed professional development to meet the needs of all faculty members. The leader is able to use data from evaluation of instructional personnel to assess proficiencies and identify priority needs to support and retain proficient and exemplary faculty members.	differentiated needs of faculty and staff members, but professional development is only embedded in faculty meetings at this time, rather than incorporating the use of collaboration, study teams, etc. in order to meet the unique needs of staff.	needs to student achievement needs. Consequently, retaining proficient and exemplary staff is problematic.
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<ul> <li>Documentation that profession basis of student achievement</li> <li>Evidence that professional lear instructional practices.</li> <li>Faculty meetings focus on proschools instructional priorities</li> <li>The leader examines data on identifies needs that are subs professional learning.</li> <li>Technology resources are proto online learning and sharing instructional practices.</li> <li>Individualized professional de principal are clearly aligned w</li> <li>Meeting agendas and memor of on-going monitoring of the (e.g., data analysis, text comp instructional program, multi-tid differentiated instruction.</li> <li>The leader's documents and guiding faculty toward deeper</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Documentation that professional learning is determined on the basis of student achievement and teacher competency data.</li> <li>Evidence that professional learning includes culturally relevant instructional practices.</li> <li>Faculty meetings focus on professional learning related to the schools instructional priorities.</li> <li>The leader examines data on teacher proficiencies and identifies needs that are subsequently addressed by professional learning.</li> <li>Technology resources are provided to maximize faculty access to online learning and sharing video exemplars for quality instructional practices.</li> <li>Individualized professional development plans approved by the principal are clearly aligned with school improvement priorities.</li> <li>Meeting agendas and memorandum to faculty provide evidence of on-going monitoring of the implementation of critical initiatives (e.g., data analysis, text complexity), standards-based instructional program, multi-tiered system of supports, and differentiated instruction.</li> </ul>		essional learning is culturally ved and differentiated to meet their Cs have explicitly stated goals and ing. ccess that helps them develop onal learning are filtered to ensure eads within the school arning needs as they relate to r use of course descriptions as the objectives. of culturally relevant and iciency on this indicator.
Scale Levels: (choose one) proficiency level by checking [] Highly Effective	Where there is sufficient evide one of the four proficiency lev [] Effective	ence to rate current proficiency rels below. If not being rated at [] Needs Improvement reflects current proficiency on	t this time, leave blank: [] Unsatisfactory
• • • •	not reflect an exclusive list of	• •	

# **Reflection Questions for Indicator 4.6**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
What procedures have you	What system do you use to	What strategies have you	In what ways are professional

established to increase	prioritize learning needs and	employed to meet the learning	learning opportunities linked to
professional knowledge	empower faculty to create	needs of your faculty, from	individual faculty needs?
opportunities for colleagues	individual learning plans?	novice to veteran to expert?	
across the school system?			

Narrative: An indicator required by 1012.34 F.S., the focus is on whether the accumulated impact of the leader's actions result in positive trend lines on teacher effectiveness. Evidence gathered from proficiency area #3 provide a base line that, along with teacher rating in the district's teacher evaluation system and student growth measures, enable assessment of whether actual improvement in teacher's proficiency is occurring.

# Indicator 4.7 – Actual Improvement: The leader improves the percentage of effective and highly effective teachers on the faculty.

Rating Rubric				
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders.	<b>Effective:</b> Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations.	<b>Needs Improvement:</b> Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact.	
The percentage of teachers rated effective or highly effective increases while the percentage rated needs improvement for two consecutive years declines. Student growth measure and instructional practice ratings are in substantial agreement for at least 75 percent of the faculty.	The percentage of teachers rated effective or highly effective increases or remains stable within five percentage points of the prior year, but there is evidence of specific improvements in student growth measures or proficiency in high effect size strategies.	There is no evidence of improvement in student growth measures for the majority of the teachers rated as effective, needs improvement, or unsatisfactory. There is significant variation between teachers' student growth measures and principal's assessment of instructional practices.	The percentage of teachers rated effective or highly effective declines and cannot be explained by changes in staff membership. There is no evidence of improvement in student growth measures for the majority of the teachers rated as needs improvement or unsatisfactory.	
<b>Leadership Evidence</b> of proficiency on this indicator may be seen in the leader's behaviors or actions. Illustrative examples of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:		<b>Impact Evidence</b> of leadership proficiency may be seen in the behaviors or status of the faculty and staff. <u>Illustrative</u> <u>examples</u> of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:		
<ul> <li>on student growth measures a demonstrable progress.</li> <li>Documents generated by or a establish that the leader track on high effect size strategies demonstrable progress.</li> <li>Documents generated by or a establish that the leader track rated as needs improvement specific areas of improvement.</li> <li>The leader tracks student gro data aligned to learning goals teacher performance and mai staff showing growth over tim.</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of</li> </ul>	s the progress of faculty members and identifies those making at the direction of the leader s the progress of faculty members and identifies those making at the direction of the leader s the progress of faculty members or unsatisfactory and can identify t. wth data and teacher assessment t to track actual improvement in intains records of the percentage of e. proficiency on this indicator.	<ul> <li>The percentage of teachers ra</li> <li>The percentage of teachers p improvement (developing) or</li> <li>The percentage of teachers ra average on student growth m</li> <li>The percentage of teachers w effect size instructional stratege</li> <li>Lesson studies produce revis outcomes.</li> <li>Tracking of learning goals pro- showing improvement in teac</li> <li>State and district tests show i</li> <li>VAM scores in teacher asses trend lines show improvemen VAM scores.</li> <li>Other impact evidence of prof</li> </ul>	reviously rated as needing unsatisfactory decreases. anking at or above the district easures increases. <i>i</i> vith highly effective rating on high gies increases. ed lessons with improved student educes data and trend lines her effectiveness. mproved student performance. sment show improvement and t in percentage of results based on ficiency on this indicator.	
		ence to rate current proficiency rels below. If not being rated a [] Needs Improvement		
Evidence Log (Specifically,	what has been observed that not reflect an exclusive list of	reflects current proficiency on what is expected):		
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# **Reflection Questions for Indicator 4.7**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
How well aligned are your	How would you describe your	How would you describe your	How are you making a difference
assessments of instructional	efforts to improve instruction?	efforts to understand what	in the quality of teaching in your
practice with the results of		instructional improvements are	school?
student growth measures?	In what ways are you providing	needed and then communicate	
	feedback on instructional	that in useful ways?	What are some of the strategies
In what ways are you assisting	practice that result in improved		you are employing that help you
the better performing teachers to	student learning for those	What information are you	be aware of where the greatest
improve as much as you are	teachers most in need of	collecting to help you know what	problems are in terms of
assisting the lower performers?	growth?	is or is not happening in the	instructional proficiency?
		classrooms where teachers need	
		improvement?	

# Proficiency Area 5: <u>Learning Environment</u>: Effective school leaders structure and monitor a school learning environment that improves learning for all of Florida's diverse student population.

Narrative: This proficiency area is aligned with FPLS standard 5. Much of what student's experience in school is a result of decisions and actions by the adults in the school. Learning environments that are success oriented, student centered, treat diversity as an asset, and focus on eliminating achievement gaps support students preparation for fulfilling lives.

Indicator 5.1 – Student Centered: The leader maintains a safe, respectful and inclusive studentcentered learning environment that is focused on equitable opportunities for learning and building a foundation for a fulfilling life in a democratic society and global economy by providing recurring monitoring and feedback on the quality of the learning environment and aligning learning environment practices with system objectives, improvement planning, faculty proficiency needs, and appropriate instructional goals.

Narrative: School leaders who monitor what students experience by being enrolled in the leader's school have better insights on how to make the system work than those who do not monitor impact of policies and practices on students. It is the leader's responsibility to know whether student life is equitable, respectful, and supportive of engagement in learning.

Rating Rubic			
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders. The leader provides clear, convincing, and consistent evidence that they ensure the creation and maintenance of a learning environment conducive to successful teaching and learning for all and shares these practices with others throughout the district. Involves the school and community to collect data on curricular and extra-curricular student involvement to assure equal opportunity for student participation.	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. The leader provides clear evidence that they create and maintain a learning environment that is generally conducive to ensuring effective teaching practices and learning, although there may be some exceptions. Collects data on curricular and extra-curricular student involvement to assure equal opportunity for student participation.	Needs Improvement:         Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency.         The leader provides limited evidence that they create a safe school either in planning or actions.         Collects data on curricular and extra-curricular student involvement.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. The leader provides little to no evidence that s/he make plans for a safe and respectful environment to ensure successful teaching and learning or addresses safety concerns as they arise. Does not collect data on curricular and extra-curricular student involvement.
Leadership Evidence of proficiency on this indicator may be seen in the leader's behaviors or actions. <u>Illustrative examples</u> of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:		Impact Evidence of leadership proficiency may be seen in the behaviors or status of the faculty and staff. Illustrative examples of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:	
<ul> <li>Documents that establish safe, respectful, and inclusive school- wide common expectations for students and staff.</li> </ul>		Teachers can describe a spec procedures that result in a safe	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •

•	Agendas, meeting minutes, etc., show recurring attention to student needs.	•	student-centered learning environment. Student questionnaire results reflect satisfaction with school
•	The leader's documents reveal a pattern of examining student		attention to student needs and interests.
	opportunities for achieving success	•	Counseling services and safe school programs (e.g. anti-
•	Leader has procedures for students to express needs and		bullying") are implemented.
•	concerns direct to the leader.	•	Tutorial processes are provided and easily accessible by
		•	students.
•	The leader provides programs and supports for student not		
	making adequate progress.	•	Teachers receive training on adapting instruction to student
•	School policies, practices, procedures are designed to address		needs.
	student needs.	•	Extended day or weekend programs focused on student
•	Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator.		academic needs are operational and monitored
		•	Parent questionnaire results reflect satisfaction with schools
			attention to student needs and interests.
			Other impact evidence of proficiency on this indicator.
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	dence Log (Specifically, what has been observed that		
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# **Reflection Questions for Indicator 5.1**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
What practices have you engaged in to increase professional knowledge opportunities for colleagues across the school system regarding your efforts to ensure the creation and maintenance of a learning environment conducive to successful teaching and learning for all?	What evidence would you accept you were ensuring the creation and maintenance of a learning environment conducive to successful teaching and learning for all?	How would you describe your efforts to provide clear evidence that you create and maintain a learning environment that is generally conducive to ensure effective teaching and learning, although there may be some exceptions?	What strategies are you intentionally implementing to create and maintain a safe and respectful environment to ensure successful teaching and learning or addresses safety concerns as they arise?

# Indicator 5.2 - Success Oriented: Initiates and supports continuous improvement processes and a multi-tiered system of supports focused on the students' opportunities for success and well-being.

Narrative: The issues in 5.1 focus on monitoring how school policy and practice affect the quality of student lives. This indicator shifts focus from those broad issues to what happens at the school that creates opportunities for student success and students' perceptions that school life is organized to do something good for them. School should be rigorous and demanding but also implemented in ways that create recurring opportunities for success.

Rating Rubric			
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders. Through all grades and subjects a multi-tiered system of supports is operational providing core universal supports (research-based, high-quality, general education instruction and support; screening and benchmark assessments for all students, and continuous data collection continues to inform instruction, problem solving is employed to identify and implement targeted supplemental supports (data based interventions and progress monitoring). Where targeted supplemental supports are not successful, intensive individual supports are employed based on individual student needs.	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. Problem solves skillfully (e.g., conceptualizing, applying, analyzing, synthesizing, and/or evaluating information) to provide adequate time, resources, and support to teachers to deliver the district's curriculum to all students. Celebrations of student success are common events and are focused on recognition of the methods and effort expended so students understand what behaviors led to the success. Most grades and subject track student learning growth on priority instructional targets. MTSS operational across the grades and subjects.	Needs Improvement: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. Problem solving efforts are unskillfully used to provide adequate time, resources, and support to teachers to deliver the district's curriculum and state's standards to students. Celebrations of student success are provided but are inconsistent in focusing on how/why students succeeded. MTSS operational in some classes.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. No actions other than use of slogans and exhortations to succeed are taken by the leader to address practices and process that actually enable success. MTSS not operational.
Leadership Evidence of profici seen in the leader's behaviors of of such evidence may include, b following:	or actions. Illustrative examples	Impact Evidence of leadership behaviors or actions of the facu community. <u>Illustrative example</u> include, but are not limited to th	lty, staff, students and/or <u>s</u> of such evidence may
<ul> <li>on implementation of MTSS.</li> <li>Agendas, memorandum, and discussion with faculty on compractices.</li> <li>The leader recognizes the act teachers, student, groups and newsletters, announcements to-face exchanges)</li> <li>Leader solicits student input of hamper their success.</li> </ul>	complishments of individual I the whole school via , websites, social media and face-	<ul> <li>monitoring.</li> <li>Teacher-directed celebrations of student success identify causes of success.</li> <li>Supplemental supports are provided in classes.</li> <li>Faculty and student describe the leader as one who is genuine committed to student success in school and life.</li> <li>Faculty teams, departments, grade levels or collegial learning teams who have worked together on student success are recognized.</li> <li>Teacher and student tracking of progress results in data on</li> </ul>	

Indicator 5.3 - Diversity: To align diversity practices with system objectives, improvement planning, faculty proficiency needs, and appropriate instructional goals, the leader recognizes and uses diversity as an asset in the development and implementation of procedures and practices that motivate all students and improve student learning, and promotes school and classroom practices that validate and value similarities and differences among students. school conditions that impact student well-being. Other impact evidence of proficiency on this indicator. • Data collection processes are employed to collect student, • parent, and stakeholder perception data on the school supports for student success. Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator. Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evidence to rate current proficiency on this indicator, assign a proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels below. If not being rated at this time, leave blank: [] Highly Effective [] Effective [] Needs Improvement [] Unsatisfactory Evidence Log (Specifically, what has been observed that reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The examples above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of what is expected): Enter data here:

### **Reflection Questions for Indicator 5.2**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
What supports do you need to provide to deepen the faculty's capacity to provide intensive individual supports?	How do you enable teachers proficient at MTSS to share the process with other teachers?	How do you monitor instructional practice to assess the quality of implementation of MTSS?	How do you obtain training on what the MTSS model requires and how do you convey the expectations inherent in the model to your
How do you share effective continuous progress practices with oth4r school leaders?	What continuous progress practices should be shared with the entire faculty?	How do you monitor the impact of targeted supplemental supports? What barriers to student success are not being addressed in your school?	faculty?

Narrative: "Diversity practices" refers to the capacity of teachers and school leaders to recognize the many variations in students that impact learning growth (e.g. learning processes, prior learning experiences, family and cultural backgrounds); implement practices that respect diversity in learning needs (e.g. multi-tiered system of supports) and make adjustments at the classroom level that make use of student strengths and promote growth needs.

Highly Effective: Leader's	Effective: Leader's actions or	Needs Improvement:	Unsatisfactory: Leader's
actions or impact of leader's actions	impact of leader's actions relevant to	Leader's actions or impact of leader's	actions or impact of leader's actions
relevant to this indicator exceed	this indicator are sufficient and	actions relevant to this indicator are	relevant to this indicator are minimal
effective levels and constitute models	appropriate reflections of quality work	evident but are inconsistent or of	or are not occurring, or are having an
of proficiency for other leaders.	with only normal variations.	insufficient scope or proficiency.	adverse impact.
The leader shares with others	The leader systematically acts	The leader inconsistently acts on	The leader limits opportunities
throughout the district strategies	on the belief that all students can	the belief that all students can	for all students to meet high

that help them put into action their belief that all students can learn at high levels by leading curriculum, instruction, and assessment that reflect and respect the diversity of students and staff. The leader provides an instructional program where recurring adaptations in instructional to address variations in student learning needs, styles, and learning strengths are routine events in all classes.	learn at high levels by leading curriculum, instruction, and assessment that reflect and respect the diversity of students and staff. Classroom practices consistently reflect appropriate adjustments based on cultural, racial, ethnic backgrounds of students. The leader's expectations that teachers adapt instructional strategies to meet individual student needs are an accepted part of the shared vision of the leader and faculty.	learn at high levels by sometimes leading curriculum, instruction, and assessment that reflect and respect the diversity of students and staff. The leader has taken some actions that set expectations for teachers adapting instructional strategies to meet individual student needs and such individualization is evident in some but not most classes.	expectations by allowing or ignoring practices in curriculum, instruction, and assessment that are culturally, racially, or ethnically insensitive and/or inappropriate. Takes no actions that set expectations for teachers adapting instructional strategies to meet individual student needs.
Leadership Evidence of profic		Impact Evidence of leadership	
seen in the leader's behaviors of		behaviors or status of the facult	
of such evidence may include, t following:	out are not limited to the	examples of such evidence may the following:	<i>include, but are not limited to</i>
V	ise of diversity as an asset in the	Teachers can describe a spec	cific policies, practices, and
	tion of procedures and practices.		value similarities and differences
	, reflecting recurring attention at	among students.	
	o recognize diversity issues and		portunities are provided for new
adapt instruction accordingly.			dapt instruction to address diversity
	professional learning for faculty of a range of diversity issues and	issues in the student body and	reflect belief that their individual
	plementation in the classroom of	<ul> <li>Student questionnaire results characteristics are respected</li> </ul>	
appropriate diversity practices			eflect belief that their individual
	ocedures that validate and value	characteristics are respected	
similarities and differences an			orts (MTSS) is implemented in the
<ul> <li>The school leader collects and from departmental or team me</li> </ul>	d reviews agenda and minutes eetings to monitor attention to	classrooms in ways that respe diversity factors.	ect and make adjustments for
diversity issues in pursuit of s	tudent learning growth.	The school provides an intera	
Other leadership evidence of	proficiency on this indicator.		lesigned to be "user friendly" and
		sensitive to diversity issues in	
		information of interest to vario community	ous segments of the school
		<ul> <li>Other impact evidence of prof</li> </ul>	iciency on this indicator.
Seele Leveler (change and)	Where there is sufficient suide		-
		ence to rate current proficiency	
		els below. If not being rated a	
[] Highly Effective	[] Effective	[] Needs Improvement	[] Unsatisfactory
		reflects current proficiency on	this indicator? The examples
above are illustrative and do	not reflect an exclusive list of	what is expected):	
Enter data here:			

# **Reflection Questions for Indicator 5.3**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
What procedures might you	What strategies might you	How might you increase the	How might you expand the
establish to increase your ability	employ so that you could share	consistency with which you act	opportunities for all students to
to help your colleagues develop	with others throughout the district	on the belief that all students can	meet high expectations by
curriculum, instruction, and	practices that help them put into	learn at high levels by	leading curriculum, instruction,
assessment that reflect and	action your belief that all	sometimes leading curriculum,	and assessment that reflect and
respect the diversity of students	students can learn at high levels	instruction, and assessment that	respect the diversity of students

and staff? by leading curriculum, instruction, and assessment that reflect and respect the diversity of students and staff?	reflect and respect the diversity of students and staff?	and staff?
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# Indicator 5.4 – Achievement Gaps: The leader engages faculty in recognizing and understanding cultural and developmental issues related to student learning by identifying and addressing strategies to minimize and/or eliminate achievement gaps associated with student subgroups within the school.

Narrative: Where indicator 5.3 is focused on the broad array of diversity factors that impact success of individual students and student sub-groups, indicator 5.4 focuses on <u>academic growth</u> of specific sub-groups whose academic performance lags behind what they are capable of achieving. The leader is expected to prepare the faculty to do what is needed to meet the academic improvement needs of the sub-group(s).

Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders. The leader has created a self- regulating system based on data that guarantees regular and predictable success of all sub- groups, even if conditions change from one year to another. Achievements gaps have been eliminated or substantially minimized with trend lines consistently moving toward elimination of such gaps.	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. Processes to minimize achievement gaps within all impacted subs-groups are employed for all sub-groups with positive trend lines showing reduction of gaps for all subgroups. The leader consistently applies the process of inquiry and/or has enabled development of processes that generate greater understanding of the school's current systems and their impact on sub-group academic achievement.	Needs Improvement: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. Sub-groups within the school and associated with achievement gaps have been identified and some processes are underway to understand root causes. Some actions to minimize the gaps have been implemented but either do not reach all sub- group students or have inconsistent or minimal results. The leader inconsistently applies the process of inquiry and/or has enabled only limited efforts to develop of processes that generate greater understanding of the school's current systems and their impact on sub-group	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. The leader does not identify nor implement strategies to understand the causes of sub- group achievement gaps. No changes in practices or processes have been implemented under the leader's direction that is designed to address achievement gaps. The leader does not apply the processes that generate greater understanding of the school's current systems and their impact on sub-group academic achievement.
		academic achievement.	
Leadership Evidence of profici seen in the leader's behaviors of of such evidence may include, b	or actions. <u>Illustrative examples</u>	Impact Evidence of leadership behaviors or status of the facult examples of such evidence may the following:	y and staff. Illustrative
following:		the following:	
<ul> <li>of sub-group members.</li> <li>Written goals are developed a on reducing or eliminating ach under-performing sub-groups</li> <li>Documents reflecting the lead understanding of cultural and improvement of academic lead students.</li> <li>The leader develops school p validate and value similarities</li> <li>Leader's actions in support of self-help processes and goal achievement.</li> <li>The leader personally engage</li> </ul>	olicies, practices, procedures that and differences among students. engaging sub-group students in setting related to academic es students in under-performing	<ul> <li>goals focused on narrowing a that implement those goals to</li> <li>Under-achieving sub-group st classes and presented with hi</li> <li>Teachers can describe specif procedures that help them us issues to improve student lea</li> <li>Faculty and staff can explain achievement for students at d</li> <li>English language learners, ar</li> <li>Teacher records reflecting tra on targeted learning goals rel</li> <li>Student questionnaire results</li> </ul>	tudents are enrolled in advanced igh expectations. ic policies, practices, and e culture and developmental ming. how goals eliminate differences in ifferent socioeconomic levels. ad students with disabilities cking sub-group student progress ated to academic achievement.
<ul> <li>sub-groups with support, encourse expectations.</li> <li>Leader's take actions in aligning resources with efforts to reduce the supervision of the supervisi</li></ul>	ing parent and community	<ul> <li>Performance.</li> <li>Parent questionnaire results f recognition of school efforts to</li> </ul>	rom sub-group parents reflecting o improve student achievement. on improving lessons to impact

Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator	<ul><li>achievement gap.</li><li>Other impact evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li></ul>
	ent evidence to rate current proficiency on this indicator, assign a
Evidence Log (Specifically, what has been observe	ed that reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The examples
above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive	e list of what is expected):
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## **Reflection Questions for Indicator 5.4**

<b>Reflection Questions</b>			
Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
What strategies might you employ to increase your ability to help your colleagues understand how the elements of culture are impacted by the current systems (e.g., curriculum, instruction, assessment, etc.) in order to improve student achievement?	What are one or two critical steps you could take that would shift your examination of culture to a point that they become a self-regulating system based on data that guarantees regular and predictable success even if conditions change?	How might you systematically apply the process of inquiry to develop methods of generating greater understanding of the cultures of individuals within the building and how the elements of culture are impacted by the current systems (e.g., curriculum, instruction, assessment) to improve student achievement?	Why do sub-groups students like those in your school not perform as well as similar groups in other schools? In what ways might you demonstrate greater understanding of cultures and their impact on the current systems in your school to improve student learning?

# Domain 3: Organizational Leadership

Narrative: This domain addresses proficiencies that impact the quality of a broad array of school operations. The focus is applying these proficiencies to improve student achievement, instructional leadership, and professional conduct.

Narrative: This proficiency area is aligned to FPLS standard #6. How decisions are made can be as important as what decisions are made. The leader's proficiency at balancing the various aspects of decision-making is the focus of this area.

Indicator 6.1 – Prioritization Practices: The leader gives priority attention to decisions that impact the quality of student learning and teacher proficiency, gathering and analyzing facts and data, and assessing alignment of decisions with school vision, mission, and improvement priorities.

Narrative: Leaders make many decisions. Those that impact student learning and teacher proficiency require priority attention. The focus is the leader's ability to make sure that decisions on student learning and faculty proficiency are not lost among the lower priority issues or given inadequate attention because of all the other things leaders do.

Highly Effective: Leader's	Effective: Leader's actions or	Needs Improvement:	Unsatisfactory: Leader's
actions or impact of leader's actions	impact of leader's actions relevant to	Leader's actions or impact of leader's	actions or impact of leader's actions
relevant to this indicator exceed	this indicator are sufficient and	actions relevant to this indicator are	relevant to this indicator are minimal
effective levels and constitute models	appropriate reflections of quality work	evident but are inconsistent or of	or are not occurring, or are having an
of proficiency for other leaders.	with only normal variations.	insufficient scope or proficiency.	adverse impact.
The leader produces clear,	The leader's decisions	The leader provides limited	The leader provides little or no
convincing, and consistent	consistently demonstrate an	evidence that demonstrates	evidence that demonstrate
evidence that demonstrates an	understanding of learning,	understanding of learning,	awareness of learning, teaching,
understanding of learning,	teaching, and student	teaching, and student	and student development to

teaching, and student development to inform all	development.	development to inform decisions or is inconsistent in using this	inform decisions.
decisions and continuously uses this information to enhance teaching and learning. The leader produces clear,	The leader produces clear evidence of making most decisions in a way that supports the school's vision and mission regarding student learning and	information to enhance decisions about teaching and learning. The leader produces limited evidence that the school's vision	The leader produces little to no evidence of making decisions that are linked to the school's vision and mission.
convincing, and consistent evidence that, on an ongoing basis, all decisions are made in a way that promotes the school's vision and mission.	faculty proficiency.	and mission impacts decision making.	Decisions adverse to student growth and/or faculty development are made.
Effective decision-making practices are frequently shared with other administrators and colleagues throughout the system.			
Leadership Evidence of profici			proficiency may be seen in the
seen in the leader's behaviors of		behaviors or actions of the facu	
of such evidence may include, b	but are not limited to the	community. Illustrative example	
following:		include, but are not limited to th	
leader is focused on student g proficiency.		an emphasis on vision, mission proficiency requirements.	sion-making process that reflects on, student learning, and teacher
Staff evaluations and professi		Teachers can recall decisions	
emphasize student learning o			edule to support student learning.
<ul> <li>Documents showing the development and modification of teacher and student schedules are based on data about student needs.</li> </ul>		and faculty proficiency as price	ng minutes reflect student learning prity issues. prity attention to issues impacting
<ul> <li>Leader's meeting schedules reflect recurring attention to student learning and faculty proficiency issues.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>student learning and teacher proficiency.</li> <li>Principal's secretary prioritizes mail based on relation to student</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Artifacts substantiating school improvement and curriculum review/revision are based on student learning needs or assessments of teacher proficiency.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>learning and faculty growth.</li> <li>Office staff handles routine evinstructional and faculty deveinstructional</li> </ul>	vents to protect leader's time for
	proficiency on this indicator.	<ul> <li>Other impact evidence of pro</li> </ul>	

proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels below. If not being rated at this time, leave blank:

 [] Highly Effective
 [] Effective
 [] Needs Improvement
 [] Unsatisfactory

 Evidence Log (Specifically, what has been observed that reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The examples above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of what is expected):

# **Reflection Questions for Indicator 6.1**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
What procedures have you established to increase professional knowledge opportunities for colleagues across the school system?	What system do you use to prioritize learning needs and empower faculty to create individual learning plans?	What strategies have you employed to meet the learning needs of your faculty, from novice to veteran to expert?	How should your awareness of learning, teaching, and student development inform decisions? How might you better align your
How do you promote and foster continuous improvement with new staff? What changes might you make to your decision- making process for further improvement?	How might you reinforce and establish your efforts so that direct reports and your entire school community understand the link between decisions and your priorities?	Why is it necessary to explicitly reference your vision and mission, even though they are visibly posted in high traffic areas of your school?	decisions with the vision and mission of your school?

Narrative: Problem solving is an essential support to decision making. The leader's skill in using thinking skills and data to define problems and identify solutions is the focus here.

Highly Effective: Leader's	Effective: Leader's actions or	Needs Improvement:	Unsatisfactory: Leader's
actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models	impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work	Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of	actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having ar
of proficiency for other leaders.	with only normal variations.	insufficient scope or proficiency.	adverse impact.
The leader demonstrates the ability to construct a clear and insightful problem statement with evidence of relevant contextual factors. The leader identifies multiple approaches for solving a problem and proposes one or more solutions/hypotheses that indicate a deep comprehension of the problem. The solutions are sensitive to contextual factors as well as all of the following: ethical, logical, and cultural dimensions of the problem. The leader's evaluation of solutions is comprehensive and includes all of the following: history of the problem, logic/reasoning, feasibility and impact of the solution. The solution is implemented in a manner that addresses each of the contextual factors of the problem.	The leader demonstrates the ability to construct a problem statement with evidence of most relevant contextual factors and the problem statement is adequately detailed. The leader identifies multiple approaches for solving a problem. The leader's solutions are sensitive to contextual factors as well as at least one of the following: ethical, logical, or cultural dimensions of the problem. Evaluation of solutions is adequate and includes: history of the problem, reviews logic and reasoning, examines feasibility of solution, and weighs impact. The solution is implemented and the results reviewed with some consideration for further work.	The leader is beginning to demonstrate the ability to construct a problem statement with evidence of most relevant contextual factors, but the problem statements are superficial or inconsistent in quality. Typically, a single "off the shelf" solution is identified rather than designing a solution to address the contextual factors. The solution is implemented in a manner that addresses the problem statement but ignores relevant factors. Results are reviewed with little, if any, consideration for further work.	The leader demonstrates a limited ability to identify a problem statement or related contextual factors. Solutions are vague or only indirectly address the problem statement. Solutions are implemented in a manner that does not directly address the problem statement and are reviewed superficially with no consideration for further work.
<ul> <li>Leadership Evidence of proficiency on this indicator may be seen in the leader's behaviors or actions. <u>Illustrative examples</u> of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:</li> <li>Samples of problem statements, contextual factors, recommended approaches, proposed solutions, evaluation, and review with consideration for further work are presented.</li> <li>A well-established problem-solving process can be described by the leader.</li> <li>Data records reveal the range of problems addressed and after-implementation data collections.</li> <li>Reports and newsletters to stakeholders inform of problems addressed and the impact of solutions implemented.</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>the leader.</li> <li>Teachers report a high degress olving process established b</li> <li>Teacher and/or students descent solving led by the school lead</li> </ul>	Ity, staff, students and/or <u>s</u> of such evidence may <u>e following:</u> st to the problem-solving skills of e of satisfaction with the problem- y the leader. pribe participating in problem er. ts (MTSS) is fully operational in aged in data-based problem
proficiency level by checking [] Highly Effective Evidence Log (Specifically,	one of the four proficiency lev	ence to rate current proficiency rels below. If not being rated a [] Needs Improvement reflects current proficiency on	t this time, leave blank: [] Unsatisfactory

Indicator 6.3 – Quality Control: The leader maintains recurring processes for evaluating decisions for effectiveness, equity, intended and actual outcome(s); implements follow-up actions revealed as appropriate by feedback and monitoring; and revises decisions or implementing actions as needed.

Reflection Questions for Indicator 6.2

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
What might be some of the things you learned about problem solving that will influence your leadership practice in the future?	What can you do to enable your sub-ordinate leaders to be more effective in problem solving?	What are some specific recollections (data) that come to mind that define your thinking about effective problem solving?	How would you describe your problem solving process?

Narrative: Decisions are made....but there is a follow-up process. What was the impact of the decisions? The focus here is the leader's follow-up on decisions and capacity to make revisions where needed.

Rating Rubric			
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders. The leader can provide clear and consistent evidence of decisions that have been changed based on new data. The leader has a regular pattern of decision reviews and previous decisions are reevaluated in light of the most current data. There is a culture of open acknowledgement of undesired outcomes in which the leader and everyone in the organization can discuss what is not working without fear of embarrassment or reprisal.	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. The leader has a record of evaluating and revising decisions based on new data. Review of decision and follow-up actions are consistently timely.	Needs Improvement: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. The leader has some processes for acquiring new information on impact of decisions and appears to be willing to reconsider previous decisions, but does not have a clear or consistent record of making changes.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. There is little or no evidence of reflection and reevaluation of previous decisions. Sub-ordinate leaders are not encouraged to evaluate prior decisions.
Leadership Evidence of proficiency on this indicator may be seen in the leader's behaviors or actions. <u>Illustrative examples</u> of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:		Impact Evidence of leadership proficiency may be seen in the behaviors or actions of the faculty, staff, students and/or community. <u>Illustrative examples</u> of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:	
<ul> <li>Examples of documents related to previous decisions that indicate re-evaluation in light of emerging data or trends.</li> <li>Evidence that re-evaluations in light of emerging data or trends resulted in changes or adjustments in actions.</li> <li>A well-articulated problem-solving process can be produced.</li> <li>Principal's work schedule reflects time for monitoring the implementation of priority decisions.</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Teachers can attest to having participated in a re-evaluation of a decision based on emerging trends and data.</li> <li>Teachers report confidence in the decisions being made by the leader.</li> <li>Sub-ordinate leaders' records reveal time committed to gathering data and following up on impact and implementation of leader's decisions.</li> <li>Sub-ordinate leaders' records reveal time committed to gathering data and following up on impact and implementation of leader's decisions.</li> <li>Sub-ordinate leaders' records reveal time committed to gathering data and following up on impact and implementation of the sub-ordinate leaders' decisions.</li> <li>Other impact evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>	
Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evidence to rate current proficiency on this indicator, assign a proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels below. If not being rated at this time, leave blank:         [] Highly Effective       [] Effective       [] Needs Improvement       [] Unsatisfactory			

**Evidence Log** (Specifically, what has been observed that reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The examples above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of what is expected):

# **Reflection Questions for Indicator 6.3**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
How do you continue to clarify the decision-making process in a dynamic, changing environment?	Why is it necessary for you as a school leader to reevaluate prior decisions and programs in light of emerging research, personal experience, and changing situations?	What will you do from now on to ensure previous decisions and programs are revisited and evaluated on a routine basis?	When do you take time with your leadership team to reflect on decisions that have been made? In what ways do you evaluate decisions on the basis of student achievement?

# Indicator 6.4 – Distributive Leadership: The leader empowers others and distributes leadership when appropriate.

Narrative: A school is too complex for one person to make all decisions. Some of the functions of leadership must be shared with others. Developing capacity for success in a workforce requires enabling other people to be responsible for meaningful decisions. The leader's capacity to share the "right stuff" and distribute decision making among other appropriate staff is the focus here.

Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders.         Innovation and improvement in instructional processes, faculty development, or school operations have resulted from distributive leadership.         The leader encourages staff members to accept leadership responsibilities outside of the school building.         The leader incorporates teacher and support staff into leadership and decision-making roles in the school in ways that foster the career development of participating	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. The leader creates opportunities for staff to demonstrate leadership skills by allowing them to assume leadership and decision-making roles. The leader supports the decisions made as part of the collective decision-making process. Decision-making delegations are clear: Sub-ordinates know what decisions are made by the leader, which by the leader after input from others, and which are delegated to sub-ordinates to decide.	Needs Improvement: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. Some well-understood leadership roles other than the school principal are functioning and contributing to effective and timely decisions on some school priorities, but there are recurring delays in reaching decisions on other issues. Decisions are often rushed or made without appropriate input due to lack of planning and implementation of development activities by staff members.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. There is no or only minimal evidence that anyone other than the principal has a meaningful role in making timely decisions. The leader rarely seeks input on significant issues from a variety of stakeholder groups (e.g. faculty leaders, teachers, student, parents, community, or business leaders).
<ul> <li>teachers.</li> <li>Leadership Evidence of proficiency on this indicator may be seen in the leader's behaviors or actions. Illustrative examples of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:</li> <li>Organizational charts or other documents reveal how leadership is distributed and informs who is involved in what.</li> <li>School improvement plan process reflects involvement by a variety of parties.</li> <li>Evidence of shared decision-making and distributed leadership</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Impact Evidence of leadership proficiency may be seen in the behaviors or actions of the faculty, staff, students and/or community. <u>Illustrative examples</u> of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:</li> <li>Sub-ordinate leaders and teacher leaders report meaningful roles in decision making.</li> <li>Minutes, agendas, and other records of meetings held by sub-ordinate leaders reflect their involvement in significant decision making.</li> </ul>	

<ul> <li>is present in leader's memorandums, e-mails, and other communications.</li> <li>Leader's communication to faculty and stakeholders recognizes the role of those to whom leadership functions were distributed.</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Teachers are able to identify which colleagues have a leadership or decision making role in any given issue.</li> <li>Teacher and or parent surveys reflect satisfaction with access to sub-ordinate and teacher leaders rather than requiring access only to the principal.</li> <li>Other impact evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>
Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evid proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency le [] Highly Effective [] Effective Evidence Log (Specifically, what has been observed tha examples above are illustrative and do not reflect an excl	[] Needs Improvement         [] Unsatisfactory           t reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The

# **Reflection Questions for Indicator 6.4**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
To what extent do you have a systematic process in place for delegating authority to	How might you increase the range and scope of tasks and responsibilities you delegate to	Under what circumstances would you be willing to release increased decision-making	What factors prevent you from releasing responsibilities to staff?
subordinates?	key individuals or teams?	authority to your staff and faculty?	
	In what areas do faculty and staff bring expertise that will improve the quality of decisions at your	How might you use the function of delegation to empower staff	
	school?	and faculty at your school?	

Indicator 6.5 – Technology Integration: The leader employs effective technology integration to enhance decision making and efficiency throughout the school. The leader processes changes and captures opportunities available through social networking tools, accesses and processes information through a variety of online resources, incorporates data-driven decision making with effective technology integration to analyze school results, and develops strategies for coaching staff as they integrate technology into teaching, learning, and assessment processes.

Narrative: Technology was a separate standard in the 2005 Florida Principal Leadership Standards (FPLS). By 2011 the state had made great strides toward accepting technology into the schools. In the 2011 FPLS, technology moved from a separate general "pro-technology" standard to focused <u>applications</u> of technology embedded in several standards. This indicator focuses on technology integration and the leader's use of technology to improve decision-making processes in several priority areas.

Highly Effective: Leader's	Effective: Leader's actions or	Needs Improvement:	Unsatisfactory: Leader's
actions or impact of leader's actions	impact of leader's actions relevant to	Leader's actions or impact of leader's	actions or impact of leader's actions
relevant to this indicator exceed	this indicator are sufficient and	actions relevant to this indicator are	relevant to this indicator are minimal
effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders.	appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations.	evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency.	or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact.
The leader mentors other school	Technology support for decision-	Technology support for decision-	There is no or only minimal
leaders on effective means of	making processes is provided for	making processes is provided for	evidence that decision-making
acquiring technology and	all of the staff involved in	some, but not all of the staff	prioritization, problem solving,
integrating it into the decision-	decision making on school	involved in decision making on	decision evaluation or distributed
making process.	instructional and faculty	school instructional and faculty	leadership processes are
	improvement efforts.	improvement efforts.	supported by technology
The leader provides direct mentoring and coaching	Technology integration supports	Technology integration supports	integration.

supports so that new staff and new sub-ordinate leaders are quickly engaged in effective use of technology supports needed to enhance decision-making quality.	all of the following processes: decision-making prioritization, problem solving, decision evaluation and distributed leadership. Engages sub-ordinate leaders in developing strategies for coaching staff on integration of technology.	some, but not all of the following processes: decision-making prioritization, problem solving, decision evaluation and distributed leadership.	Decision making is not supported by a well-understood system of procedures to identify problems and generate solutions. Technology integration does not support data exchanges, project management, and feedback processes.	
seen in the leader's behaviors	<b>Leadership Evidence</b> of proficiency on this indicator may be seen in the leader's behaviors or actions. Illustrative examples of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:		<b>Impact Evidence</b> of leadership proficiency may be seen in the behaviors or actions of the faculty, staff, students and/or community. <u>Illustrative examples</u> of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:	
<ul> <li>School improvement plan reflects technology integration as a support in improvement plans.</li> <li>Leader has a technology integration plan used to provide technology supports to the degree possible with available resources.</li> <li>School website provides stakeholders with information about and access to the leader.</li> <li>Technology tools are used to aid in data collection and analyses and distribution of data findings.</li> <li>Evidence that shared decision -making and distributed leadership is supported by technology.</li> <li>Technology used to enhance coaching and mentoring functions.</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Sub-ordinate leaders integrate technology into their work functions and use technology to streamline the process.</li> <li>Data from faculty that supports decision making and monitoring impact of decisions are shared via technology.</li> <li>PowerPoint presentations, e-mails, and web pages of faculty members support involvement in decision making and dissemination of decisions made.</li> <li>Faculty use social network methods to involve students and parents in data collection that supports decision making and to inform stakeholders of decisions made.</li> <li>Other impact evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>		
proficiency level by checking [] Highly Effective	one of the four proficiency lev [] <b>Effective</b>	ence to rate current proficiency vels below. If not being rated at [] Needs Improvement	t this time, leave blank: [] Unsatisfactory	
	what has been observed that not reflect an exclusive list of	reflects current proficiency on twhat is expected):	this indicator? The examples	

### **Reflection Questions for Indicator 6.5**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
To what extent do you have a systematic process in place for integrating new technology so that faculty and students are keeping pace with the communications and thinking supports used in the emerging	How might you increase the range and scope of technology integration to support communications and information acquisition processes used by faculty and staff?	Under what circumstances would you be willing to support increased use of technology to support efficiency in communication and decision- making processes?	What factors prevent you from supporting technology integration?
global economy?	How might the technology improve the quality of decisions at your school?	How might you use the function of delegation to empower staff and faculty at your school to make more proficient use of technology integration?	

Proficiency Area 7. <u>Leadership Development</u>: Effective school leaders actively cultivate, support, and develop other leaders within the organization, modeling trust, competency, and integrity in ways that positively impact and inspire growth in other potential leaders.

Narrative: This proficiency area aligns to Standard 7. Leaders are developed by other leaders. This is a process critical to an organization's capacity to improve over time and sustain quality processes. This proficiency area focuses on what leaders do to develop leadership in others.

Indicator 7.1 – Leadership Team: The leader identifies and cultivates potential and emerging leaders, promotes teacher-leadership functions focused on instructional proficiency and student learning, and aligns leadership development practices with system objectives, improvement planning, leadership proficiency needs, and appropriate instructional goals.

Narrative: The FPLS are based on a presumption that the school leader works with and through a team of other people to insure coordination and focus of school operations and improvements. Leadership teams get things done!

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Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders. The participants in the school's leadership team function independently with clear and efficient implementation of their role(s) and work in a collegial partnership with other leadership team participants to coordinate operations on student growth and faculty development. Leadership development processes employed by the school leader are shared with other school leaders as a model for developing quality leadership teams. The leader has specifically identified at least two emerging leaders in the past year, and has entered them into the ranks of leadership training or provided personal mentoring on site. Other school leaders cite this leader as a mentor in identifying and cultivating emergent leaders.	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. Those who are assigned or have accepted leadership functions have consistent support from the school leader in focusing their efforts on instructional improvement and faculty development. The leader has specifically identified and cultivated potential and emerging leaders for the major functions of the school. The leader has personally mentored at least one emerging leader to assume leadership responsibility in instructional leadership or at an administrative level, with positive results.	Needs Improvement: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. The leader has identified staff for leadership functions, follows district personnel guidelines for accepting applications for new leaders, but has not implemented any systemic process for identifying emergent leaders, or is inconsistent in application of such a process. The leader provides some training to some of the people assigned leadership functions, but does not involve staff other than those in the designated roles.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. The leader does not recognize the need for leadership by other people. Staff with leadership titles (e.g., department heads, team leaders, deans, assistant principals) has little or no involvement in processes that build leadership capacities. Persons under the leader's direction are unable or unwilling to assume added responsibilities. There is no or only minimal evidence of effort to develop leadership potential in others.
Leadership Evidence of proficiency on this indicator may be seen in the leader's behaviors or actions. Illustrative examples of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:		Impact Evidence of leadership behaviors or actions of the facu community. <u>Illustrative example</u> include, but are not limited to th	lty, staff, students and/or <u>s</u> of such evidence may
<ul> <li>Organizational charts identify the leadership roles and team members.</li> <li>The leader has a system for identifying and mentoring potential leaders.</li> <li>The leader can cite examples in which s/he coached several emerging leaders to assume greater levels of responsibility within the organization.</li> <li>Minutes, e-mails, and memorandums reflecting exchanges among leadership team members are focused on school improvement goals, student growth, and faculty development.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>supported and encouraged.</li> <li>Current leadership team mem mentoring they receive from the leadership.</li> </ul>	and develop leadership that leadership development is obers can describe training or he school leader regarding sses that encourage them to be

•	The leader's communications to faculty and stakeholders reflect
	recognition of the leadership team.
•	Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator

roles. Other impact evidence of proficiency on this indicator.

Indicator 7.2 – Delegation: The leader establishes delegated areas of responsibility for sub-ordinate leaders				
and manages delegation and	trust processes that ena	able such leaders to initiate p	ojects or tasks, plan,	
implement, monitor, provide	quality control, and br	ing projects and tasks to clos	ure.	
Scale Levels: (choose one) W	here there is sufficient ev	vidence to rate current proficien	cy on this indicator, assign a	
proficiency level by checking o	ne of the four proficiency	levels below. If not being rated	at this time, leave blank:	
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Evidence Log (Specifically, wl	hat has been observed th	nat reflects current proficiency o	n this indicator? The examples	
above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of what is expected):				

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### **Reflection Questions for Indicator 7.1**

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Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
How do you provide guidance and mentorship to emerging leaders outside of your personal job description and leadership responsibilities? How would you describe the system you use to ensure that emerging leaders pursue job opportunities when they are available? How might you embed this preparation into their job duties, and what changes will you need to make to help build such leadership capacity at your school?	How have you designed the school improvement process to develop leadership capacity from existing faculty? What strategies and lessons might you impart to your direct reports to better prepare them for expanded leadership opportunities?	What process do you employ to encourage participation in leadership development? When do you release responsibility to your assistants to own key decisions? How do you leverage school improvement activities to build leadership capacity for assistants and emerging teacher leaders?	What process is available to you that help you screen and develop potential leaders? How might you spend time explicitly preparing your assistants to assume your role as principal? What steps would you take to spend more time in preparing your assistants to assume your role as principal?

Narrative: Leadership teams engage other skilled people in the business of the school. However, involvement does not insure effective organizations. This indicator focuses on the distribution of responsibility and whether sub-ordinate leaders have been delegated all that is needed to succeed.

Rating Rubric			
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders.	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations.	Needs Improvement: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact.
Staff throughout the organization is empowered in formal and informal ways. Faculty members participate in the facilitation of meetings and	There is a clear pattern of delegated decisions, with authority to match responsibility at every level in the organization. The relationship of authority and	The leader sometimes delegates, but also maintains decision-making authority that could be delegated to others.	The leader does not afford subordinates the opportunity or support to develop or to exercise independent judgment.
exercise leadership in committees and task forces; other employees, including noncertified staff, exercise appropriate authority and assume leadership roles where appropriate.	responsibility and delegation of authority is clear in personnel documents, such as evaluations, and also in the daily conduct of meetings and organizational business.	Clarity of the scope of delegated authority is inconsistent from one delegation to another. Actions taken by those to who tasks are delegated are sometimes overruled without explanation.	If delegation has occurred there is a lack of clarify on what was to be accomplished or what resources were available to carry out delegated tasks.

The climate of trust and delegation in this organization contributes directly to the identification and empowerment of the next generation of leadership.	Impact Evidence of leadership proficiency may be seen in the	
seen in the leader's behaviors or actions. Illustrative examples	behaviors or status of the faculty and staff. Illustrative	
of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the	examples of such evidence may include, but are not limited to	
following:	the following:	
<ul> <li>A Responsibility Matrix or chart of "who does what" provides evidence that the leader trust others within the school by identifying how leadership responsibilities are delegated to other faculty members on his or her staff.</li> <li>The leader's processes keep people from performing redundant activities.</li> <li>The leader has crafted "job descriptions" for sub-ordinate leaders' roles that clarify what they are to do and have the delegated authority to do.</li> <li>Communications to delegated leaders provide predetermined decision-making responsibility.</li> <li>Documents initiating projects and tasks identify personal responsibility for success at the beginning of the project.</li> <li>Delegation and trust are evident in personnel evaluations.</li> <li>Delegation and trust are evident in the school improvement plan as a variety of school staffs are identified as being directly responsible for various components of the planning effort.</li> <li>Meeting minutes provide evidence of delegation and trust being extended to select members of the faculty.</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>		
Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evide	ence to rate current proficiency on this indicator, assign a	
proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency lev		
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<b>Evidence Log (</b> Specifically, what has been observed that above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of	reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The examples what is expected):	

### **Reflection Questions for Indicator 7.2**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
To what extent do you have a systematic process in place for delegating authority to subordinates?	How might you increase the range and scope of tasks and responsibilities you delegate to key individuals or teams?	Under what circumstances would you be willing to release increased decision-making authority to your staff and faculty?	What factors prevent you from releasing responsibilities to staff?
	In what areas do faculty and staff bring expertise that will improve the quality of decisions at your school?	How might you use the function of delegation to empower staff and faculty at your school?	

# Indicator 7.3 – Succession Planning: The leader plans for and implements succession management in key positions.

Narrative: When the leader is off campus – who is in charge? When the leader changes jobs or retires, who is prepared to take over? What about the school's subs-ordinate leaders? Who takes over for them? Succession planning is building relationships and preparation processes for involving others in ways that prepare them to move into key positions as they become vacant.

Rating Rubric			
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders.	<b>Effective:</b> Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations.	<b>Needs Improvement:</b> Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact.
In addition to the practices at the effective level, the leader systematically evaluates the success of the succession program, making adjustments as needed and engaging sub- ordinate leaders in succession management processes in their own areas of responsibility. Central office personnel rely upon this leader to share highly successful succession planning practices with other leaders throughout the district.	The leader proficiently implements a plan for succession management in key positions that includes identification of key and hard-to- fill positions for which critical competencies have been identified. In conjunction with central office staff, the leader identifies and evaluates applicant pools, collects information on competency levels of employees in identified applicant pools and identifies competency gaps. Based on an analysis of these gaps, the leader develops and uses programs and strategies for smooth succession including temporary strategies for getting work done during vacancy periods.	Inasmuch as the leader understands the need to establish a plan for succession management, the plan remains simply that - a plan - as thoughts about the plan and its component parts have yet to be implemented. The leader primarily relies on central office staff to identify and evaluate applicant pools, the competency levels of employees in identified applicant pools, and the competency gaps. Little to no effort on the part of the leader is made to increase the competency level of the potential successor leaders within the faculty or such efforts are limited in scope.	The leader takes little or no actions to establish a plan for succession management. Staffs are hired to fill vacancies in key positions that do not possess the critical instructional capabilities required of the school, which compromises the school's efforts to increase student academic achievement, and no processes to remedy the trend are taken.
Leadership Evidence of profic seen in the leader's behaviors of of such evidence may include, b following:	or actions. <u>Illustrative examples</u>	<b>Impact Evidence</b> of leadership proficiency may be seen in the behaviors or status of the faculty and staff. <u>Illustrative</u> <u>examples</u> of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:	
<ul> <li>Documents generated by or at the direction of the leader establish a clear pattern of attention to individual professional development that addresses succession management priorities.</li> <li>The leader has processes to monitor potential staff departures.</li> <li>The leader accesses district applicant pools to review options as soon as district processes permit.</li> <li>Informal dialogues with faculty routinely explore their interests in expanded involvement and future leadership roles.</li> <li>Leader has documents or processes to inform potential leaders of the tasks and qualifications involved in moving into leadership roles.</li> <li>A succession management plan that identifies succession problems, key and hard-to-fill positions for which critical competencies have been identified, and key contacts within the school community.</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> <li>Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evidence to rate current proficiency on this indicator, assign a proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels below. If not being rated at this time, leave blank:         <ul> <li>I Highly Effective</li> <li>I Effective</li> <li>I Needs Improvement</li> <li>I Needs Improvement</li> <li>I unsatisfactory</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			in key and hard-to-fill positions a principal has identified various r key or hard-to-fill leadership riding the leader feedback as to ency for which the leader has ng experiences. arent processes for being itions within the school. other faculty in competency em for future leadership roles. iciency on this indicator. on this indicator, assign a t this time, leave blank: [] Unsatisfactory
above are illustrative and do	not reflect an exclusive list of	what is expected):	

Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
ips: The leader develops	s sustainable and support	tive relationships
parents, community, hig	her education, and busine	ess leaders.
In what ways are you interacting with central office personal to share highly effective succession planning practices with other leaders throughout the district? What are some of your strategies you have employed that help your school get work done during	What are the key components of within your succession management plan? What might be the one or two personal leadership practices to which you will pay particular attention as you implement your succession management plan?	In what ways would a plan for succession management be helpful to you as you move to replace key and hard-to-fill positions at your school?
P livsple Vyy	ips: The leader develops parents, community, hig n what ways are you interacting with central office personal to hare highly effective succession planning practices with other eaders throughout the district? What are some of your strategies you have employed that help	ips: The leader develops sustainable and support parents, community, higher education, and businein what ways are you interacting with central office personal to hare highly effective succession alanning practices with other eaders throughout the district?What are the key components of within your succession management plan?What are some of your strategies rou have employed that help rour school get work done duringWhat are some of your strategies attention as you implement your succession management plan?

Narrative: This is a fundamentally important skill set. Leaders get quality work done through other people. The skill set of relationship building, including networking and engaging others in a shared vision, are hallmarks of quality leaders.

Rating Rubric			
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders. While maintaining on-site work relationships with faculty and students as a priority, the leader finds ways to develop, support, and sustain key stakeholder relationships with parent organizations, community leaders, and businesses, and mentors other school leaders in quality relationship building. The leader has effective relationships throughout all stakeholder groups and models effective relationship building for other school leaders.	<b>Effective:</b> Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. The leader systematically (e.g., has a plan, with goals, measurable strategies, and a frequent-monthly-monitoring schedule) networks with all key stakeholder groups (e.g., school leaders, parents, community members, higher education, and business leaders) in order to cultivate, support, and develop potential and emerging leaders. Leader has effective collegial relationships with most faculty and subordinates.	Needs Improvement: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. The leader is inconsistent in planning and taking action to network with stakeholder groups (e.g., school leaders, parents, community members, higher education, and business leaders) to support leadership development. Relationship skills are employed inconsistently.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. The leader makes no attempt to or has difficulty working with a diverse group of people. Consequently, the leader does not network with individuals and groups in other organizations to build collaborative partnerships in support of leadership development.
<ul> <li>Leadership Evidence of proficiency on this indicator may be seen in the leader's behaviors or actions. <u>Illustrative examples</u> of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:</li> <li>Documentation can be provided describing the leader's plan—with goals, measurable strategies, and a frequent-monthly-monitoring schedule—to develop sustainable and supportive relationships with key stakeholder groups in support of potential and emerging leaders.</li> <li>Documentation can be provided as to the relationships with other building leaders the leader has established in support of potential and emerging leaders within the school.</li> <li>Documentation can be provided as to the relationships with parents, community members, higher education, and business leaders the leader has established in support of potential and emerging leaders within the school.</li> <li>Other leaders within the school.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Impact Evidence of leadership proficiency may be seen in the behaviors or status of the faculty and staff. Illustrative</li> <li>examples of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:</li> <li>Parents report that the leader has developed sustainable and supportive relations with them in support of potential and emerging leaders at the school.</li> <li>Community members report that the leader has developed sustainable and sustainable and supportive relations with the sections with them in support of potential and emerging leaders at the school.</li> <li>Higher education members within the area report that the leader has developed sustainable and supportive relations with them in support of potential and emerging leaders at the school.</li> <li>Business leaders within the area report that the leader has developed sustainable and supportive relations with them in support of potential and emerging leaders at the school.</li> </ul>	

Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evidence to rate current proficiency on this indicator, assign a			
proficiency level by checking one of t	he four proficiency lev	els below. If not being rated at th	is time, leave blank:
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Evidence Log (Specifically, what has	s been observed that r	eflects current proficiency on this	indicator? The examples
above are illustrative and do not refle	above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of what is expected):		

### **Reflection Questions for Indicator 7.4**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
In what ways might you further extend your reach within the district to help others throughout the district benefit from your knowledge and skill in establishing relationships among key stakeholder groups?	What strategies are you employing so you can share your experiences relative to establishing relationships with key stakeholders to support potential and emerging leaders?	In what ways are you working to establish networks with key stakeholder groups to cultivate and support potential and emerging leaders in your school?	How might your relationships with faculty and key stakeholder groups help to cultivate and support potential and emerging leaders in your school?

Proficiency Area 8. <u>School Management</u>: Effective school leaders manage the organization, operations, and facilities in ways that maximize the use of resources to promote a safe, efficient, legal, and effective learning environment; effectively manage and delegate tasks and consistently demonstrate fiscal efficiency; and understand the benefits of going deeper with fewer initiatives as opposed to superficial coverage of everything.

Narrative: This proficiency area aligns with Standard 8. A school is an "organization." School leaders manage implementation of many rules, regulations, and policies. However, the "organization" is the people working together to provide learning to students. What leaders do to manage those people and the environment in which they work is the focus of this area.

Indicator 8.1 – Organizational Skills: The leader organizes time, tasks, and projects effectively with clear objectives, coherent plans, and establishes appropriate deadlines for self, faculty, and staff.

Narrative: Time, tasks, and projects all need organization to have the desired impact. This indicator focuses on the key aspects of organization essential to school success.

Rating Rubric			
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders.         The leader uses project management as a teaching device, helping others understand the interrelationship of complex project milestones throughout the organization.         The leader uses complex project management to build system thinking throughout the organization.         Project plans are visible in heavily trafficked areas, so that accomplishments are publicly celebrated and project challenges are open for input from a wide variety of sources.	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. Project management documents are revised and updated as milestones are achieved or deadlines are changed. The leader understands the impact of a change in a milestone or deadline on the entire project, and communicates those changes to the appropriate people in the organization. Task and project management and tracking of deadlines are routinely monitored with an emphasis of issues related to instruction and faculty development.	Needs Improvement: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. Project management methodologies are vague or it is unclear how proposed project management tools will work together in order to help keep tasks and projects on time and within budget. The impact of changes in an action plan or deadline is inconsistently documented and communicated to people within the organization.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. There is little or no evidence of time, task or project management focused on goals, resources, timelines, and results.
Successful project results can be documented.			
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<ul> <li>input from a variety of source</li> <li>Examples of timely completion improvement projects focused effectiveness, or legal complition</li> <li>Examples of multiple projects leader by strategically delegal responsibilities.</li> <li>School Improvement Plan implanning of tasks with clear strategically</li> </ul>	n of learning environment d on issues like safety, efficiency, ance. and timelines managed by the ting time, resources, and	<ul> <li>compliance with expectations</li> <li>Sub-ordinate leaders' records support to projects delegated the expenses are implemente</li> <li>Random sampling (informal ir consistent capacity of staff to tasks.</li> <li>Random sampling (informal ir consistent capacity of staff to</li> </ul>	reveal specific levels of fiscal to them and processes for tracking d. nterviews) with teachers reveals describe ongoing projects and nterviews) with teachers reveals describe how school leadership
<ul> <li>measure progress.</li> <li>Leadership responsibility mat management of tasks and pro- monitoring tasks.</li> </ul>	rix or chart describes how ojects are allocated and reflects	teachers reveal the preponde	d/or anecdotal information from rance of teacher meetings have ocused on system instructional

<ul> <li>School financial information showing meeting deadlines and procedures and processes for assessing the adequacy of fiscal resources budgeted to tasks. (Is there a way to recognize when funds will run short or if there will be an excess which can be repurposed?)</li> <li>Examples of "systems planning tools" (e.g., tree diagram, matrix diagram, flowchart, PERT Chart, Gant Chart) are used that display the chronological interdependence of the project events that unfold over time.</li> <li>Tasks and reports for parties outside the school are monitored for timely completion.</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>School-wide teacher questionnaire results related to school management issues reflect awareness of a positive impact of organization on school operations.</li> <li>Teachers are aware of time and task management processes and contribute data to them.</li> <li>Other impact evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>	
Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evide	ence to rate current proficiency on this indicator, assign a	
proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency lev	els below. If not being rated at this time, leave blank:	
[] Highly Effective [] Effective	[] Needs Improvement [] Unsatisfactory	
<b>Evidence Log</b> (Specifically, what has been observed that	reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The examples	
above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of what is expected):		

### **Reflection Questions for Indicator 8.1**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
How much of your work on	To what extent are tasks and	How do you ensure unanticipated	What changes in your practice are
organization of time and	major tasks delineated in your	changes do not derail or prevent	needed to ensure necessary
projects is reactive to establish	overall project design? What	completion of key projects at your	projects are identified, realistically
conformity with deadlines and	might you do to emphasize the	school?	designed, carefully implemented,
short term situations and how	most important components		and supported with sufficient time
much is proactive focused on	over minor tasks?	How do you monitor whether work	and resources?
creating capacity for		needed to meet deadlines is	
continuous improvement.?	How do you distinguish	proceeding at a necessary pace?	How to you distribute workloads
	between the support needed		so the appropriate people are
Are you able to identify and	for high priority projects and		involved and with sufficient clarity
articulate to others the	tasks that impact student		on goals and timeframes to get
systemic connections between	achievement or faculty		work done?
the various projects and tasks	development and compliance		
you manage?	with projects that have fixed		
	due dates for parties outside		
	the building?		

Indicator 8.2 – Strategic Instructional Resourcing: The leader maximizes the impact of school personnel, fiscal and facility resources to provide recurring systemic support for instructional priorities and a supportive learning environment.

Narrative: Resources are always limited. How well a leader does at putting resources where they are needed and when they are needed to support instructional goals is the focus here. Do teachers and students get what they need when they need it?

Highly Effective: Leader's	Effective: Leader's actions or	Needs Improvement:	Unsatisfactory: Leader's
actions or impact of leader's actions	impact of leader's actions relevant to	Leader's actions or impact of leader's	actions or impact of leader's actions
relevant to this indicator exceed	this indicator are sufficient and	actions relevant to this indicator are	relevant to this indicator are minimal
effective levels and constitute models	appropriate reflections of quality work	evident but are inconsistent or of	or are not occurring, or are having an
of proficiency for other leaders.	with only normal variations.	insufficient scope or proficiency.	adverse impact.
The leader regularly saves	The leader leverages knowledge	The leader sometimes meets	The leader has no clear plan for
resources of time and money for	of the budgeting process,	deadlines, but only at the	focusing resources on
the organization, and proactively	categories, and funding sources	expense of breaking the budget;	instructional priorities and little or
redeploys those resources to	to maximize all available dollars	or, the leader meets budgets, but	no record of keeping
help the organization achieve its	to achieve strategic priorities.	fails to meet deadlines.	commitments for schedules and
strategic priorities. Results			budgets.

### Indicator 8.3 – Collegial Learning Resources: The leader manages schedules, delegates, and

indicate the positive impact of redeployed resources in achieving strategic priorities. The leader has established processes to leverage existing limited funds and increase capacity through grants, donations, and community	The leader has a documented history of managing complex projects, meeting deadlines, and keeping budget commitments. The leader documents a process to direct funds to increase student achievement that is based on best practice and	The leader lacks proficiency in using the budget to focus resources on school improvement priorities. Resources are not committed or used until late in the year or are carried over to another year due	
resourcefulness.	leveraging of antecedents of excellence in resources, time, and instructional strategies.	to lack of planning and coordination. The leader makes minimal attempts to secure added resources.	
Leadership Evidence of profic		Impact Evidence of leadership proficiency may be seen in the	
	or actions. <u>Illustrative examples</u>	behaviors or status of the faculty and staff. <u>Illustrative</u>	
of such evidence may include,	but are not limited to the	examples of such evidence may include, but are not limited to	
following:		<ul> <li>the following:</li> <li>School-wide teacher questionnaire results reveal satisfaction</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>School financial information shows alignment of spending with instructional needs.</li> </ul>		with resources provided for instructional and faculty	
	aculties that indicate clear protocols	development.	
for accessing school resources.		Staff receipt books, activity agreements, and fundraiser request	
School Improvement Plan and spending plans are aligned.		reflect priority attention to instructional needs.	
<ul> <li>Leader's documents reveal recurring involvement in aligning time, facility use, and human resources with priority school</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Teachers can describe the process for accessing and spending money in support of instructional priorities.</li> </ul>	
needs.		Teachers can provide examples of resource problems being	
	use of the facility reflect attention	taken on by school leadership as a priority issue to be resolved.	
to instructional priorities.		Other impact evidence of proficiency on this indicator.	
Other leadership evidence of	proticiency on this indicator.		
Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evidence to rate current proficiency on this indicator, assign a proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels below. If not being rated at this time, leave blank: <ul> <li>[] Highly Effective</li> <li>[] Effective</li> <li>[] Needs Improvement</li> <li>[] Unsatisfactory</li> </ul>			
		reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The example	
above are illustrative and do	not reflect an exclusive list of	what is expected):	

### **Reflection Questions for Indicator 8.2**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
How would you describe the systematic method for pursuing grants, partnerships, and combining community resources you have implemented to support increases to student achievement?	To what extent are faculty and staff aware of your budgeting expectations? How are your budgeting expectations delineated, published, and communicated?	Have there been instances in which you failed to meet deadlines or where expenditures resulted in budget overruns? What did you learn from that experience and how did you apply lessons from it?	When resources are limited, what actions do you take as the school leader to allocate them most efficiently?

# allocates resources to provide recurring systemic support for collegial learning processes focused on school improvement and faculty development.

Narrative: Team learning is an essential element in a learning organization. Does the leader provide needed supports to collegial learning? Are barriers to success removed? Everyone working in isolation reduces the probability of improvements. Collegial processes need resource support. This indicator assesses the leader's proficiency at providing that support.

Rating Rubric			
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders. The leader leverages knowledge of the budgeting process, categories, and funding sources to maximize the impact of available dollars on collegial processes and faculty development. Results indicate the positive impact of deployed resources in achieving a culture of deliberate practice focused on school improvement needs. The leader has established processes and faculty development through grants, business or higher education partnerships, and/or community	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. The leader has established routines regarding allocation of time and facility resources that result in wide faculty participation in collegial processes and faculty development. School fiscal resources are allocated to support collegial processes and faculty development. Clear delegations of responsibility are evident that involve highly effective faculty in sustaining collegial processes and faculty development.	Needs Improvement: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. The leader lacks proficiency in using budget, work schedules, and/ or delegation of involvement to focus time and resources on collegial processes and faculty development. There is a lack of sustained and focused resource allocation on these issues.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. The leader has little or no record of making plans or keeping commitments to provide resources or build schedules of events that support collegial processes and faculty development.
resourcefulness. Leadership Evidence of profic seen in the leader's behaviors of of such evidence may include, b following:	or actions. Illustrative examples	Impact Evidence of leadership behaviors or status of the facult examples of such evidence may the following:	y and staff. Illustrative
<ul> <li>School financial information ic support of collegial learning.</li> <li>Procedures for collegial group are provided to all faculties.</li> <li>Protocol for accessing school learning needs.</li> <li>School Improvement Plan refiteams.</li> <li>Leader's memorandums, e-m support for team learning prod digital participation on commution.</li> <li>Master schedules are modifie common planning times.</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of</li> </ul>	d to promote collegial use through proficiency on this indicator.	<ul> <li>Teachers routinely recount ex learning or problem solving fo</li> <li>Lesson study groups, PLC's, learning teams are operationa</li> <li>School-wide teacher question participation in collegial learnin</li> <li>Teachers' professional learnir in collegial learning.</li> <li>Department, team, or grade le their time to collegial learning</li> <li>Other impact evidence of prof</li> </ul>	al. naire results reflect teacher ng groups. ng plans incorporate participation evel meetings devote a majority of processes. ficiency on this indicator.
Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evidence to rate current proficiency on this indicator, assign a proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels below. If not being rated at this time, leave blank: <ul> <li>[] Highly Effective</li> <li>[] Effective</li> <li>[] Needs Improvement</li> <li>[] Unsatisfactory</li> </ul> <li>Evidence Log (Specifically, what has been observed that reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The examples</li>			

above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of what is expected):

### **Reflection Questions for Indicator 8.3**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
How would you describe the systematic method for pursuing grants, partnerships, and combining community resources you have implemented to support increases in the quality of collegial processes?	To what extent are faculty and staff aware of your focus on collegial processes? How are faculty given opportunities to request or recommend time or resource allocations that support collegial processes and faculty development?	Have there been instances in which you failed to act on opportunities to support collegial processes or faculty development? What did you learn from that experience and how did you apply lessons from it?	When resources are limited, what actions do you take as the school leader to reallocate them to the high impact functions like collegial processes and faculty development?

Proficiency Area 9. <u>Communication</u>: Effective school leaders use appropriate oral, written, and electronic communication and collaboration skills to accomplish school and system goals by:

- Practicing two-way communications, seeking to listen and learn from and building and maintaining relationships with students, faculty, parents, and community;
- Managing a process of regular communications to staff and community keeping all stakeholders engaged in the work of the school; and
- Recognizing individuals for good work; and maintaining high visibility at school and in the community.

Narrative: The "voice of the school" represents a core set of communication processes that shape perceptions about the school – the leader's communications central among them. The leader must manage the "voice of the school" so clear, coherent and accurate information flows to faculty, students, and stakeholders. The perceptions of those involved in the success of the school need to be heard, acknowledged, and understood.

Indicator 9.1 – Constructive Conversations: The leader actively listens to and learns from students, staff, parents, and community stakeholders and creates opportunities within the school to engage students, faculty, parents, and community stakeholders in constructive conversations about important issues.

Narrative: Skillful "speaking" is important. So is skillful listening. People can engage in conversation on many things, but some things are more important to school improvement than others. Making sure speaking and listening occurs on the important issues is a leader's task.

Ruting Rubino			
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders.         In addition to the practices at the effective level, the highly effective level, the highly effective leader routinely mentors others within the district to effectively employ key active listening skills (e.g. wait time, paraphrasing, asking clarifying questions) when interacting with diverse stakeholder groups about high achievement for all students.         There is evidence of the leader making use of what was learned in constructive conversations with others in the leader's subsequent actions, presentations, and adjustments to actions.	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. The leader systematically (e.g., has a plan, with goals, measurable strategies, and a frequent-monthly-monitoring schedule) and reciprocally listens to and communicates with students, parents, staff, and community using multiple methods (i.e., oral, written, and electronic) to seek input/ feedback and to inform instructional and leadership practices. The leader systematically communicates with diverse stakeholders about high achievement for all students.	Needs Improvement: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. The leader's involvement in regard to listening to and communicating with students, parents, staff, and community is primarily unplanned and/or initiated by others rather than the leader "reaching out." The leader has only a few methods to seek input/feedback with the intent to inform instructional and leadership practices. The leader's communications with stakeholders about high achievement for all students are not carefully planned and implemented.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. The leader's visibility within the community is virtually non- existent; conducts little to no interactions with stakeholders regarding the work of the school. The leader is isolated from students, parents, staff, and community and engages in no or minimal listening to and communicating with them to seek input/feedback and inform instructional and leadership practices. The leader avoids engaging faculty and/or stakeholders in conversations on controversial issues that need to be addressed in the interest of school
Leadership Evidence of profici	ency on this indicator may be	Impact Evidence of leadership	improvement. proficiency may be seen in the
seen in the leader's behaviors of	• •	behaviors or status of the faculty and staff. Illustrative	
of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:		examples of such evidence may the following:	
<ul> <li>Samples of communication methods used by the leader.</li> <li>A School Improvement Plan that demonstrates knowledge of the specific school community and the impact of community factors</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Students confirm that the lead effectively uses a wide variety describe expectations and see</li> </ul>	of methods of communication to

<ul> <li>on learning needs of students and faculty.</li> <li>A school-wide plan to engage families and community in understanding student needs and participating in school improvement efforts.</li> <li>Evidence of opportunities for families to provide feedback about students' educational experiences.</li> <li>Logs of community interaction (e.g., number of volunteers, community members in the school, telephone conversations and community presence at school activities).</li> <li>Leader writes articles for school or community newspapers.</li> <li>Leader makes presentations at PTSA or community organizations.</li> <li>Leader hosts informal "conversations" with faculty, parents, and/or business leaders to share perceptions about the school and pertinent educational issues.</li> <li>The leader can identify influential "opinion leaders" in the school community and has processes for engaging them in school improvement efforts.</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Faculty members confirm that the leader is a good listener and effectively uses a wide variety of methods of communication to describe expectations and seek input/feedback.</li> <li>Parents and community members confirm that the leader is a good listener and effectively uses a wide variety of methods of communication to describe expectations and seek input/feedback.</li> <li>Local newspaper articles report involvement of school leader and faculty in school improvement actions.</li> <li>Letters and e-mails from stakeholders reflect exchanges on important issues.</li> <li>Other impact evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>
Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evide proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency level	vels below. If not being rated at this time, leave blank:
	[] Needs Improvement [] Unsatisfactory
	reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The examples
above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of	what is expected):

### **Reflection Questions for Indicator 9.1**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
How might you further expand your influence over your colleagues within the district relative to the implementation of effective listening and communication techniques?	What support might you provide your colleagues within the school that would help them become as capable in the area of listening and communicating as you?	How would you describe your efforts to implement a plan to communicate with various stakeholders within your school community? What might be some of the things you are taking away from this experience that will influence your communication practice in the future?	How might listening with the intent to learn from students, staff, parents, and community stakeholders be beneficial to the successful operation of the school?

Narrative: Proficiency in the competencies addressed in this indicator impacts success on many other indicators. The most successful school leaders are able to provide clear goals and expectations on every aspect of school operations and instructional leadership. You need to do the "school leader's two step." Having clear goals and expectations is step one, communicating them so others can act on them is step two.

Indicator 9.2 – Clear Goals and Expectations: The leader communicates goals and expectations clearly and concisely using Florida's common language of instruction and appropriate written and oral skills, communicates student expectations and performance information to students, parents, and community, and ensures faculty receives timely information about student learning requirements, academic standards, and all other local, state, and federal administrative requirements and decisions.

Rating Rubric				
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders. Clear evidence communication on goals and expectations is present, including open forums, focus groups, surveys, personal visits, and use of available	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. The leader conducts frequent interactions with students, faculty, and stakeholders to communicate and enforce clear expectations, structures, and fair	Needs Improvement: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. Expectations and goals are provided and communicated in a timely, comprehensible and actionable form regarding some student and faculty performance	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. Expectations and goals regarding student and faculty performance are not provided or are not communicated in a timely, comprehensible and	
technology. Ensures that all community stakeholders and educators are aware of the school goals for instruction, student achievement, and strategies and progress toward meeting these goals. The leader coaches others within the district to effectively employ the Florida common language of instruction in communicating school goals and expectations.	rules and procedures. Utilizes a system of open communication that provides for the timely, responsible sharing of information with the school community using a variety of formats in multiple ways through different media in order to ensure communication with all members of the school community. Is proficient in use of the Florida common language of instruction to align school goals with district and state initiatives.	issues. Designs a system of open communication that provides for the timely, responsible sharing of information to, from, and with the school community on goals and expectations, but it is inconsistently implemented. Has a limited capacity to employ Florida's common language of instruction in aligning school goals and expectations with district and state initiatives.	actionable form. The leader's actions demonstrate a lack of understanding of the importance of establishing clear expectations, structures, rules, and procedures for students and staff. Uses terms in the Florida common language of instruction incorrectly thus misguiding others.	
Leadership Evidence of profic seen in the leader's behaviors of of such evidence may include, I following:	or actions. Illustrative examples	Impact Evidence of leadership behaviors or status of the facult <u>examples</u> of such evidence may the following:	y and staff. Illustrative	
<ul> <li>Evidence of visibility and accessibility (e.g., agendas of meetings, newsletters, e-mail correspondence, appointment book, etc.) is provided.</li> <li>Evidence of formal and informal systems of communication that include a variety of formats (e.g., written, oral) in multiple ways through different media (e.g., newsletter, electronic) used to communicate goals and expectations for how to accomplish the goals.</li> <li>School safety and behavioral expectations are accessible to all.</li> <li>Dissemination of clear norms and ground rules for standards-based instruction and Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) is provided.</li> <li>School Improvement Plan is based on clear actionable goals.</li> <li>Leader is able to access Florida's common language of instruction via online resources.</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>				
Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evidence to rate current proficiency on this indicator, assign a proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels below. If not being rated at this time, leave blank:         [] Highly Effective       [] Effective       [] Needs Improvement       [] Unsatisfactory				
	[] Highly Effective [] Effective [] Needs Improvement [] Unsatisfactory Evidence Log (Specifically, what has been observed that reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The examples			

above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of what is expected):

Indicator 9.3 – Accessibility: Maintains high visibility at school and in the community, regularly engages stakeholders in the work of the school, and utilizes appropriate technologies for communication and collaboration.

#### **Reflection Questions for Indicator 9.2**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
What additional strategies have	How might you articulate to	How might you improve your	What are your priority goals for
you established to diffuse your practices on goals and	faculty the benefits that could be gained by the school if parents	consistency of interactions with stakeholders regarding the work	school improvement?
expectations among your	and community members	of the school?	How do you know whether
colleagues across the school	understood the rationale for most		others find them clear and
system?	decisions on goals and	Knowing that some teachers and	comprehensible?
	expectations?	parents are reluctant to initiate	
How does feedback from key		conversations with school	
stakeholder groups inform the		leaders, what strategies have	
work of the school?		you employed or considered in	
		which you—as the leader—	
		would initiate communication on	
		priority goals and expectations?	

Narrative: Leaders need to be seen by those they are to lead...and those who are asked to engage in rigorous effort on the leader's goals need access to the leader. While leaders must manage their time, they must also make sure those who need access can get it in reasonable ways and timeframes. In a 21<sup>st</sup> century technological society use of social networking and other technologies to promote accessibility is a valuable leadership competency.

Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders. In addition to the practices at the effective level, the leader initiates processes that promote sub- ordinate leaders access to all through a variety of methods stressing the need for engagement with stakeholder	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. Leader provides timely access to all through a variety of methods using staff and scheduling practices to preserve time on instructional priorities while providing processes to enable access for parents and	Needs Improvement:Leader's actions or impact of leader'sactions relevant to this indicator areevident but are inconsistent or ofinsufficient scope or proficiency.Leader's actions to be visibleand accessible are inconsistentor limited in scope.Limited use of technology toexpand access and involvement.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. Leader is not accessible to staff, student, or stakeholders and does not engage stakeholders in the work of the school. Leader has low visibility to students, staff, and community.
The leader serves as the "voice of the school" reaching out to stakeholders and advocating for school needs. The leader mentors other school leaders on quality processes for	community. Leader is consistently visible within the school and community focusing attention and involvement on school improvement and recognition of success.	Leadership is focused within the school with minimal outreach to stakeholders.	
accessibility, engaging stakeholders, and using technologies to expand impact.	Stakeholders have access via technology tools (e.g., e-mails, phone texts, video conferencing, websites) so that access is provided in ways that do not minimize the leader's time for instructional leadership and		

faculty development.		
<ul> <li>Leadership Evidence of proficiency on this indicator may be seen in the leader's behaviors or actions. <u>Illustrative examples</u> of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:</li> <li>Leader's work schedule reflects equivalent of two work days a week in classrooms and interacting with students and teachers on instructional issues.</li> <li>Meeting schedules reflect frequency of access by various stakeholders.</li> <li>Executive business partnerships engaging local business leaders in ongoing support of school improvement.</li> <li>E-mail exchanges with parents and other stakeholders.</li> <li>Websites or weblogs provide school messaging into the community.</li> <li>Leader has established policies that inform students, faculty, and parents on how to get access to the leader.</li> <li>Leader monitors office staff implementation of access policies to insure timely and responsive accessibility.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Impact Evidence of leadership proficiency may be seen in the behaviors or actions of the faculty, staff, students and/or community. Illustrative examples of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:</li> <li>School office staff have effective procedures for routing parents and stakeholders to appropriate parties for assistance and informing the leader when direct involvement of the leader is necessary.</li> <li>Sub-ordinate leaders' involvement in community events where school issues may be addressed.</li> <li>"User friendly" processes for greeting and determining needs of visitors.</li> <li>Newspaper accounts reflecting leader's accessibility.</li> <li>Teacher and student anecdotal evidence of ease of access</li> <li>Parent surveys reflect belief that access is welcomed.</li> <li>Office staff handles routine requests for access in ways that satisfy stakeholders' needs without disrupting leader's time on instructional issues, but gives school leader timely notice when</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>insure timely and responsive accessibility.</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> <li>Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evidence to rate current proficiency on this indicator, a proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels below. If not being rated at this time, leave bl         [] Highly Effective         [] Effective         [] Needs Improvement         [] Unsatisfact         Evidence Log (Specifically, what has been observed that reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of what is expected):</li> </ul>		

### **Reflection Questions for Indicator 9.3**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory	
How can you involve sub- ordinate leaders as high visibility assets of the school?	What uses can you make of modern technology to deepen community engagement and expand your accessibility to all?	How can you assess what students, faculty, and stakeholders think of your level of accessibility?	What work habits would you need to change to be more visible to students, faculty, and stakeholders?	

## Indicator 9.4 – Recognitions: The leader recognizes individuals, collegial work groups, and supporting organizations for effective performance.

Narrative: Leading is about enabling others to succeed. Recognition of the successes and contributions of others is a key leadership function. Recognition from the leader is motivating and focusing. The recognition needed is more than "good job." It identifies what people did to generate the success being recognized. Recognizing the way in which people succeed encourages them to continue those practices and informs others "by what methods" they may do the same.

Rating Rabito				
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders. In addition to meeting effective level criteria, the leader utilizes recognition reward, and advancement as a way to promote the accomplishments of the school. Shares the methods that lead to success with other leaders. Engages community groups in supporting and recognizing rigorous efforts to overcome past failures.	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. The leader systematically (e.g., has a plan, with goals, measurable strategies, and a frequent-monthly-monitoring schedule) recognizes individuals for praise, and where appropriate rewards and promotes based on established criteria. Recognizes individual and collective contributions toward attainment of strategic goals by focusing on what was done to generate the success being celebrated.	Needs Improvement: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. The leader uses established criteria for performance as the primary basis for recognition, and reward, but is inconsistent or untimely in doing so, with some people deserving of recognition not receiving it.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. The leader does not celebrate accomplishments of the school and staff, or has minimal participation is such recognitions.	
<ul> <li>recognized and the methods t</li> <li>Samples of recognition criteria utilized.</li> <li>Documents (e.g. written correminutes, etc.) supporting the rbased on established criteria.</li> </ul>	r actions. <u>Illustrative examples</u> but are not limited to the inely include recognitions of ls. points of collegial work groups are hey employed shared. a and reward structures are spondence, awards, agendas, recognition of individuals are y groups are arranged recognizing ccomplishments.	<ul> <li>and as team members.</li> <li>Teachers describe feedback for specific instructional strengths</li> <li>Teachers report that the leader to promote the accomplishmetic strengths</li> </ul>	y and staff. <u>Illustrative</u> y include, but are not limited to s recognition of them as individuals from the leader that acknowledges s or improvements. er uses a combination of methods ints of the school. nd informal acknowledgements of a display evidence of student	
Scale Levels: (choose one) Where there is sufficient evidence to rate current proficiency on this indicator, assign a proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels below. If not being rated at this time, leave blank: <ul> <li>[] Highly Effective</li> <li>[] Effective</li> <li>[] Needs Improvement</li> <li>[] Unsatisfactory</li> </ul> <li>Evidence Log (Specifically, what has been observed that reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The examples above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of what is expected):</li>				

### **Reflection Questions for Indicator 9.4**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
What might be some of the potential benefits that would come from you sharing your talents in this area with your	In what ways are you utilizing the recognition of failure as an opportunity to improve?	How might you compare your beliefs about the importance of providing individual and collective praise to your actual	As you assess the importance of acknowledging failures and celebrating accomplishments, what assumptions are guiding
colleagues in the district?	How do you enable those that make progress to share "by what method" they did so?	What do you want to be most aware of as you make future plans in this area?	you?

### Domain 4 - Professional and Ethical Behavior

Narrative: This domain is focused on the professional integrity and dedication to excellence of the school leader. The indicators in this domain focus on behaviors essential to success as a school leader.

Narrative: There are two broad proficiency areas that are the focus of evaluation of behavior and ethics. One is approached as Proficiency Area 10 of the FSLA which is focused on Florida Principal Leadership Standard #10 (FPLS). The indicators in proficiency area 10 address resiliency, professional learning, commitment, and conduct. The other major professional behavior area, Deliberate Practice, is a separate metric, scored separately and, when combined with the overall FLSA score, generates the Leadership Practice Score.

Indicator 10.1 – Resiliency: The leader demonstrates resiliency in pursuit of student learning and faculty development by:

- staying focused on the school vision,
- reacting constructively to adversity and barriers to success,
- acknowledging and learning from errors,
- constructively managing disagreement and dissent with leadership,
- bringing together people and resources with the common belief that the organization can grow stronger when it applies knowledge, skills, and
- productive attitudes in the face of adversity.

Narrative: The lead indicator in this FSLA domain is focused on resiliency. Leadership takes strength of character and a capacity to "weather the storm(s)" to get quality results. It includes learning from mistakes and sticking with it until the problem is han

Rating Rubric			
Highly Effective: Leader's	Effective: Leader's actions or	Needs Improvement:	Unsatisfactory: Leader's
actions or impact of leader's actions	impact of leader's actions relevant to	Leader's actions or impact of leader's	actions or impact of leader's actions
relevant to this indicator exceed	this indicator are sufficient and	actions relevant to this indicator are	relevant to this indicator are minimal
effective levels and constitute models	appropriate reflections of quality work	evident but are inconsistent or of	or are not occurring, or are having an
of proficiency for other leaders.	with only normal variations.	insufficient scope or proficiency.	adverse impact.
The leader builds resilience in	The leader readily acknowledges	The leader is able to accept	The leader is unwilling to
colleagues and throughout the	personal and organizational	evidence of personal and	acknowledge errors.
organization by habitually	failures and offers clear	organizational failures or	
highlighting and praising "good	suggestions for personal	mistakes when offered by others,	When confronted with evidence
mistakes" where risks were	learning.	but does not initiate or support	of mistakes, the leader is
taken, mistakes were made,		the evidence gathering.	defensive and resistant to
lessons were learned, and both	The leader uses dissent to	and evidence gaarening.	learning from mistakes.
the individual and the	inform final decisions, improve	Some evidence of learning from	The leader increases or each verte
organization learned for the	the quality of decision-making,	mistakes is present.	The leader ignores or subverts
	and broaden support for his or		policy decisions or initiatives
future.	her final decision.	The leader tolerates dissent, but	focused on student learning or
The leader encourages		there is very little of it in public.	faculty development that are
constructive dissent in which	The leader admits failures	The leader sometimes	unpopular or difficult.
multiple voices are encouraged	quickly, honestly, and openly		Discont or dialogue about the
and heard; the final decision is	with direct supervisor and	implements unpopular policies	Dissent or dialogue about the
	immediate colleagues.	unenthusiastically or in a	need for improvements is absent
made better and more broadly	C C	perfunctory manner.	due to a climate of fear and
supported as a result.	Non-defensive attitude exists in	The leader tolerates dissent, but	intimidation and/or apathy.
The leader is able to bounce	accepting feedback and	there are minimal to no systemic	No evidence or reference to

Leadership Evidence of proficiency on this indicator may be seen in the leader's behaviors or actions. Illustrative examples of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:       Impact Evidence of leadership proficiency may be seen in the behaviors or actions of the faculty, staff, students, and/or community. Illustrative examples of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:         • The leader offers frank acknowledgement of prior personal and organizational failures and clear suggestions for system-wide learning resulting from those lessons.       • Faculty, staff, parents, and community Illustrative examples of dissent ceven when they disagree with policies or practices being implemented.         • The leader frank acknowledgement of prior personal and organization by abitual hy highlighting and praising 'good mistakes' where risks were taken, mistakes were made, lessons were leamed, and both the individual and the organization learned for the future.       • Faculty as staff secure of examples of working without acting in dysartices a propriately with evidence and constructive criticism, but once a district decision is made, fully supports, and professionally implements organizational policy and policy leaders appropriately with evidence and constructive criticism. but once a district decision is made, fully supports, and professionally implements organizational policy with fidelity and district and state initiatives are represented by the leader from one year to the next or amending of current plans based on new insights).       • The leader offers evidence of leadership proficiency levels by checking one of the four proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels by checking one of the four proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels by checking one of the four proficiency levels by checking one of the four	back quickly from adversity while remaining focused on the vision of the organization. The leader offers frank acknowledgement of prior personal and organizational failures and clear suggestions for system-wide learning resulting from those lessons. The influence of previous evaluations has a positive impact not only on the leader, but on the entire organization.	discussing errors and failures. There is evidence of learning from past errors. Defined structures and processes are in place for eliciting input. Improvement needs noted in the leader's previous evaluations are explicitly reflected in projects, tasks, and priorities.	processes to enable revision of levels of engagement, mental models, and/or misconceptions. The leader is aware of improvement needs noted in previous evaluations, but has not translated them into an action plan.	previous leadership evaluations is present in the leader's choices of tasks and priorities.
	<ul> <li>seen in the leader's behaviors of of such evidence may include, be following:</li> <li>The leader offers frank acknoor organizational failures and clearning resulting from those learning resulting from those learned, by habitually hig mistakes" where risks were tawere learned, and both the in learned for the future.</li> <li>The leader demonstrates willing authority and policy leaders and constructive criticism, but oncompositions supports, and professionally in and leadership decisions.</li> <li>The leader offers evidence of leader offers evidence of leader offers evidence of leader offers evidence of leader accepts and implefidelity and district and state in leader in a thorough way citing and performance goals relevate.</li> <li>Other leadership evidence of Scale Levels: (choose one) proficiency level by checking [] Highly Effective</li> </ul>	but are not limited to the wiledgement of prior personal and ear suggestions for system-wide lessons. In colleagues and throughout the hlighting and praising "good aken, mistakes were made, lessons dividual and the organization Ingness to question district ppropriately with evidence and le a district decision is made, fully mplements organizational policy wards thoughtful dissent. ions are explicitly reflected in learning from dissenting views anges in leadership practices. ext or amending of current plans ments leadership and policy with nitiatives are represented by the g the student data, research base, ant to these initiatives. proficiency on this indicator. Where there is sufficient evide one of the four proficiency lew <b>[] Effective</b> what has been observed that	<ul> <li>behaviors or actions of the facul community. <u>Illustrative example</u> include, but are not limited to th</li> <li>Faculty, staff, parents, and coperceptions that their concern consideration and are welcom they disagree with policies or</li> <li>Faculty or students share and previously challenged or resis resilience, they have changed dysfunctional or harmful ways</li> <li>The principal's resilience in prigenerated a school climate w comfortable voicing concerns that their concerns are treated understanding.</li> <li>Previously resisted policies are faculty or students as approprivith fidelity.</li> <li>Results of staff, student, or conthe leader's vision and impact</li> <li>Changes advocated by the leader's vision and impact</li> <li>Changes advocated by the leader's vision and impact</li> <li>Other impact evidence of protection of the leader's vision and impact</li> <li>Other impact evidence of protection of the leader of the leader of the leader of the leader of the leader's vision and impact</li> <li>Changes advocated by the leader's vision and a positive</li> <li>Faculty and staff describe the commitment to raising studen</li> <li>Other impact evidence of protect to rate current proficiency of the leader's vision and impact</li> </ul>	Ity, staff, students, and/or <u>s</u> of such evidence may <u>e</u> following: mmunity members express as and dissent receive fair ne input from the leader even when practices being implemented. ecdotes of practices/policies they sted but, due to principal's d ways of working without acting in to others within the organization. ursuit of school improvements has here faculty and staff feel and disagreements and perceived d as a basis for deepening and practices are now perceived by riate and are being implemented by to n school improvement efforts. ader and implemented despite e impact on student growth. school leader as unwavering in t achievement. ficiency on this indicator. <i>Y</i> on this indicator, assign a t this time, leave blank: <b>[] Unsatisfactory</b>

### Reflection Questions for Indicator 10.1

<b>Reflection Questions</b>			
Highly effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
What additional insights are you	How might you reconcile your	When or how is it appropriate to	How do you deal with decisions
gaining about the challenges of	opinions with final decisions in	challenge policy and leadership	with which you are
reconciling points of view	supporting and implementing	decisions, if at all?	uncomfortable? Do you think
disagreements and fully	organizational policy and		about the impact when

supporting and executing organizational policy and leadership decisions? What additional insights have you gained about the value of supporting processes that enable faculty to reflect on and modify their own mental models based on evidence rather than assumptions?	leadership decisions? How can you help your staff grow to acknowledge and implement systems for gaining multiple perspectives in decision- making?	What leadership practices, structures, and processes could you put in place that would help staff know that dissent is welcomed as part of an informed decision-making process?	unpopular or difficult policy decisions are undermined, ignored, or executed with public disagreement or lack of enthusiasm from yourself or your staff? What needs to be done to establish enough trust that faculty and staff feel free to present opposing views with you in an open, sharing way?
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Indicator 10.2 – Professional Learning: The leader engages in professional learning that improves professional practice in alignment with the needs of the school and system and demonstrates explicit improvement in specific performance areas based on previous evaluations and formative feedback.

Narrative: Professional learning is addressed in several FSLA indicators, each from a different perspective. Indicator 4.5 is focused on what the leader does to engage faculty in meaningful professional learning (which includes being involved in what the faculty is learning). Indicator 4.4 focuses on professional learning needed to implement priority initiatives. Indicator 4.6 addresses alignment of faculty professional learning with improvement of instruction. The Deliberate Practice metric concentrates on a very few issues where the leader drives for deep learning and personal mastery of a few "thin slices." Indicator 10.2 is focused on the impact of the leader's professional learning – does the leader's learning result in improved performance?

Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders. Performance improvements linked to professional learning are shared with other leaders thus expanding impact. The leader approaches every professional learning opportunity with a view toward multidimensional impact. Knowledge and skills are shared throughout the organization and with other departments, schools, and districts. Rather than merely adopting the tools of external professional learning districts. The leader approaches every professional so that learning this leader creates specific adaptations so that learning tools become part of the culture of the organization and are "home-grown" rather than externally generated. The leader provides evidence of leverage, applying each learning opportunity throughout the organization. This leader creates forms, checklists, self-assessments, and other tools so that concepts learned in professional development are	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. The leader routinely shows improvement in areas where professional learning was implemented. The leader engages in professional learning that is directly linked to organizational needs. The priority is given to building on personal leadership strengths. The leader personally attends and actively participates in the professional learning that is required of other leaders in the organization. The leader personally attends and actively participates in the professional learning required of teachers. There is clear evidence of the actual application of personal learning in the organization. Where learning has not been applied within the organization, this leader rigorously analyzes the cause for this and does not continue investing time and	Needs Improvement: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. The leader demonstrates some growth in some areas based on professional learning. The leader actively participates in professional learning, but it is reflective of a personal agenda rather than addressing the strategic needs of the organization. The leader attends professional learning for colleagues, but does not fully engage in it and set an example of active participation. The leader has given intellectual assent to some important learning experiences, but can give only a few specific examples of application to the organization.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. There is no or only minimal impact of professional learning on the leader's performance. The leader might introduce a professional learning program, but does not participate in the learning activities along with the staff. The leader is not strategic in planning a personal professional learning focus aligned with the school or district goals. Even on those rare occasions when the leader engages in professional learning, the purpose appears to be merely collecting information rather than reflecting on it and applying it to the organization. Professional learning is an expense, not an investment in constructive improvements.
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applied in the daily lives of teachers and leaders throughout the organization.	money in professional learning programs that lack clear evidence of success when			
	applied in the organization.			
<ul> <li>learning topics that are directly or district.</li> <li>Evidence the leader has appling research to enhance persona</li> <li>Case studies of action resear colleagues.</li> <li>Forms, checklists, self-assess the leader has created that he learned in professional development.</li> </ul>	or actions. <u>Illustrative examples</u> but are not limited to the pant in professional learning with plan includes professional y linked to the needs of the school ied lessons learned from the I leadership practices. ch shared with subordinates and/or sements, and other learning tools elp the leader apply concepts opment. in professional learning provided	<ul> <li>Impact Evidence of leadership proficiency may be seen in the behaviors or actions of the faculty, staff, students, and/or community. <u>Illustrative examples</u> of such evidence may include, but are not limited to the following:</li> <li>Teachers' anecdotal evidence of the leader's support for and participation in professional learning.</li> <li>The frequency with which faculty members are engaged in professional learning with the school leader.</li> <li>Changes in student growth data, discipline data, etc., after the leader's professional development.</li> <li>Teachers can articulate professional learning was implemented.</li> <li>Other impact evidence of proficiency on this indicator.</li> </ul>		
Other leadership evidence of				
		ence to rate current proficiency		
		els below. If not being rated at		
[] Highly Effective	[] Effective	[] Needs Improvement	[] Unsatisfactory	
	what has been observed that not reflect an exclusive list of	reflects current proficiency on t what is expected):	this indicator? The examples	

### **Reflection Questions for Indicator 10.2**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
What has been most effective in creating a focus on professional learning? How might you lead this effort across the district? How have you synthesized new professional learning into existing learning for more sophisticated application? How have you applied this learning to support and encourage the growth of other leaders? How will you leverage your professional learning throughout the school, district, and beyond?	To what degree do you explicitly identify the focus areas for professional development in faculty and grade level/department meetings? How will you determine whether application of your own professional learning is impacting student achievement and the school as a whole? How are you adjusting application when clear evidence of success is not apparent?	How are you investing your professional learning and applying it to your school on daily basis? How do you apply this learning in multiple leadership venues?	What steps can you take to participate in professional learning focused on school and district goals with your staff? What steps can you take to begin to apply professional learning to your daily work?

# students, identifying barriers and their impact on the well-being of the school, families, and local community.

Narrative: Leaders are committed to carrying out the role of school leader in ways that benefit others: Students – faculty – community. Barriers to having that impact are not seen as reasons to give up but as problems to be solved.

### **Rating Rubric**

actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders. The messaging and support systems of the effective principal are expanded to engage parents and the community at large in participating in actions that promote student success and mitigate or eliminate multiple barriers to success. The principal's actions on behalf of students form a foundation of mutual respect between students, faculty and the community.	impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. There are programs and processes within the school that focus all students on the importance of success in school and multiple tiers of support to assist them in overcoming barriers to success. Positive slogans and exhortations to succeed are supported with specific and realistic guidance and supports on how to succeed and overcome barriers. The schools vision of success for all students is shared with the community at large.	Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. The leader demonstrates professional concern for students and for the development of the student's potential but implementation of processes to identify barriers to student success have limited scope and have resulted in actions to mitigate those barriers and provide supports for success only for some students. There are gaps in processes that engage all faculties in understanding the student population and the community in which they live. Some student sub-groups do not perceive the school as focused on their best	actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. Other than slogans and exhortations to do better, there is minimal or no evidence of principal leadership being employed to implement the FEAPs and FPLS for the benefit of students in the school, and the leader is not perceived by staff, students, or community as a sincere and effective advocate for the students.
<ul> <li>emphasis on student success barriers to success.</li> <li>Agenda, memorandum, and o emphasis on deepening facult and the community in which th</li> <li>The leader can describe the c lives and provide specific exat support student success.</li> <li>Barriers to student achievement</li> </ul>	r actions <u>. Illustrative examples</u> but are not limited to the ther documents show a recurring with specific efforts to remove ther documents show a recurring ty understanding of the students ney live. hallenges present in the students' mples of efforts undertaken to ent or faculty development are egies are implemented to address	Student work is commonly dis	Ity, staff, students and/or <u>s</u> of such evidence may <u>e following:</u> in all sub-groups. evidence describes a leader student success. ement in student supports are ds of a wide range of students. splayed throughout the community. Iraw attention to positive actions of
Scale Levels: (choose one) proficiency level by checking [] Highly Effective Evidence Log (Specifically,	Where there is sufficient evide one of the four proficiency lev [] Effective	ence to rate current proficiency rels below. If not being rated a [] Needs Improvement reflects current proficiency on what is expected):	t this time, leave blank: [] Unsatisfactory

### **Reflection Questions for Indicator 10.3**

Highly Effective	Effective	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
What actions are needed to	What outreach can you initiate to	Have you presented an effective	Do you know enough about the
sustain the role of the school in	expand the involvement of	challenge to perceptions that	students and the community in

generating a community wide	parents and community leaders	student apathy or lack of parent	which they live to recognize the
effort to insure students	in supporting student success	involvement is an acceptable	barriers that prevent success by
succeed?	and deepening understanding of	explanation for lack of success	all of the students?
	the barriers and actions that	by some students or sub-	
	mitigate them?	groups?	

# Indicator 10.4 – Professional Conduct. The leader Adheres to the Code of Ethics (Rules 6B-1.001) of the Education Profession in Florida and to the Principles of Professional Conduct for the education profession (Rules 6B-1.006, F.A.C.).

Narrative: State Board Rules define specific expectations for the conduct and ethical behaviors for Florida educators. **Rating Rubric** 

Rating Rublic			
Highly Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders. There is clear, convincing, and consistent evidence that the school leader abides by the spirit, as well as the intent, of policies, laws, and regulations that govern the school and the education profession in the state of Florida, and inspires others within the organization to abide by that same behavior. The leader clearly demonstrates the importance of maintaining the respect and confidence of his or her colleagues, of students, of parents, and of other members of the community, as a result the leader achieves and sustains the highest degree of ethical conduct and serves as a model for others within the district.	Effective: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations. There is clear evidence that the leader values the worth and dignity of all people, the pursuit of truth, devotion to excellence (i.e., sets high expectations and goals for all learners, then tries in every way possible to help students reach them) acquisition of knowledge, and the nurture of democratic citizenship. The leader's primary professional concern is for the student and for the development of the student's potential. Therefore, the leader acquires the knowledge and skills to exercise the best professional judgment and integrity. The leader demonstrates the importance of maintaining the respect and confidence of his or her colleagues, of students, of parents, and of other members of the community. As a result the leader adheres to the prescribed ethical conduct.	Needs Improvement: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency. The leader's behaviors enable recurring misunderstanding and misperceptions about the leader's conduct and ethics as expressed in the Code and Principles. There are segments of the school community whose developmental needs are not addressed and leadership efforts to understand and address those needs are not evident. The leader has only a general recollection of issues addressed in the Code and Principles and there is limited evidence that the school leader abides by the spirit, as well as the intent, of policies, laws, and regulations that govern the school and the education profession in the state of Florida.	Unsatisfactory: Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact. The leader's patterns of behavior are inconsistent with the Code of Ethics, Rule 6B-1.001, or disciplinary action has been initiated based on violation of the Principles of Professional Conduct, Rule 6B-1.006.
Leadership Evidence of profic seen in the leader's behaviors of such evidence may include, b following:	or actions. <u>Illustrative examples</u> but are not limited to the	Impact Evidence of leadership behaviors or actions of the facu community. Illustrative example include, but are not limited to th	lty, staff, students and/or <u>s</u> of such evidence may e following:
<ul> <li>Samples of written feedback from teachers regarding the leader's judgment and/or integrity on issues related to the learning environment, instructional improvement or school organization.</li> <li>Samples of written feedback provided by parents regarding the leader's judgment and/or integrity on issues related to the learning environment, instructional improvement or school organization.</li> <li>School improvement plan's focus on student success and evidence of actions taken to accomplish such plans.</li> <li>School safety and behavioral expectations promoted by the leader for the benefit of students.</li> </ul>		<ul><li>for the principal's ethics and c</li><li>Recognition by community and</li></ul>	d parent organizations of the odel for student and adults in the re results.

<ul> <li>Other leadership evidence of proficiency</li> </ul>	on this indicator.
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**Scale Levels:** (choose one) Where there is sufficient evidence to rate current proficiency on this indicator, assign a proficiency level by checking one of the four proficiency levels below. If not being rated at this time, leave blank:

[] Highly Effective [] Effective [] Needs Improvement [] Unsatisfactory Evidence Log (Specifically, what has been observed that reflects current proficiency on this indicator? The examples above are illustrative and do not reflect an exclusive list of what is expected):

### **Reflection Questions for Indicator 10.4**

Highly Effective: Leaders action's or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator exceed effective levels and constitute models of proficiency for other leaders.	<b>Effective:</b> Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are sufficient and appropriate reflections of quality work with only normal variations.	<b>Needs Improvement:</b> Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are evident but are inconsistent or of insufficient scope or proficiency.	<b>Unsatisfactory:</b> Leader's actions or impact of leader's actions relevant to this indicator are minimal or are not occurring, or are having an adverse impact.
How might you expand your influence within the district so that others achieve and sustain your high degree of ethical conduct?	What might be some strategies you could pursue that would inspire others within the organization to demonstrate your level of ethical behavior?	How might you be more overt in demonstrating that you abide by the spirit, as well as the intent, of policies, laws, and regulations that govern the school and the education profession in the state of Florida?	In what ways are you demonstrating that you abide by the spirit, as well as the intent, of policies, laws, and regulations that govern the school and the education profession in the state of Florida?

### High Effect Size Indicators (2012)

Student learning needs and faculty and leadership development needs will vary from school to school and from district to district. However, contemporary research reveals a core of instructional and leadership strategies that have a higher probability than most of positively impacting student learning in significant ways. The indicators below link formative feedback and evaluation to contemporary research on practices that have a positive impact on student learning growth.

• Research on the cause and effect relationships between instructional and leadership strategies and student outcomes address the effect size of a strategy: What degree of impact does it have?

• In the context of district instructional and leadership evaluation systems, effect size is a statistical estimation of the influence a strategy or practice has on student learning. Effect size calculations result from statistical analyses in research focused on student learning where the correct and appropriate use of a strategy yields better student learning growth than when the strategy is not used or is used incorrectly or inappropriately.

• In research terms, those strategies often identified as "high effect size" are those with higher probabilities of improving student learning.

Classroom teachers need a repertoire of strategies with a positive effect size so that what they are able to do instructionally, after adapting to classroom conditions, has a reasonable chance of getting positive results. As school leaders and mentor teachers begin to focus on feedback to colleagues to improve proficiency on practices that improve student learning growth, emphasis should be on those strategies that have a high effect size. Where every Florida classroom teacher and school leader has a core repertoire of highly effective practices, progress on student learning is accelerated

The Department's identified set of indicators on high effect size instructional and leadership strategies with a causal relationship to student learning growth constitute priority issues for deliberate practice and faculty development.

#### **Classroom Teacher High Effect Indicators**

#### Learning Goal with Scales:

The teacher provides students with clearly stated learning goals accompanied by a scale or rubric that describes levels of performance relative to the learning goal.

**Tracking Student Progress**: The teacher facilitates the tracking of student progress on learning goals using a formative approach to assessment.

**Established Content Standards**: The teacher ensures that lesson and unit plans are aligned with established state content standards identified by the state and the manner in which that content should be sequenced.

**Multi-tiered System of Supports**: The teacher provides a learning environment with multiple tiers of support to meet individual needs and affect positive change. 2

**Tracking Rate of Progress**: The teacher's implementation of a multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) routinely collects, analyzes, and uses on-going progress monitoring data to evaluate student rate of progress aligned with behavioral and grade-level academic standards.

**Clear Goals**: The teacher identifies a lesson or part of a lesson as involving important information to which students should pay particular attention.

**Text Complexity**: The teacher cognitively challenges students through the use of "complex text" to learn content information and routinely includes close reading, rereading, and use of dependent questions to deepen student understanding of text incorporating these two processes:

- writing in response to text
- text-based discussions with students

**ESOL Students**: The teacher provides instruction to ESOL students on the development of the English language learners' ability to produce and respond to spoken and written English texts, from pronunciation and formation of individual sounds and letters, through word and sentence level, to patterns of text structure utilizing the appropriate ESOL teaching strategies.

#### **School Leadership High Effect Indicators**

**Feedback Practices**: The school leader monitors, evaluates proficiency, and provides timely feedback to faculty on the effectiveness of instruction on priority instructional goals, and the cause and effect relationships between professional practice and student achievement on those goals.

**Facilitating Professional Learning**: The school leader manages the organization, operations, and facilities to provide the faculty with quality resources and time for professional learning, and engages faculty in effective individual and collaborative learning on priority professional goals throughout the school year.

**Clear Goals and Expectations**: The school leader communicates goals and expectations clearly and concisely using Florida's common language of instruction and appropriate written and oral skills; communicates student expectations and performance information to students, parents, and community; and ensures that the faculty receives timely information about student learning requirements, academic standards, and all other local, state, and federal administrative requirements and decisions.

**Instructional Resources**: The school leader maximizes the impact of school personnel and fiscal and facility resources to provide recurring systemic support for instructional priorities and a supportive learning environment.

**High Effect Size Strategies**: The school leader takes actions to ensure that instructional personnel receive recurring feedback on their proficiency in high effect size instructional strategies.

**Instructional Initiatives:** District-supported state initiatives focused on student growth are supported by the school leader with specific and observable actions including monitoring of implementation and measurement of progress toward initiative goals and professional learning to improve faculty capacity to implement the initiatives. The following indicators relate to leadership focused on specific instructional improvement initiatives: 3

• Monitoring Text Complexity: The school leader monitors teacher implementation of instructional processes involving complex text with embedding of close reading and rereading of complex text as a routine event incorporating these two processes:

• writing in response to text

• text-based discussions with students

• Interventions: The school leader routinely uses teacher-collected student response data to determine effectiveness of instruction and interventions school-wide, grade-wide, class-wide, and specific to student sub-groups. (MTSS)

• Instructional Adaptations: The school leader routinely engages teachers collaboratively in a structured data-based planning and problem-solving process in order to modify instruction and interventions for accelerated student progress and to monitor and evaluate the effect of those modifications. (MTSS)

• ESOL Strategies: The school leader monitors the school and classrooms for comprehensible instruction delivered to ESOL students and the utilization of ESOL teaching strategies appropriate to the students in the class. (ESOL)

References to contemporary research on instructional and leadership strategies may be found at <u>www.fldoe.org/profdev/pa.asp</u>. These research findings provide guidance on instructional and leadership practices that support professional growth and student learning growth.

### **Deliberate Practice Growth Target**

SAMPLE	
School Leader's Name and Position: <u>Charlotte Marzano, Principal</u> Vireo Glenn Middle School	
Evaluators Name and Position: Bob Danielson, District Director	Fill in
Target for school year:         2012-13         Date Growth Targets Approved:         7/19/12	identification information
School Leader's Signature:	
Evaluator's Signature	
Deliberate Practice Growth Target #: _1_ (Insert target identification number here, the check one category below)	
(X) District Growth Target () School Growth Target () Leader's Growth target	Summarize how this goal
Focus issue(s): Why is the target worth pursuing?	improves instructional
Making the use of the instructional strategies of Learning Goals with Scales and Tracking Student Progress a routine event in the school's classrooms will help to implement standards based instruction in a way that improves student learning growth. The faculty needs better leadership on use of high effect size instructional strategies and I need more depth of understanding on how to support teacher proficiency in the learning goals/tracking student progress strategies.	leadership or faculty
<b>Growth Target:</b> Describe what you expect to know or be able to do as a result of this professional learning effort.	What is the actual
I will be able to develop and implement a sustainable process for providing classroom teachers feedback on (a) their use of learning goals to provide alignment between state standards for a course and student learning activities and, (b) their processes for tracking student progress on the learning goals.	deliberate practice
Anticipated Gain(s): What do you hope to learn?	
<ul> <li>Greater understanding of what contemporary research on these high effect size instruction strategies reveals about how to improve student learning growth.</li> <li>More effective observation and feedback practices that can help deepen teacher understanding of the links between standards, learning goals, and learning activities.</li> <li>Plan of Action: A general description of how you will go about accomplishing the target.</li> </ul>	Summarize what you expect to learn.
Study module on <u>www.floridaschoolleaders</u> on Learning goals	
<ul> <li>Explore learning goals repository on CPALMS</li> <li>Meet with faculty leaders on what feedback to teachers will be helpful on lg implementation</li> <li>Build a monitoring schedule and implement</li> </ul>	How will you get it done?
<b>Progress Points:</b> List progress points or steps toward fulfilling your goal that enable you to monitor your progress. If you goal	
1. I can access course descriptions at <u>www.floridastandards.org</u> (CPALMS) and have provided faculty with training on how to identify the state standards that are assigned to each course on the teacher's schedule for 2012-13.	
2. I have completed the online module on Learning Goals posted on <u>www.floridastandards.org</u> (or <u>www.floridaschoolleaders.org</u> .) provided faculty an orientation session on how they can access this module, and provided faculty training on developing learning goals aligned with state standards in their course description.	List progress points
3. I have learned to use the online Learning Goals Repository at <u>www.floridastandards.org</u> and have engaged assistant principals and teacher leaders in collegial discuss on how learning goals and tracking student progress should be implemented in our classrooms in ways that engage students in tracking their own progress on the goals.	leading to meeting your growth
<b>4. TARGET:</b> I have developed and implemented a sustainable process for providing classroom teachers feedback on (a) their use of learning goals to provide alignment between state standards for a course and student learning activities and, (b) their processes for tracking student progress on the learning goals.	target. The actual target aligns with
5. Going Beyond: Make presentations to other school leaders on how to increase the percent of teachers who effectively align state standards to student learning activities though use of learning goals and tracking student progress.	

#### MAGNOLIA ELEMENTARY OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL YEARS 2015 - 2019

	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>FY18</u>	<u>FY19</u>
ENROLLMENT	420	551	546	550	550
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	10,887	121,773	258,880	385,524	641,519
REVENUES					
FEFP	2,724,781	3,590,198	3,597,054	3,656,557	3,693,122
Start Up Funding	50,000	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	137,500	137,500
Miscellaneous Revenue Food Service Revenue	56,700	74,385	73,710	74,250	74,250
Transportation	132,756 109,305	272,376 144,832	272,603 144,953	277,346 147,475	280,120 148,950
TOTAL REVENUES		4,081,790	4,088,321		4,333,942
TOTAL REVENUES	3,073,542	4,001,790	4,000,321	4,293,128	4,333,942
EXPENDITURES INSTRUCTION					
Classroom Teachers	858,000	1,181,700	1,193,517	1,205,452	1,217,507
Specialty Teachers	122,000	231,795	234,113	256,545	299,694
Total Instruction Salaries	980,000	1,413,495	1,427,630	1,461,997	1,517,201
Retirement	14,700	21,202	21,414	21,930	22,758
Payroll Taxes	79,695	114,842	115,923	118,647	123,059
Health Insurance	60,000	86,052	86,913	89,018	92,406
Workers Compensation	9,800	14,135	14,276	14,620	15,172
Total Instruction Benefits	164,195	236,231	238,526	244,215	253,395
Contracted Services	21,000	27,826	27,849	28,333	28,617
Travel	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Supplies	20,650	27,563	27,635	28,076	28,356
Art Supplies	30,000	30,300	30,603	30,909	31,218
Textbooks	126,000	52,419	15,332	18,113	17,170
Furniture and Equipment Computers	50,000 50,400	26,260 12,726	7,243 11,629	8,345 12,364	9,574 13,236
Software	42,000	55,100	54,600	55,000	55,000
Substitutes	20,000	28,684	28,971	29,673	30,802
Total Instruction Other	363,050	263,877	206,861	213,812	216,973
Total Instruction	1,507,245	1,913,604	1,873,017	1,920,024	1,987,568
INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA SERVICES		21.665	01 001	22 400	00 004
Media Specialist Total Instructional Media Salaries		21,665	21,881	22,100	22,321
	-	21,665	21,881	22,100	22,321
Retirement Payroll Taxes	-	325 1,752	328	331 1,785	335 1,802
Health Insurance	-	1,752	1,768 1,224	1,785	1,802
Workers Compensation	-	217	219	221	223
Total Instructional Media Benefits		3,505	3,540	3,574	3,609
Supplies		1,113	1,114	1,133	1,145
Periodicals	-	557	557	567	572
Library Books and Online Services	-	27,826	1,114	1,133	1,145
Total Instructional Media Other	-	29,495	2,785	2,833	2,862
Total Instructional Media Services	-	54,665	28,206	28,507	28,791
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#### MAGNOLIA ELEMENTARY OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL YEARS 2015 - 2019

	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>FY18</u>	<u>FY19</u>
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT					
Contracted Services	21,000	27,826	27,849	28,333	28,617
STAFF TRAINING	40.050	40.005	40.070	40.040	
Contracted Services	13,250	18,685	18,872	19,318	20,032
BOARD					
Legal Fees	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Contracted Services - Oversight	417,107	553,232	554,103	563,320	568,750
Contracted Services - Oversight Forgiven	(200,000)	(75,000)	-	-	-
Contracted Services - Audit	-	10,000	10,100	10,201	10,303
Travel	3,000	3,030	3,060	3,091	3,122
Insurance	10,000	10,100	10,201	10,303	10,406
Licenses & Fees	2,500	2,525	2,550	2,576	2,602
District Fee	81,095	81,447	82,350	83,104	83,935
Contingency	52,874	70,175	70,294	71,469	72,184
Total Board	368,576	657,509	734,659	746,063	753,301
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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION					
Principal	42,500	42,925	43,354	43,788	44,226
Asst Principal	60,000	60,600	61,206	61,818	62,436
Admin Support	79,500	80,295	81,098	81,909	82,728
Total Administration Salaries	182,000	183,820	185,658	187,515	189,390
Retirement	2,730	2,757	2,785	2,813	2,841
Payroll Taxes	14,679	14,818	14,959	15,101	15,244
Health Insurance	9,600	9,696	9,793	9,891	9,990
Workers Compensation	1,820	1,838	1,857	1,875	1,894
Total Administration Benefits	28,829	29,110	29,393	29,680	29,969
Travel	5,000	5,050	5,101	5,152	5,203
Equipment Rental	9,000	9,090	9,181	9,273	9,365
Postage	9,000	9,090	9,181	9,273	9,365
Advertising	30,000	2,000	2,020	2,040	2,061
Supplies	9,000	9,090	9,181	9,273	9,365
Equipment	7,425	2,424	-	412	832
Software	1,000	101	102	103	104
Total Administration Other	70,425	36,845	34,765	35,525	36,296
Total School Administration	281,254	249,775	249,817	252,719	255,655
FACILITIES ACQUISITION					
Rents	280,000	370,000	373,700	377,437	381,211
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Contracted Services - Finance	52,874	70,175	70,294	71,469	72,184
Contracted Services - HR	5,883	8,168	8,250	8,433	8,720
Total Fiscal	58,756	78,343	78,544	79,902	80,904

#### MAGNOLIA ELEMENTARY OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL YEARS 2015 - 2019

	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>FY18</u>	<u>FY19</u>
FOOD SERVICE					
Contracted Services	194,906	258,255	258,471	262,968	265,598
Total Food Service Other	194,906	258,255	258,471	262,968	265,598
Total Food Service	194,906	258,255	258,471	262,968	265,598
TRANSPORTATION					
Contracted Services	116,100	156,348	157,911	159,491	161,086
PLANT OPERATIONS					
Custodial	14,500	14,645	14,791	14,939	15,089
Total Plant Operations Salaries	14,500	14,645	14,791	14,939	15,089
Retirement	218	220	222	224	226
Payroll Taxes	1,204	1,215	1,226	1,237	1,249
Health Insurance	1,200	1,212	1,224	1,236	1,249
Workers Compensation	145	146	148	149	151
Total Plant Operations Benefits	2,766	2,793	2,820	2,847	2,875
Contracted Services	18,000	21,015	21,129	21,419	21,633
Insurance	15,000	15,150	15,302	15,455	15,609
Telephone	4,800	4,848	4,896	4,945	4,995
Utilities	48,000	56,041	56,344	57,116	57,687
Supplies	6,000	7,950	7,957	8,095	8,176
Equipment	2,000	10,000	10,100	10,201	10,303
Total Plant Operations Other	93,800	115,004	115,728	117,231	118,403
Total Plant Operations	111,066	132,442	133,339	135,017	136,367
PLANT MAINTENANCE					
Contracted Services	6,000	6,060	6,121	6,182	6,244
DEBT SERVICE	. =				
Principal & Interest	4,502	21,172	21,172	21,172	21,172
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,962,656	3,944,683	3,961,677	4,037,134	4,126,544
EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	110,886	137,107	126,644	255,994	207,398
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	121,773	258,880	385,524	641,519	848,916

### REVENUES

FEFP

Start Up Funding

Capital Outlay

Miscellaneous Revenue

Food Service Revenue

Transportation

#### **EXPENDITURES**

#### INSTRUCTION

**Classroom Teachers** 

**Specialty Teachers** 

Retirement Payroll Taxes Health Insurance

Workers Compensation

**Contracted Services** 

Travel

Supplies

Art Supplies

Textbooks

Furniture and Equipment

Computers

Software

Substitutes

INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA SERVICES
Media Specialist
Retirement
Payroll Taxes
Health Insurance
Workers Compensation
Supplies
Periodicals
Library Books
Total Instructional Media Other
Contracted Services
STAFF TRAINING
Contracted Services
BOARD
Legal Fees
Contracted Services - Oversight
Contracted Services - Oversight Forgive
Contracted Services - Audit
Travel
Insurance
Licenses & Fees
District Fee
Contingency
Contingency
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
Principal
Asst Principal
Admin Support
Retirement
Payroll Taxes
Health Insurance
Workers Compensation
Travel
Equipment Rental
Postage
Advertising
Supplies
Ouppiles

Equipment

Software

FACILITIES ACQUISITION Rents

FISCAL

Contracted Services - Finance Contracted Services - HR

FOOD SERVICE

**Contracted Services** 

TRANSPORTATION

**Contracted Services** 

PLANT OPERATIONS
Custodial
Retirement
Payroll Taxes
Health Insurance
Workers Compensation
Contracted Services
Insurance
Telephone
Utilities
Supplies
Equipment
PLANT MAINTENANCE
Contracted Services
DEBT SERVICE
Principal & Interest

Per Worksheet attached. Subsequent years reflect increases in per pupil funding of 1% per year.

Note payable, terms include: FY15: Interest only payments @ 6%; Thereafter, 48 month amortization.

\$250 / student, with eligibility commencing in 4th year.

\$135/ student, based on other schools operated by ESP

Food Service revenue is from meal sales and NSLP reimbursements. The amount is based on the following assumptions: Students are 39% full price, 6% reduced, 55% free, with 75% participation. The school plans to become a satellite location of an existing NSLP provider. Increases of 1% per year are included. Breakfast is assumed to be 50% of lunch in both participation and price. See schedule in narrative for calculation detail.

Per Worksheet attached.

All expenses include increases of 1% per year. Small differences due to rounding may exist between the amount budgeted and the amount calculated as the product of quantity and price.

Based on student / teacher ratio in compliance with CSR. FY15: 22 @ \$39,000 FY16: 30 @ \$39,390 FY17: 30 @ \$39,784 FY18: 30 @ \$40,182 FY19: 30 @ \$40,584

1 ESE Teacher @ \$44,000 + 2 Resource Teacher @ 39,000; Add 2 ESE Teachers and .5 Resource Teachers in FY16; Add .5 Resource Teacher in FY18; Add 1
Resource Teacher in FY19, per Staffing Schedule: FY15: 1 @ \$44,000 + 2 @ \$39,000; FY16: 3 @ \$44,440 + 2.5 @ \$39,390; FY17: 3 @ \$44,884 + 2.5 @ \$39,784; FY18: 3 @ \$45,333 + 3 @ \$40,182; FY19: 3 @ \$45,787 + 4 @ \$40,584.

1.5% of gross salaries

FICA: 7.65% of gross salaries; SUTA: 2.7% of first \$7,000 per employee \$400 per month per employee / 50% participation

1% of gross salaries

Includes ESE services such as OT/PT, speech, etc. @ \$500 / ESE student: FY15: 42 @ \$500; FY16: 55.1 @ \$505; FY17: 54.6 @ \$510; FY18: 55 @ \$515; FY19: 55 @ \$520.

Estimated amount

\$40 / student + \$175 / homeroom teacher: FY15: 420 @ \$40 + 22 @ \$175; FY16: 551 @ \$40 + 30 @ \$177; FY17: 546 @ \$41 + 30 @ \$179; FY18: 550 @ \$41 + 30 @ \$180; FY19: 550 @ \$42 + 30 @ \$182.

Estimated amount

\$300 / new student and \$30 per returning student: FY15: 420 @ \$300; FY16: 131 @ \$303 + 420 @ \$30; FY17: 0 @ \$306 + 546 @ \$31; FY18: 0 @ \$309 + 550 @ \$31; FY19: 0 @ \$312 + 550 @ \$31.

\$2000 / new teacher and \$200 per returning teacher: FY15: 25 @ \$2000; FY16: 10.5 @ \$2020 + 25 @ \$202; FY17: 0 @ \$2040 + 35.5 @ \$204; FY18: .5 @ \$2061 + 35.5 @ \$206; FY19: 1 @ \$2081 + 36 @ \$208.

2 computers @ \$600 per each teacher, server, 24 computers in lab, replace 20% of computers each year beginning in FY17. See schedule in application narrative.

Software at \$100 / student. See schedule in application narrative.

\$100 / 8 days / teacher: FY15: 25 @ \$800; FY16: 35.5 @ \$808; FY17: 35.5 @ \$816; FY18: 36 @ \$824; FY19: 37 @ \$832

.5 Media Specialist added in FY16.
1.5% of gross salaries
FICA: 7.65% of gross salaries; SUTA: 2.7% of first \$7,000 per employee
\$400 per month per employee / 50% participation
1% of gross salaries
\$2 / student in years with staff: FY16: 551 @ \$2; FY17: 546 @ \$2; FY18: 550 @ \$2;
FY19: 550 @ \$2.
\$1 / student in years with staff: FY16: 551 @ \$1; FY17: 546 @ \$1; FY18: 550 @ \$1
FY19: 550 @ \$1.
\$50 / student for initial purchase; \$2 / student in subsequent years: FY16: 551 @ \$51;
FY17: 546 @ \$2; FY18: 550 @ \$2; FY19: 550 @ \$2.
\$50 / student: FY15: 420 @ \$50; FY16: 551 @ \$51; FY17: 546 @ \$51; FY18: 550 @
\$52; FY19: 550 @ \$52.
FY15: \$500 / teacher, administrator: FY15: 26.5 @ \$500; FY16: 36.5 @ \$505; FY17:
37 @ \$510; FY18: 37.5 @ \$515; FY19: 38.5 @ \$520.
Estimated amount
18% of net FEFP, less accounting and HR services.
Amount forgiven to maintain fiscal integrity of school.
Estimated amount
Estimated amount
Estimated amount
Estimated amount
5% of FEFP on 250 students
2% of Net FEFP.
.5 Principal @ \$85,000
1 Asst Principal @ \$60,000.
.5 Office Manager @ \$39,000; 2 Secretaries @ \$30,000: FY15: .5 @ \$39,000 + 2 @
\$30,000; FY16: .5 @ \$39,390 + 2 @ \$30,300; FY17: .5 @ \$39,784 + 2 @ \$30,603;
FY18: .5 @ \$40,182 + 2 @ \$30,909; FY19: .5 @ \$40,584 + 2 @ \$31,218.
1.5% of gross salaries
FICA: 7.65% of gross salaries; SUTA: 2.7% of first \$7,000 per employee
\$400 per month per employee / 50% participation
1% of gross salaries
Estimated amount
FY15: \$750 / month; FY16: \$758 / month; FY17: \$765 / month; FY18: \$773 / month;
FY19 \$780 / month.
FY15: \$750 / month; FY16: \$758 / month; FY17: \$765 / month; FY18: \$773 / month;
FY19 \$780 / month.
Estimated amount
FY15: \$750 / month; FY16: \$758 / month; FY17: \$765 / month; FY18: \$773 / month;
FY19: \$780 / month.

\$1750 / new administrator and \$800 / new non-instructional employee: FY15: 1.5 @
\$1750 + 6 @ \$800; FY16: 0 @ \$1768 + 3 @ \$808; FY17: 0 @ \$1785 + 0 @ \$816; FY18: 0 @ \$1803 + .5 @ \$824; FY19: 0 @ \$1821 + 1 @ \$832.
\$250 / new admin employee and \$25 / returning admin employee: FY15: 4 @ \$250; FY16: 0 @ \$253 + 4 @ \$25; FY17: 0 @ \$255 + 4 @ \$26; FY18: 0 @ \$258 + 4 @ \$26; FY19: 0 @ \$260 + 4 @ \$26.

Estimated amount

Back office accounting fees @ 2% of net FEFP. .5% of Salary

Lunch: \$2.75 / student / day / 75% participation: FY15: 420 @ \$2.75 @ 75% @ 180 days; FY16: 551 @ \$2.78 @ 75% @ 180 days; FY17: 546 @ \$2.81 @ 75% @ 180 days; FY18: 550 @ \$2.83 @ 75% @ 180 days; FY19: 550 @ \$2.86 @ 75% @ 180 days. Breakfast: 50% of cost and participation of lunch: FY15: 420 @ \$1.38 @ 37.5% @ 180 days; FY16: 551 @ \$1.39 @ 37.5% @ 180 days; FY17: 546 @ \$1.40 @ 37.5% @ 180 days; FY18: 550 @ \$1.42 @ 37.5% @ 180 days; FY19: 550 @ \$1.43 @ 37.5% @ 180 days.

\$215 / day / bus / 25% transported: FY15: 3 @ \$215 @ 180; FY16: 4 @ \$217 @ 180; FY17: 4 @ \$219 @ 180; FY18: 4 @ \$222 @ 180; FY19: 4 @ \$224 @ 180 (Difference due to rounding)

.5 Custodian @ \$29,000.
1.5%
FICA: 7.65% - SUTA 2.7%
\$400 per month per employee / 50% participation
1 %
Grounds, Pest Control, Etc: FY15: \$1,500 / month, with increase for student growth:
FY16: \$1,751 / month; FY17: \$1.761 / month; FY18: 1,785 / month; FY19: \$1,803
/ month.
Estimated amount
FY15: \$400 / month; FY16: \$404 / month; FY17: \$408 / month; FY18: \$412 / month;
FY19: \$416 / month (Difference due to rounding)
FY15: \$4,000 / month, with increase for student growth: FY16: \$4,670 / month; FY17:
\$4,695 / month; FY18: \$4,760 / month; FY19: \$4,807 / month.
FY15: \$500 / month, with increase for student growth: FY16: \$663 / month; FY17:
\$663 / month; FY18: \$675 / month; FY19: \$681 / month.
Estimated amount
FY15: \$500 / month; FY16: \$505 / month; FY17: \$510 / month; FY18: \$515 / month;
FY19: \$520 / month (Difference due to rounding)
Note payable, terms include: FY15: Interest only payments @ 6%; Thereafter, 48
month amortization.

## MAGNOLIA ELEMENTARY STARTUP BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2014 (STARTUP PERIOD)

FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	
REVENUES	
Start Up Funding	25,000
TOTAL REVENUES	25,000
EXPENDITURES	
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	
Principal	7,083
Admin Support	3,250
Total Administration Salaries	10,333
Retirement	155
Payroll Taxes	1,070
Health Insurance	400
Workers Compensation	103
Total Administration Benefits	1,728
Advertising	2,000
Total Administration Other	2,000
Total School Administration	14,061
FISCAL	
Contracted Services - HR	52
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	14,113
EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	10,887
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	10,887

#### MAGNOLIA ELEMENTARY BUDGETED CASH FLOWS FISCAL YEAR 2014 (STARTUP PERIOD)

	<u>Jun</u>
CASH, BEGINNING	
REVENUES	
Start Up Funding	25,000
TOTAL REVENUES	25,000
EXPENDITURES	
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	
Principal	7,083
Admin Support	3,250
Total Administration Salaries	10,333
Retirement	155
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Total Administration Benefits	1,728
Advertising	2,000
Total Administration Other	2,000
Total School Administration	14,061
FISCAL	
Contracted Services - HR	52
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	14,113
EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXP	10,887
CASH, ENDING	10,887

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#### MAGNOLIA ELEMENTARY BUDGETED CASH FLOWS FISCAL YEAR 2015

	<u>Jul</u>	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Jan</u>	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	<u>Jun</u>	Jul	Aug
CASH, BEGINNING	10,887	82,664	134,083	141,939	149,362	159,953	154,752	172,279	189,806	207,333	224,859	244,470	261,707	166,751
REVENUES														
FEFP	227,065	227,065	227,065	227,065	227,065	227,065	227,065	227,065	227,065	227,065	227,065	227,065	-	-
Start Up Funding	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	2.835	5.670	5.670	5.670	5.670	5.670	5.670	5.670	5.670	5.670	2.835	-	-
Food Service Revenue	-	6,638	13,276	13,276	13,276	13,276	13,276	13,276	13,276	13,276	13,276	6,638	-	-
Transportation	9,109	9,109	9,109	9,109	9,109	9,109	9,109	9,109	9,109	9,109	9,109	9,109	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	286,174	245,647	255,119	255,119	255,119	255,119	255,119	255,119	255,119	255,119	255,119	245,647	-	-
EXPENDITURES														
INSTRUCTION														
Classroom Teachers	-	35,750	71,500	71,500	71,500	71,500	71,500	71,500	71,500	71,500	71,500	71,500	71,500	35,750
Enrichment Teachers	-	5,083	10,167	10,167	10,167	10,167	10,167	10,167	10,167	10,167	10,167	10,167	10,167	5,083
Total Instruction Salaries		40,833	81,667	81,667	81,667	81,667	81,667	81,667	81,667	81,667	81,667	81,667	81,667	40,833
Retirement		613	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	613
Payroll Taxes	-	4,226	8,453	7,665	6,248	6,248	6,248	6,248	6,248	6,248	6,248	6,248	6,248	3,124
Health Insurance	-	4,220	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,124
Workers Compensation		408	817	817	817	817	817	817	817	817	817	817	817	408
Total Instruction Benefits		10,247	15,494	14,707	13,289	13,289	13,289	13,289	13,289	13,289	13,289	13,289	13,289	4,145
Contracted Services	-	1,050	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,050	-	-
Travel	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	-	-
Supplies	6,876	1,252	1,252	1,252	1,252	1,252	1,252	1,252	1,252	1,252	1,252	1,252	-	-
Art Supplies	9,990	1,819	1,819	1,819	1,819	1,819	1,819	1,819	1,819	1,819	1,819	1,819	-	-
Textbooks	41,958	16,808	16,808	16,808	16,808	16,808	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and Equipment	16,650	6,670	6,670	6,670	6,670	6,670	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computers	16,783	6,723	6,723	6,723	6,723	6,723	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Software	13,986	5,603	5,603	5,603	5,603	5,603	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Substitutes	-	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,000	<u> </u>	
Total Instruction Other	106,494	41,176	43,226	43,226	43,226	43,226	7,421	7,421	7,421	7,421	7,421	5,371	-	-
Total Instruction	106,494	92,256	140,387	139,599	138,182	138,182	102,377	102,377	102,377	102,377	102,377	100,327	94,956	44,978
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT														
Contracted Services	-	10,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,500	-	-
STAFF TRAINING														
Contracted Services	6,625	-	-	-	-	6,625	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BOARD														
Legal Fees	500	500	500	500										-
Contracted Services - Oversight	35.167	34.963	34,759	34,759	34,759	34,759	34.759	34.759	34.759	34.759	34.759	34.759	(408)	(204)
Contracted Services - Oversight Forgiven	(35,167)	(34,963)	(34,759)	(34,759)	(34,759)	(25,593)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(201)
Travel	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	-	-
Insurance	2.500	833	833	833	833	833	833	833	833	833	-	-	-	-
Licenses & Fees	1,250			1,250										
District Fee	6,758	6,758	6,758	6,758	6,758	6,758	6,758	6,758	6,758	6,758	6,758	6,758	-	-
Contingency	4,406	4,406	4,406	4,406	4,406	4,406	4,406	4,406	4,406	4,406	4,406	4,406	-	-
Total Board	15,664	12,747	12,747	13,997	12,247	21,413	47,006	47,006	47,006	47,006	46,173	46,173	(408)	(204)
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION														
Principal	3,542	3,542	3,542	3,542	3,542	3,542	3,542	3,542	3,542	3,542	3,542	3,542	-	-
Asst Principal	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	-
Admin Support	6,625	6,625	6,625	6,625	6,625	6,625	6,625	6,625	6,625	6,625	6,625	6,625	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Administration Salaries	15,167	15,167	15,167	15,167	15,167	15,167	15,167	15,167	15,167	15,167	15,167	15,167		

#### MAGNOLIA ELEMENTARY BUDGETED CASH FLOWS FISCAL YEAR 2015

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<u>Jan</u>	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	<u>Jun</u>	Jul	Aug
Retirement	228	228	228	228	228	228	228	228	228	228	228	228	-	-
Payroll Taxes	1,570	1,507	1,160	1,160	1,160	1,160	1,160	1,160	1,160	1,160	1,160	1,160	-	-
Health Insurance	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	800	-	-
Workers Compensation	152	152	152	152	152	152	152	152	152	152	152	152	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Administration Benefits	2,749	2,686	2,339	2,339	2,339	2,339	2,339	2,339	2,339	2,339	2,339	2,339	-	<u> </u>
Travel	417	417	417	417	417	417	417	417	417	417	417	417	-	-
Equipment Rental	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	-	-
Postage	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	750	-	-
Advertising	15,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies	4,500	900	900	900	900	900	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	2,473	990	990	990	990	990	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Software	333	133	133	133	133	133							<u> </u>	
Total Administration Other	24,222	6,941	6,941	6,941	6,941	6,941	1,917	1,917	1,917	1,917	1,917	1,917		<u> </u>
Total School Administration	42,138	24,793	24,447	24,447	24,447	24,447	19,423	19,423	19,423	19,423	19,423	19,423	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
FACILITIES ACQUISITION														
Rents	23,333	23,333	23,333	23,333	23,333	23,333	23,333	23,333	23,333	23,333	23,333	23,333		
5100.01														
FISCAL Contracted Services - Finance	4,406	4,406	4,406	4,406	4,406	4,406	4,406	4,406	4,406	4,406	4,406	4,406		
Contracted Services - Finance	4,406 82	4,406	4,406 490	4,406 490	4,406 490	4,406	4,406 490	4,406 490	4,406 490	4,406	4,406 490	4,406	- 408	204
Total Fiscal		4,692		4,896	4,896	4,896	4,896	4,896	4,896	4,896	4,896	4,896	408	204
Total Fiscal	4,488	4,092	4,896	4,090	4,090	4,090	4,090	4,090	4,090	4,090	4,090	4,090	400	204
FOOD SERVICE														
Contracted Services		9,745	19,491	19,491	19,491	19,491	19,491	19,491	19,491	19,491	19,491	9,745		
TRANSPORTATION Contracted Services	_	5,805	11,610	11,610	11,610	11,610	11,610	11,610	11,610	11,610	11,610	5,805	_	_
Contracted Services	<u> </u>	5,005	11,010	11,010	11,010	11,010	11,010	11,010	11,010	11,010	11,010	5,005	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
PLANT OPERATIONS														
Custodial	1,208	1,208	1,208	1,208	1,208	1,208	1,208	1,208	1,208	1,208	1,208	1,208	-	-
Total Plant Operations Salaries	1,208	1,208	1,208	1,208	1,208	1,208	1,208	1,208	1,208	1,208	1,208	1,208	-	-
Retirement	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	-	-
Payroll Taxes	125	125	122	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	-	-
Health Insurance	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	-	-
Workers Compensation	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12		-
Total Plant Operations Benefits	255	255	252	223	223	223	223	223	223	223	223	223	-	-
Contracted Services	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500		
Insurance	3,750	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	-	-	-	-
Telephone	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	-	-
Utilities	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	-	-
Supplies	3,000	600	600	600	600	600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	666	267	267	267	267	267		-	-	-		-	<u> </u>	-
Total Plant Operations Other	13,316	8,017	8,017	8,017	8,017	8,017	7,150	7,150	7,150	7,150	5,900	5,900	<u> </u>	-
Total Plant Operations	14,780	9,480	9,477	9,448	9,448	9,448	8,581	8,581	8,581	8,581	7,331	7,331		
PLANT MAINTENANCE														
Contracted Services	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	-	-
Contracted Cervices														
DEBT SERVICE														
Principal & Interest	375	375	375	375	375	375	375	375	375	375	375	375		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	214,397	194,228	247,263	247,696	244,529	260,320	237,593	237,593	237,593	237,593	235,509	228,409	94,956	44,978
	214,001	,				<u> </u>	<u> </u>			. <u> </u>		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXP	71,777	51,418	7,856	7,423	10,591	(5,200)	17,527	17,527	17,527	17,527	19,610	17,238	(94,956)	(44,978)
CASH, ENDING	82,664	134,083	141,939	149,362	159,953	154,752	172,279	189,806	207,333	224,859	244,470	261,707	166,751	121,774

## MAGNOLIA ELEMENTARY BUDGETED BALANCE SHEETS JUNE 30, 2014 (STARTUP PERIOD) AND 2015

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
ASSETS Cash	10,887	261,708
Total Assets	<u>    10,887</u>	261,708
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE Liabilities		
Accrued Salaries and Benefits		139,934
Total Liabilities		139,934
Fund Balance	10,887	121,773
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	10,887	261,708

		Start-Up			FY15			FY16	6		FY17	7		FY18	3		FY19	_
Name Position	Expected Salary	Months	Salary	Expected Salary	FTE	Salary	Expected Salary	FTE	Salary	Expected Salary	FTE	Salary	Expected Salary	FTE	Salary	Expected Salary	FTE	Salary
TBA Teachers Instructional	39,000	-	-	39,000	### ###	858,000 <b>858,000</b>	39,390	### ###	1,181,700 <b>1,181,700</b>	39,784	30.0 <b>30.0</b>	1,193,517 <b>1,193,517</b>	40,182	30.0 <b>30.0</b>	1,205,452 <b>1,205,452</b>	40,584	30.0 <b>30.0</b>	1,217,507 <b>1,217,507</b>
TBA ESE Teacher TBA Resource Teacher Specialty	44,000 39,000	-	-	44,000 39,000	1.0 2.0 <b>3.0</b>	44,000 78,000 <b>122,000</b>	44,440 39,390	3.0 2.5 <b>5.5</b>	133,320 98,475 <b>231,795</b>	44,884 39,784	3.0 2.5 <b>5.5</b>	134,653 99,460 <b>234,113</b>	45,333 40,182	3.0 3.0 <b>6.0</b>	136,000 120,545 <b>256,545</b>	45,787 40,584	3.0 4.0 <b>7.0</b>	137,360 162,334 <b>299,694</b>
TBA Media Specialist <b>Media</b>	42,900	:	:	42,900		-	43,329	0.5 <b>0.5</b>	21,665 <b>21,665</b>	43,762	0.5 <b>0.5</b>	21,881 <b>21,881</b>	44,200	0.5 <b>0.5</b>	22,100 <b>22,100</b>	44,642	0.5 <b>0.5</b>	22,321 <b>22,321</b>
TBA Principal / Director TBA Asst Principal / Director Administrators	85,000 r 60,000	1 - <b>1</b>	7,083 - <b>7,083</b>	85,000 60,000	0.5 1.0 <b>1.5</b>	42,500 60,000 <b>102,500</b>	85,850 60,600	0.5 1.0 <b>1.5</b>	42,925 60,600 <b>103,525</b>	86,709 61,206	0.5 1.0 <b>1.5</b>	43,354 61,206 <b>104,560</b>	87,576 61,818	0.5 1.0 <b>1.5</b>	43,788 61,818 <b>105,606</b>	88,451 62,436	0.5 1.0 <b>1.5</b>	44,226 62,436 <b>106,662</b>
TBA Office Manager TBA Secretary Admin Support	39,000 30,000	1 - <b>1</b>	3,250 - <b>3,250</b>	39,000 30,000	0.5 2.0 <b>2.5</b>	19,500 60,000 <b>79,500</b>	39,390 30,300	0.5 2.0 <b>2.5</b>	19,695 60,600 <b>80,295</b>	39,784 30,603	0.5 2.0 <b>2.5</b>	19,892 61,206 <b>81,098</b>	40,182 30,909	0.5 2.0 <b>2.5</b>	20,091 61,818 <b>81,909</b>	40,584 31,218	0.5 2.0 <b>2.5</b>	20,292 62,436 <b>82,728</b>
TBA Custodian <b>Custodial</b>	29,000	:	-	29,000	0.5 <b>0.5</b>	14,500 <b>14,500</b>	29,290	0.5 <b>0.5</b>	14,645 <b>14,645</b>	29,583	0.5 <b>0.5</b>	14,791 <b>14,791</b>	29,879	0.5 <b>0.5</b>	14,939 <b>14,939</b>	30,178	0.5 <b>0.5</b>	15,089 <b>15,089</b>
Total		2	10,333		###	1,176,500		###	1,633,625		40.5	1,649,961		<u>41.0</u>	1,686,551		42.0	1,744,000

## MAGNOLIA ELEMENTARY ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

FY15	Enroll	Ratio	Teachers
K 1 2 3 4 5	90 90 54 66 66 420	18 18 18 22 22	5 5 3 3 3 3 22
FY16 K 1 2 3 4 5	90 90 90 92 99 551	18 18 18 22 22	5 5 5 5 5 5 30
FY17 K 1 2 3 4 5	90 90 90 93 93 546	18 18 18 22 22	5 5 5 5 5 5 30
FY18 K 1 2 3 4 5	90 90 90 95 95 550	18 18 18 22 22	5 5 5 5 5 5 30
FY19 K 1 2 3 4 5	90 90 90 95 95 550	18 18 18 22 22	5 5 5 5 5 5 30

#### Revenue Estimate Worksheet for Magnolia Elementary FY15 Based on the First Calculation of the FEFP 2013-14

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#### 1. 2013-14 FEFP State and Local Funding

**School District:** 

Base Student Allocation	\$3,752.30	District Cost Differential:	1.0235	
			Weighted	2013-14 Base
		Program	FTE (b)	Funding WFTE x
Program	Number of FTE	Cost Factor	<b>x</b> (c)	BSA x DCD
(a)	<b>(b</b> )	(c)	( <b>d</b> )	(e)
101 Basic K-3	253.44	1.125	285.1200	\$ 1,094,997
111 Basic K-3 with ESE Services	28.80	1.125	32.4000	\$ 124,432
102 Basic 4-8	116.16	1.000	116.1600	\$ 446,110
112 Basic 4-8 with ESE Services	13.20	1.000	13.2000	\$ 50,694
103 Basic 9-12		1.011	0.0000	\$ -
113 Basic 9-12 with ESE Services		1.011	0.0000	\$ -
254 ESE Level 4 (Grade Level PK-3)		3.558	0.0000	\$ -
254 ESE Level 4 (Grade Level 4-8)		3.558	0.0000	\$ -
254 ESE Level 4 (Grade Level 9-12)		3.558	0.0000	\$ -
255 ESE Level 5 (Grade Level PK-3)		5.089	0.0000	\$ -
255 ESE Level 5 (Grade Level 4-8)		5.089	0.0000	\$-
255 ESE Level 5 (Grade Level 9-12)		5.089	0.0000	\$ -
130 ESOL (Grade Level PK-3)	5.76	1.145	6.5952	\$ 25,329
130 ESOL (Grade Level 4-8)	2.64	1.145	3.0228	\$ 11,609
130 ESOL (Grade Level 9-12)		1.145	0.0000	\$ -
300 Career Education (Grades 9-12)		1.011	0.0000	\$ -
Totals	420.00	_	456.4980	\$ 1,753,171

2. ESE Guaranteed Allocation:	FTE	Grade Level	Matrix Level		arantee Student	<i>•</i>	
Additional Funding from the ESE	28.80	PK-3	251	\$	1,058	\$	30,470
Guaranteed Allocation. Enter the		PK-3	252	\$	3,418	\$	-
		PK-3	253	\$	6,974	\$	-
FTE from 111,112, & 113 by grade and matrix level. Students -	13.20	4-8	251	\$	1,187	\$	15,668
who do not have a matrix level -		4-8	252	\$	3,546	\$	-
should be considered 251. This -		4-8	253	\$	7,102	\$	-
total should equal all FTE from	0.00	9-12	251	\$	845	\$	-
programs 111, 112 & 113 above		9-12	252	\$	3,204	\$	-
programs 111, 112 & 115 above.		9-12	253	\$	6,760	\$	-
Total FTE with ESE Services	42.00	_	Total from I	ESE G	Juarantee	\$	46,138
3. Supplemental Academic Instruction:							
District SAI Allocation	#######################################	ŧ			Р	er Stud	ent
divided by district FTE (with eligible services)	257,6	37.67		\$	206	\$	86,520

#### 4. Reading Allocation:

Charter Schools should contact their school district sponsor regarding eligibility and distribution of reading allocation funds.

				Total Base Funding, ES	rantee, and SAI <u></u> \$	1,885,829	
5. Class s	ize Reduction Funds:						
	Weighted FTE (From Section 1)	Х	DCD	X Allocation factors	6		
PK - 3	324.1152		1.0235	1320.15	=	437,936	
4-8	132.3828		1.0235	900.48	=	122,009	
9-12	0.0000	_	1.0235	902.65	=	0	
Total *	456.4980	]		Total Class	Size R	eduction Funds \$	559,945

6A. Divide school's Weighted FTE (WFTE) t	otal computed					
in (d) above:	456.4980	by dist	rict's WFTE:	280	,213.62	
to obtain school's WFTE share	·.				0.1629%	
6B. Divide school's Unweighted FTE (UFTE)	total computed					
in (b) above:	420.00	by dist	rict's UFTE:	257	,637.67	
to obtain school's UFTE share.					0.1630%	
	Letters Ref	er to Note	es At Bottom:			
7. Other FEFP (WFTE share)		(a)	6,135,390	х	0.1629%	\$ 9,995
Applicable to all Charter Schools:		-				
Declining Enrollment	0					
Sparsity Supplement	0					
Program Related Requirements: Safe Schools	6,135,390					
Lab School Discretionary	0					
8. Discretionary Local Effort (WFTE share)	ů –	( <b>d</b> )	98,260,848	x	0.1629%	\$ 160,067
9. Discretionary Millage Compression Alloca	tion	· · · -				
.748 mills (UFTE share)	uon .	(b)	0	X	0.1630%	\$ -
10. Proration to Funds Available (WFTE sha	ire)	(a)	0	x	0.1629%	\$ -
11. Discretionary Lottery (WFTE share)		(a)	0	X	0.1629%	\$ -
12. Instructional Materials Allocation (UFTE	E share)	(b)	19,884,665	X	0.1630%	\$ 32,412
Dual Enrollment Instructional Materia	als Allocation (S	ee footno	te i below)			
13. Student Transportation		(e)	)			
Enter	r All Riders	-	315.00	X	###########	\$ 109,305
Enter	r ESE Student I	Riders		х	###########	\$ -
14. Teacher Salary Allocation (WFTE share)		(j)	46,981,326	x	0.1629%	\$ 76,533
15. Florida Teachers Lead Program Stipend						
16. Food Service Allocation		(g)	)			
17. Performance Pay Plan						
					Total	\$ 2,834,086

 18. Funding for the purpose of calculating the administrative fee for ESE Charters.
 (h)

 If you have more than a 75% ESE student population please place a 1 in the following box:
 \$ 

NOTES:

(a) District allocations multiplied by percentage from item 6A.

(b) District allocations multiplied by percentage from item 6B.

(d) Proceeds of 0.748 millage levy (s. 1011.71(3)(b), Florida Statutes) multiplied by percentage from item 6A.

(e) Consistent with Section 1006.21, Florida Statutes and DOE Student Transportation General Instructions. Numbers entered here will be multiplied by the district level transportation funding per rider. "All Riders" should include both basic and ESE Riders. "ESE Student Riders" should include only ESE Riders.

(f) Teacher Lead Program Allocation per Section 1012.71, Florida Statutes

(g) Funding based on student eligibility and meals provided, if participating in the National School Lunch Program.

(h) Consistent with Section 1002.33(20)(a), Florida Statutes, for charter schools with a population of 75% or more ESE students, the administrative fee shall be calculated based on unweighted full-time equivalent students.

(i) As provided in the 2013 General Appropriations Act, school districts are required to pay for instructional materials used for the instruction of public school high school students who are earning credit toward high school graduation under the dual enrollment program as provided in section 1011.62(l)(i), Florida Statutes.

(j) The Teacher Salary Allocation is provided pursuant to Specific Appropriation 87, Chapter 2013-40, Laws of Florida, and Section 26 of Chapter 2013-45, Laws of Florida.

Administrative fees charged by the school district shall be calculated based upon 5 percent of available funds from the FEFP and categorical funding for which charter students may be eligible. For charter schools with a population of 251 or more students the difference in the fee calculation and the fee withheld may only be used for capital outlay purposes specified in Section 1013.62(2) F.S. To calculate the administrative fee to be withheld for schools with more than 250 students, divide the school population into 250. Multiply that fraction times the funds available, then times 5%.

For high performing charter schools, administrative fees charged by the school district shall be calculated based upon 2 percent of available funds from the FEFP and categorical funding for which charter students may be eligible. For charter schools with a population of 251 or more students the difference in the fee calculation and the fee withheld may only be used for capital outlay purposes specified in Section 1013.62(2) F.S. To calculate the administrative fee to be withheld for schools with more than 250 students, divide the school population into 250. Multiply that fraction times the funds available, then times 2 percent.

FEFP and categorical funding are recalculated during the year to reflect the revised number of full-time equivalent students reported during the survey periods designated by the Commissioner of Education.

#### **Revenue Estimate Worksheet for Magnolia Elementary FY16** Based on the First Calculation of the FEFP 2013-14

Broward

1. 2013-14 FEFP State and Local Funding

**School District:** 

Base Student Allocation	\$3,752.30	District Cost Differential:	1.0235	
		Program	Weighted FTE (b)	2013-14 Base Funding WFTE x
Program	Number of FTE	Cost Factor	<b>x</b> (c)	BSA x DCD
(a)	<b>(b)</b>	(c)	( <b>d</b> )	(e)
101 Basic K-3	316.80	1.125	356.4000	\$ 1,368,747
111 Basic K-3 with ESE Services	36.00	1.125	40.5000	\$ 155,539
102 Basic 4-8	168.08	1.000	168.0800	\$ 645,508
112 Basic 4-8 with ESE Services	19.10	1.000	19.1000	\$ 73,353
103 Basic 9-12		1.011	0.0000	\$-
113 Basic 9-12 with ESE Services		1.011	0.0000	\$-
254 ESE Level 4 (Grade Level PK-3)		3.558	0.0000	\$-
254 ESE Level 4 (Grade Level 4-8)		3.558	0.0000	\$ -
254 ESE Level 4 (Grade Level 9-12)		3.558	0.0000	\$ -
255 ESE Level 5 (Grade Level PK-3)		5.089	0.0000	\$ -
255 ESE Level 5 (Grade Level 4-8)		5.089	0.0000	\$-
255 ESE Level 5 (Grade Level 9-12)		5.089	0.0000	\$-
130 ESOL (Grade Level PK-3)	7.20	1.145	8.2440	\$ 31,661
130 ESOL (Grade Level 4-8)	3.82	1.145	4.3739	\$ 16,798
130 ESOL (Grade Level 9-12)		1.145	0.0000	\$ -
300 Career Education (Grades 9-12)		1.011	0.0000	\$ -
Totals	551.00		596.6979	\$ 2,291,606

2. ESE Guaranteed Allocation:	FTE	Grade Level	Matrix Level		arantee Student		
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	36.00	PK-3	251	\$	1,058	\$	38,088
Additional Funding from the ESE		PK-3	252	\$	3,418	\$	
Guaranteed Allocation. Enter the		PK-3	253	\$	6,974	\$	
FTE from 111,112, & 113 by	19.10	4-8	251	\$	1,187	\$	22,672
grade and matrix level. Students		4-8	252	\$	3,546	\$	-
who do not have a matrix level		4-8	253	\$	7,102	\$	-
should be considered 251. This -	0.00	9-12	251	\$	845	\$	-
total should equal all FTE from		9-12	252	\$	3,204	\$	-
programs 111, 112 & 113 above		9-12	253	\$	6,760	\$	-
Total FTE with ESE Services	55.10		Total from l	ESE G	Juarantee	\$	60,760
3. Supplemental Academic Instruction:							
District SAI Allocation	#######################################	##			Р	er Studer	nt
divided by district FTE (with eligible services)	257	,637.67		\$	206	\$	113,506
4 Reading Allocation:							

4. Reading Allocation:

Charter Schools should contact their school district sponsor regarding eligibility and distribution of reading allocation funds.

			Total Base Funding,	2,465,872		
5. Class s	ize Reduction Funds:					
	Weighted FTE (From Section 1) X	DCD	X Allocation fact	ors		
РК - 3	405.1440	1.0235	1320.15	=	547,420	
4-8	191.5539	1.0235	900.48	=	176,544	
9-12	0.0000	1.0235	902.65	=	0	
Total *	596.6979		Total Cla	ss Size Red	luction Funds \$	723,964

6A. Divide school's Weighted FTE (WFTE) to	otal computed						
in (d) above:	596.6979	by dist	rict's WFTE:	280	,213.62		
to obtain school's WFTE share.	,				0.2129%		
6B. Divide school's Unweighted FTE (UFTE)	total computed						
in (b) above:	551.00	by dist	rict's UFTE:	257.	637.67		
to obtain school's UFTE share.					0.2139%		
	Letters Refe	er to Note	es At Bottom:				
7. Other FEFP (WFTE share)		(a)	6,135,390	x	0.2129%	\$	13,062
Applicable to all Charter Schools:							
Declining Enrollment	0						
Sparsity Supplement	0						
Program Related Requirements: Safe Schools	6,135,390						
Lab School Discretionary	0						
8. Discretionary Local Effort (WFTE share)	U C	( <b>d</b> )	98,260,848	x	0.2129%	\$	209,197
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9. Discretionary Millage Compression Allocat .748 mills (UFTE share)	lon	(b)	0	x	0.2139%	\$	-
10. Proration to Funds Available (WFTE sha	ro)	(a)	0	x	0.2129%		
<b>`</b>	ie)	· · · ·	0				-
11. Discretionary Lottery (WFTE share)		(a)	<u> </u>	X	0.2129%		-
12. Instructional Materials Allocation (UFTE	<i>,</i>	(b)	19,884,665	X	0.2139%	\$	42,533
Dual Enrollment Instructional Materia	us Allocation (S		,				
13. Student Transportation		(e)	)				
Enter	· All Riders		413.25	X	#######################################	\$	143,398
Enter	ESE Student R	Riders		х	#######################################	\$	-
14. Teacher Salary Allocation (WFTE share)		(j)	46,981,326	x	0.2129%	\$	100,023
15. Florida Teachers Lead Program Stipend							
16. Food Service Allocation		(g	)				
17. Performance Pay Plan							
					Total	\$	3,698,049

 18. Funding for the purpose of calculating the administrative fee for ESE Charters.
 (h)

 If you have more than a 75% ESE student population please place a 1 in the following box:
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NOTES:

(a) District allocations multiplied by percentage from item 6A.

(b) District allocations multiplied by percentage from item 6B.

(d) Proceeds of 0.748 millage levy (s. 1011.71(3)(b), Florida Statutes) multiplied by percentage from item 6A.

(e) Consistent with Section 1006.21, Florida Statutes and DOE Student Transportation General Instructions. Numbers entered here will be multiplied by the district level transportation funding per rider. "All Riders" should include both basic and ESE Riders. "ESE Student Riders" should include only ESE Riders.

(f) Teacher Lead Program Allocation per Section 1012.71, Florida Statutes

(g) Funding based on student eligibility and meals provided, if participating in the National School Lunch Program.

(h) Consistent with Section 1002.33(20)(a), Florida Statutes, for charter schools with a population of 75% or more ESE students, the administrative fee shall be calculated based on unweighted full-time equivalent students.

(i) As provided in the 2013 General Appropriations Act, school districts are required to pay for instructional materials used for the instruction of public school high school students who are earning credit toward high school graduation under the dual enrollment program as provided in section 1011.62(l)(i), Florida Statutes.

(j) The Teacher Salary Allocation is provided pursuant to Specific Appropriation 87, Chapter 2013-40, Laws of Florida, and Section 26 of Chapter 2013-45, Laws of Florida.

Administrative fees charged by the school district shall be calculated based upon 5 percent of available funds from the FEFP and categorical funding for which charter students may be eligible. For charter schools with a population of 251 or more students the difference in the fee calculation and the fee withheld may only be used for capital outlay purposes specified in Section 1013.62(2) F.S. To calculate the administrative fee to be withheld for schools with more than 250 students, divide the school population into 250. Multiply that fraction times the funds available, then times 5%.

For high performing charter schools, administrative fees charged by the school district shall be calculated based upon 2 percent of available funds from the FEFP and categorical funding for which charter students may be eligible. For charter schools with a population of 251 or more students the difference in the fee calculation and the fee withheld may only be used for capital outlay purposes specified in Section 1013.62(2) F.S. To calculate the administrative fee to be withheld for schools with more than 250 students, divide the school population into 250. Multiply that fraction times the funds available, then times 2 percent.

FEFP and categorical funding are recalculated during the year to reflect the revised number of full-time equivalent students reported during the survey periods designated by the Commissioner of Education.

#### **Revenue Estimate Worksheet for Magnolia Elementary FY17** Based on the First Calculation of the FEFP 2013-14

Broward

1. 2013-14 FEFP State and Local Funding

**School District:** 

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Base Student Allocation	\$3,752.30	District Cost Differential:	1.0235	
			Weighted	2013-14 Base
		Program	FTE (b)	Funding WFTE x
rogram	Number of FTE	Cost Factor	<b>x</b> (c)	BSA x DCD
(a)	<b>(b</b> )	(c)	( <b>d</b> )	(e)
101 Basic K-3	316.80	1.125	356.4000	\$ 1,368,747
111 Basic K-3 with ESE Services	36.00	1.125	40.5000	\$ 155,539
102 Basic 4-8	163.68	1.000	163.6800	\$ 628,610
112 Basic 4-8 with ESE Services	18.60	1.000	18.6000	\$ 71,433
103 Basic 9-12		1.011	0.0000	\$-
113 Basic 9-12 with ESE Services		1.011	0.0000	\$-
254 ESE Level 4 (Grade Level PK-3)		3.558	0.0000	\$-
254 ESE Level 4 (Grade Level 4-8)		3.558	0.0000	\$-
254 ESE Level 4 (Grade Level 9-12)		3.558	0.0000	\$-
255 ESE Level 5 (Grade Level PK-3)		5.089	0.0000	\$-
255 ESE Level 5 (Grade Level 4-8)		5.089	0.0000	\$-
255 ESE Level 5 (Grade Level 9-12)		5.089	0.0000	\$-
130 ESOL (Grade Level PK-3)	7.20	1.145	8.2440	\$ 31,661
130 ESOL (Grade Level 4-8)	3.72	1.145	4.2594	\$ 16,358
130 ESOL (Grade Level 9-12)		1.145	0.0000	\$-
300 Career Education (Grades 9-12)		1.011	0.0000	\$ -
Totals	546.00		591.6834	\$ 2,272,348

			Mauix	Gu	arantee		
2. ESE Guaranteed Allocation:	FTE	Grade Level	Level	Per	Student		
	36.00	РК-3	251	\$	1,058	\$	38,088
Additional Funding from the ESE		РК-3	252	\$	3,418	\$	-
Guaranteed Allocation. Enter the		РК-3	253	\$	6,974	\$	-
FTE from 111,112, & 113 by	18.60	4-8	251	\$	1,187	\$	22,078
grade and matrix level. Students		4-8	252	\$	3,546	\$	-
who do not have a matrix level		4-8	253	\$	7,102	\$	-
should be considered 251. This	0.00	9-12	251	\$	845	\$	-
total should equal all FTE from		9-12	252	\$	3,204	\$	-
programs 111, 112 & 113 above.		9-12	253	\$	6,760	\$	-
Total FTE with ESE Services	54.60		Total from 1	ESE G	luarantee	\$	60,166
3. Supplemental Academic Instruction:							
District SAI Allocation	#######################################	#####			Р	er Stude	ent
divided by district FTE		257,637.67		\$	206	\$	112,476
(with eligible services)							
4. Reading Allocation: Charter Schools should contact their school distric	t sponsor regardir	ng eligibility and distrib	oution of read	ding all	ocation fur	nds.	

#### Total Base Funding, ESE Guarantee, and SAI <u></u> 2,444,990 5. Class size Reduction Funds: Weighted FTE (From Section 1) X DCD X Allocation factors PK - 3 405.1440 1320.15 547,420 1.0235 = 171,922 186.5394 900.48 4-8 1.0235 = 9-12 0.0000 1.0235 902.65 0 = Total \* 591.6834 Total Class Size Reduction Funds \$ 719,342

6A. Divide school's Weighted FTE (WFTE)	total computed					
in (d) above:	591.6834	by dist	rict's WFTE:	280	,213.62	
to obtain school's WFTE share	e.				0.2112%	
6B. Divide school's Unweighted FTE (UFTE	) total computed					
in (b) above:	546.00	by dist	rict's UFTE:	257	,637.67	
to obtain school's UFTE share	•				0.2119%	
	Letters Ref	er to Note	es At Bottom:			
7. Other FEFP (WFTE share)		(a)	6,135,390	х	0.2112%	\$ 12,958
Applicable to all Charter Schools:						
Declining Enrollment	0					
Sparsity Supplement	0					
Program Related Requirements: Safe Schools	6,135,390					
Lab School Discretionary	0					
8. Discretionary Local Effort (WFTE share)	-	( <b>d</b> )	98,260,848	x	0.2112%	\$ 207,527
9. Discretionary Millage Compression Alloca	ation					
.748 mills (UFTE share)		(b)	0	х	0.2119%	\$ -
10. Proration to Funds Available (WFTE sha	are)	(a)	0	х	0.2112%	\$ -
11. Discretionary Lottery (WFTE share)		(a)	0	х	0.2112%	\$ -
12. Instructional Materials Allocation (UFT)	E share)	(b)	19,884,665	х	0.2119%	\$ 42,136
Dual Enrollment Instructional Mater	ials Allocation (S	ee footno	te i below)			
13. Student Transportation		(e)	)			
Ente	er All Riders	_	409.50	х	#######################################	\$ 142,097
Ente	er ESE Student H	Riders		X	#######################################	\$ -
14. Teacher Salary Allocation (WFTE share	)	(j)	46,981,326	x	0.2112%	\$ 99,225
15. Florida Teachers Lead Program Stipend						
16. Food Service Allocation		(g	)			
17. Performance Pay Plan						
					Total	\$ 3,668,275

 18. Funding for the purpose of calculating the administrative fee for ESE Charters.
 (h)

 If you have more than a 75% ESE student population please place a 1 in the following box:
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NOTES:

(a) District allocations multiplied by percentage from item 6A.

(b) District allocations multiplied by percentage from item 6B.

(d) Proceeds of 0.748 millage levy (s. 1011.71(3)(b), Florida Statutes) multiplied by percentage from item 6A.

(e) Consistent with Section 1006.21, Florida Statutes and DOE Student Transportation General Instructions. Numbers entered here will be multiplied by the district level transportation funding per rider. "All Riders" should include both basic and ESE Riders. "ESE Student Riders" should include only ESE Riders.

(f) Teacher Lead Program Allocation per Section 1012.71, Florida Statutes

(g) Funding based on student eligibility and meals provided, if participating in the National School Lunch Program.

(h) Consistent with Section 1002.33(20)(a), Florida Statutes, for charter schools with a population of 75% or more ESE students, the administrative fee shall be calculated based on unweighted full-time equivalent students.

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For high performing charter schools, administrative fees charged by the school district shall be calculated based upon 2 percent of available funds from the FEFP and categorical funding for which charter students may be eligible. For charter schools with a population of 251 or more students the difference in the fee calculation and the fee withheld may only be used for capital outlay purposes specified in Section 1013.62(2) F.S. To calculate the administrative fee to be withheld for schools with more than 250 students, divide the school population into 250. Multiply that fraction times the funds available, then times 2 percent.

FEFP and categorical funding are recalculated during the year to reflect the revised number of full-time equivalent students reported during the survey periods designated by the Commissioner of Education.

## **Revenue Estimate Worksheet for Magnolia Elementary FY18** Based on the First Calculation of the FEFP 2013-14

Broward

1. 2013-14 FEFP State and Local Funding

**School District:** 

District Cost Differential: 1 0235

Base Student Allocation	\$3,752.30	District Cost Differential:	1.0235	
			Weighted	2013-14 Base
		Program	FTE (b)	Funding WFTE x
Program	Number of FTE	Cost Factor	<b>x</b> (c)	BSA x DCD
(a)	<b>(b</b> )	(c)	( <b>d</b> )	(e)
101 Basic K-3	316.80	1.125	356.4000	\$ 1,368,747
111 Basic K-3 with ESE Services	36.00	1.125	40.5000	\$ 155,539
102 Basic 4-8	167.20	1.000	167.2000	\$ 642,128
112 Basic 4-8 with ESE Services	19.00	1.000	19.0000	\$ 72,969
103 Basic 9-12		1.011	0.0000	\$-
113 Basic 9-12 with ESE Services		1.011	0.0000	\$-
254 ESE Level 4 (Grade Level PK-3)		3.558	0.0000	\$-
254 ESE Level 4 (Grade Level 4-8)		3.558	0.0000	\$-
254 ESE Level 4 (Grade Level 9-12)		3.558	0.0000	\$-
255 ESE Level 5 (Grade Level PK-3)		5.089	0.0000	\$-
255 ESE Level 5 (Grade Level 4-8)		5.089	0.0000	\$-
255 ESE Level 5 (Grade Level 9-12)		5.089	0.0000	\$-
130 ESOL (Grade Level PK-3)	7.20	1.145	8.2440	\$ 31,661
130 ESOL (Grade Level 4-8)	3.80	1.145	4.3510	\$ 16,710
130 ESOL (Grade Level 9-12)		1.145	0.0000	\$-
300 Career Education (Grades 9-12)		1.011	0.0000	\$-
Totals	550.00		595.6950	\$ 2,287,754

2. ESE Guaranteed Allocation:	FTE	Creat	le Leve	l Level	Dor	Student		
2. ESE Guaranteeu Anocation:					rei		• .	
Additional Funding from the ESE	36.00	·	PK-3	251	\$	1,058	\$	38,088
8			PK-3	252	\$	3,418	\$	-
Guaranteed Allocation. Enter the			PK-3	253	\$	6,974	\$	-
FTE from 111,112, & 113 by	19.00		4-8	251	\$	1,187	\$	22,553
grade and matrix level. Students who do not have a matrix level			4-8	252	\$	3,546	\$	-
			4-8	253	\$	7,102	\$	-
should be considered 251. This -	0.00		9-12	251	\$	845	\$	-
total should equal all FTE from			9-12	252	\$	3,204	\$	-
programs 111, 112 & 113 above			9-12	253	\$	6,760	\$	-
Total FTE with ESE Services	55.00			Total from	ESE (	Guarantee	\$	60,641
3. Supplemental Academic Instruction:								
District SAI Allocation	#############	######				F	Per Stu	dent
divided by district FTE		257,637.67			\$	206	\$	113,300
(with eligible services)								

#### 4. Reading Allocation:

Charter Schools should contact their school district sponsor regarding eligibility and distribution of reading allocation funds.

	Total Base Funding, ESE Guarantee, and SAI _\$								
ize Reduction Funds:									
Weighted FTE (From Section 1)	X <u>DCD</u>	X Allocation fact	tors						
405.1440	1.0235	1320.15	=	547,420					
190.5510	1.0235	900.48	=	175,620					
0.0000	1.0235	902.65	=	0					
595.6950	]	Total Cla	uss Size Red	uction Funds \$	723,040				
	Weighted FTE (From Section 1) 405.1440 190.5510 0.0000	Weighted FTE (From Section 1)         X         DCD           405.1440         1.0235           190.5510         1.0235           0.0000         1.0235	ize Reduction Funds: <u>Weighted FTE (From Section 1)</u> X <u>DCD</u> X <u>Allocation fact</u> 405.1440 1.0235 1320.15 190.5510 1.0235 900.48 0.0000 1.0235 902.65	Meighted FTE (From Section 1)       X DCD       X Allocation factors         405.1440       1.0235       1320.15       =         190.5510       1.0235       900.48       =         0.0000       1.0235       902.65       =	Mize Reduction Funds:         Weighted FTE (From Section 1)       X       DCD       X Allocation factors         405.1440       1.0235       1320.15       =       547,420         190.5510       1.0235       900.48       =       175,620         0.0000       1.0235       902.65       =       0				

6A. Divide school's Weighted FTE (WFTE) to	otal computed					
in (d) above:	595.6950	by dist	rict's WFTE:	280	,213.62	
to obtain school's WFTE share					0.2126%	
6B. Divide school's Unweighted FTE (UFTE)	total computed					
in (b) above:	550.00		rict's UFTE:	257	,637.67	
to obtain school's UFTE share.		_			0.2135%	
	Letters Refe	er to Not	es At Bottom:			
7. Other FEFP (WFTE share)		(a)	6,135,390	x	0.2126%	\$ 13,044
Applicable to all Charter Schools:						
Declining Enrollment	0					
Sparsity Supplement	0					
Program Related Requirements: Safe Schools	6,135,390					
Lab School Discretionary	0,135,390					
i i	0					
8. Discretionary Local Effort (WFTE share)		( <b>d</b> )	98,260,848	X	0.2126%	\$ 208,903
9. Discretionary Millage Compression Allocat	tion					
.748 mills (UFTE share)		(b)	0	X	0.2135%	\$ -
10. Proration to Funds Available (WFTE sha	re)	(a)	0	х	0.2126%	\$ -
11. Discretionary Lottery (WFTE share)		(a)	0	х	0.2126%	\$ -
12. Instructional Materials Allocation (UFTE	share)	<b>(b)</b>	19,884,665	х	0.2135%	\$ 42,454
Dual Enrollment Instructional Materia	als Allocation (S	ee footno	te i below)			
13. Student Transportation		(e	)			
Enter	· All Riders		412.50	X	###########	\$ 143,138
Enter	ESE Student F	Riders		x	###########	\$ -
14. Teacher Salary Allocation (WFTE share)		(j)	46,981,326	x	0.2126%	\$ 99,882
15. Florida Teachers Lead Program Stipend						
16. Food Service Allocation		(g	)			
17. Performance Pay Plan						
					Total	\$ 3,692,156

 18. Funding for the purpose of calculating the administrative fee for ESE Charters.
 (h)

 If you have more than a 75% ESE student population please place a 1 in the following box:
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NOTES:

(a) District allocations multiplied by percentage from item 6A.

(b) District allocations multiplied by percentage from item 6B.

(d) Proceeds of 0.748 millage levy (s. 1011.71(3)(b), Florida Statutes) multiplied by percentage from item 6A.

(e) Consistent with Section 1006.21, Florida Statutes and DOE Student Transportation General Instructions. Numbers entered here will be multiplied by the district level transportation funding per rider. "All Riders" should include both basic and ESE Riders. "ESE Student Riders" should include only ESE Riders.

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(g) Funding based on student eligibility and meals provided, if participating in the National School Lunch Program.

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FEFP and categorical funding are recalculated during the year to reflect the revised number of full-time equivalent students reported during the survey periods designated by the Commissioner of Education.

#### **Revenue Estimate Worksheet for Magnolia Elementary FY19** Based on the First Calculation of the FEFP 2013-14

Broward

1. 2013-14 FEFP State and Local Funding

**School District:** 

Base Student Allocation	\$3,752.30	District Cost Differential:	1.0235	
			Weighted	2013-14 Base
		Program	FTE (b)	Funding WFTE x
Program	Number of FTE	Cost Factor	<b>x</b> (c)	BSA x DCD
(a)	<b>(b)</b>	(c)	( <b>d</b> )	(e)
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254 ESE Level 4 (Grade Level 4-8)		3.558	0.0000	\$-
254 ESE Level 4 (Grade Level 9-12)		3.558	0.0000	\$-
255 ESE Level 5 (Grade Level PK-3)		5.089	0.0000	\$-
255 ESE Level 5 (Grade Level 4-8)		5.089	0.0000	\$-
255 ESE Level 5 (Grade Level 9-12)		5.089	0.0000	\$-
130 ESOL (Grade Level PK-3)	7.20	1.145	8.2440	\$ 31,661
130 ESOL (Grade Level 4-8)	3.80	1.145	4.3510	\$ 16,710
130 ESOL (Grade Level 9-12)		1.145	0.0000	\$ -
300 Career Education (Grades 9-12)		1.011	0.0000	\$-
Totals	550.00	_	595.6950	\$ 2,287,754
		Matrix	Guarantee	
2. ESE Guaranteed Allocation:	FTE	Grade Level Level	Per Student	
	36.00	PK-3 251	\$ 1,058	\$ 38,088

2. ESE Guaranteed Allocation:	FTE	Grade Level	Level	Per	Student		
Additional Franking frame the ECE	36.00	PK-3	251	\$	1,058	\$	38,088
Additional Funding from the ESE		PK-3	252	\$	3,418	\$	-
Guaranteed Allocation. Enter the		PK-3	253	\$	6,974	\$	-
FTE from 111,112, & 113 by grade and matrix level. Students -	19.00	4-8	251	\$	1,187	\$	22,553
who do not have a matrix level		4-8	252	\$	3,546	\$	-
should be considered 251. This		4-8	253	\$	7,102	\$	-
	0.00	9-12	251	\$	845	\$	-
total should equal all FTE from		9-12	252	\$	3,204	\$	-
programs 111, 112 & 113 above.		9-12	253	\$	6,760	\$	-
Total FTE with ESE Services	55.00		Total from	ESE G	Juarantee	\$	60,641
3. Supplemental Academic Instruction:							
District SAI Allocation	#######################################	###			F	Per Stude	ent
divided by district FTE	2	57,637.67		\$	206	\$	113,300
(with eligible services)							

#### 4. Reading Allocation:

Charter Schools should contact their school district sponsor regarding eligibility and distribution of reading allocation funds.

			Total Base Funding	, ESE Guar	antee, and SAI <u></u> \$	2,461,695
5. Class s	size Reduction Funds:					
	Weighted FTE (From Section 1)	X <u>DCD</u>	X Allocation fac	ctors		
PK - 3	405.1440	1.0235	1320.15	=	547,420	
4-8	190.5510	1.0235	900.48	=	175,620	
9-12	0.0000	1.0235	902.65	=	0	
Total *	595.6950	]	Total Cl	ass Size Rec	luction Funds \$	723,040
			4 <b>•</b> • • •			

6A. Divide school's Weighted FTE (WFTE) t	otal computed						
in (d) above:	595.6950	by dist	rict's WFTE:	280	,213.62		
to obtain school's WFTE share					0.2126%		
6B. Divide school's Unweighted FTE (UFTE)	total computed						
in (b) above:	550.00	by dist	rict's UFTE:	257	,637.67		
to obtain school's UFTE share.					0.2135%		
	Letters Ref	er to Not	es At Bottom:				
7. Other FEFP (WFTE share)		(a)	6,135,390	x	0.2126%	\$	13,044
Applicable to all Charter Schools:							
Declining Enrollment	0						
Sparsity Supplement	0						
Program Related Requirements: Safe Schools	6,135,390						
Lab School Discretionary	0,135,590						
	U		00 0 0 0 0 0		0.010(0/	¢	200 002
8. Discretionary Local Effort (WFTE share)		( <b>d</b> )	98,260,848	X	0.2126%	<b>ð</b>	208,903
9. Discretionary Millage Compression Alloca	tion		0		0.01050/	¢	
.748 mills (UFTE share)		(b)	0	X	0.2135%		-
10. Proration to Funds Available (WFTE sha	ire)	(a)	0	х	0.2126%	\$	-
11. Discretionary Lottery (WFTE share)		(a)	0	х	0.2126%	\$	-
12. Instructional Materials Allocation (UFTE	E share)	<b>(b</b> )	19,884,665	х	0.2135%	\$	42,454
<b>Dual Enrollment Instructional Materi</b>	als Allocation (S	ee footno	te i below)				
13. Student Transportation		(e	)				
Enter	r All Riders		412.50	х	############	\$	143,138
Enter	r ESE Student H	Riders		X	###########	\$	-
14. Teacher Salary Allocation (WFTE share)		(j)	46,981,326	x	0.2126%	\$	99,882
15. Florida Teachers Lead Program Stipend		9/					
16. Food Service Allocation		(g	)				
		6					
17. Performance Pay Plan							
					Total	\$	3,692,156

 18. Funding for the purpose of calculating the administrative fee for ESE Charters.
 (h)

 If you have more than a 75% ESE student population please place a 1 in the following box:
 \$ 

NOTES:

(a) District allocations multiplied by percentage from item 6A.

(b) District allocations multiplied by percentage from item 6B.

(d) Proceeds of 0.748 millage levy (s. 1011.71(3)(b), Florida Statutes) multiplied by percentage from item 6A.

(e) Consistent with Section 1006.21, Florida Statutes and DOE Student Transportation General Instructions. Numbers entered here will be multiplied by the district level transportation funding per rider. "All Riders" should include both basic and ESE Riders. "ESE Student Riders" should include only ESE Riders.

(f) Teacher Lead Program Allocation per Section 1012.71, Florida Statutes

(g) Funding based on student eligibility and meals provided, if participating in the National School Lunch Program.

(h) Consistent with Section 1002.33(20)(a), Florida Statutes, for charter schools with a population of 75% or more ESE students, the administrative fee shall be calculated based on unweighted full-time equivalent students.

(i) As provided in the 2013 General Appropriations Act, school districts are required to pay for instructional materials used for the instruction of public school high school students who are earning credit toward high school graduation under the dual enrollment program as provided in section 1011.62(l)(i), Florida Statutes.

(j) The Teacher Salary Allocation is provided pursuant to Specific Appropriation 87, Chapter 2013-40, Laws of Florida, and Section 26 of Chapter 2013-45, Laws of Florida.

Administrative fees charged by the school district shall be calculated based upon 5 percent of available funds from the FEFP and categorical funding for which charter students may be eligible. For charter schools with a population of 251 or more students the difference in the fee calculation and the fee withheld may only be used for capital outlay purposes specified in Section 1013.62(2) F.S. To calculate the administrative fee to be withheld for schools with more than 250 students, divide the school population into 250. Multiply that fraction times the funds available, then times 5%.

For high performing charter schools, administrative fees charged by the school district shall be calculated based upon 2 percent of available funds from the FEFP and categorical funding for which charter students may be eligible. For charter schools with a population of 251 or more students the difference in the fee calculation and the fee withheld may only be used for capital outlay purposes specified in Section 1013.62(2) F.S. To calculate the administrative fee to be withheld for schools with more than 250 students, divide the school population into 250. Multiply that fraction times the funds available, then times 2 percent.

FEFP and categorical funding are recalculated during the year to reflect the revised number of full-time equivalent students reported during the survey periods designated by the Commissioner of Education.

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	District	District Cost Differential	Unweighted FTE	Weighted FTE Funded	Declining Enrollment Supplement	Sparsity Supplement	State Funded Discretionary Contribution	Discretionary Tax Compression 0.748 mills	Safe Schools Allocation	Supplemental Academic Instruction	ESE Guaranteed Allocation Dollars	0.748 Basic Discretionary Revenue	Total Disc.
1	Alachua	0.9805	27,074.05	29,407.26	0	0	0	1,607,928	812,183	7,558,718	10,807,040	8,606,085	8,606,085
2	Baker	0.9772	4,728.77	5,006.60	58,379	698,673	0	1,167,013	116,568	1,840,562	1,057,149	616,939	616,939
3 4	Bay Bradford	0.9591 0.9726	25,831.34 3,080.24	28,942.38 3,275.45	26,361 7,023	0 963,215	0 0	0 505,837	689,686 125,626	7,332,371 987,920	7,883,952 1,220,260	10,820,521 656,228	10,820,521 656,228
	Brevard	1.0088	69,590.48	76,295.12	204,768	905,215	0	5,929,109	1,700,867	18,677,119	26,768,095	20,324,635	20,324,635
_	Broward	1.0235	257,637.67	280,213.62	0	0	0	0	6,135,390	53,067,950	85,327,019	98,260,848	98,260,848
7	Calhoun	0.9256	2,198.33	2,378.47	0	1,562,752	0	503,571	85,432	492,421	788,848	325,781	325,781
8	Charlotte	0.9887	15,731.77	16,850.82	162,501	0	0	0	410,868	3,565,851	5,975,369	9,332,731	9,332,731
9 10	Citrus Clay	0.9515 0.9935	14,644.20 34,541.83	15,796.87 37,696.21	231,062 345,796	1,176,600 0	0	0 6,471,066	358,300 608,358	3,324,411 9,553,247	6,551,629 11,174,545	6,882,090 6,560,192	6,882,090 6,560,192
11	Collier	1.0221	43,451.81	47,286.38	0	0	0	0,471,000	756,471	8,576,297	19,581,838	45,244,931	45,244,931
12	Columbia	0.9640	9,837.22	10,457.59	0	1,318,083	0	1,865,235	281,650	3,861,145	3,896,342	1,845,956	1,845,956
13	Miami-Dade	1.0123	348,787.02	378,860.88	0	0	0	0	9,859,256	117,206,208	126,355,688	130,136,578	130,136,578
14	De Soto	0.9758	4,769.51	5,058.47	6,533	690,951	0	729,497	150,241	1,599,500	2,019,998	1,069,848	1,069,848
15	Dixie Duval	0.9386	2,023.68 126,894.10	2,191.40 138,006.36	4,702	985,364 0	0	405,728	104,207 3,328,352	455,085 29,111,016	535,179 44,367,275	357,725 37,384,603	357,725 37,384,603
	Escambia	0.9635	40,138.79	43,644.28	0	0	0	4,525,247	1,198,107	9,303,778	13,850,153	10,617,516	10,617,516
18	Flagler	0.9604	12,765.16	13,549.53	0	1,242,111	0	0	281,539	2,767,251	5,412,191	4,998,607	4,998,607
19	Franklin	0.9337	1,081.27	1,163.49	54,659	0	0	0	89,008	295,654	490,175	1,212,782	1,212,782
20	Gadsden	0.9486	5,423.17 2.445.02	5,762.21	105,642	1,967,167	0	973,134	173,251	1,208,999	1,761,099	1,072,808	1,072,808
21 22	Gilchrist Glades	0.9580 0.9730	2,445.02 1,465.81	2,711.15 1,574.17	16,143 25,895	1,690,562 887,440	0 0	437,194 145,320	96,288 89,784	566,902 299,595	962,826 528,819	485,214 407,675	485,214 407,675
22	Gulf	0.9750	1,839.07	2,008.67	25,895	1,071,914	0	145,520	89,784	383,645	207,483	1,006,998	1,006,998
24	Hamilton	0.9328	1,532.56	1,678.74	35,075	920,710	0	29,119	94,556	347,108	462,758	549,050	549,050
25	Hardee	0.9679	5,155.79	5,475.26	0	602,944	0	788,784	146,703	1,156,216	1,811,284	1,156,298	1,156,298
26	Hendry	0.9781	6,762.37	7,187.09	52,783	1,865,791	0	1,276,194	194,740	1,522,686	2,314,397	1,274,974	1,274,974
27 28	Hernando Highlands	0.9750 0.9513	21,962.65 11,908.23	23,567.28 12,716.34	0 44,992	0 2,559,709	0 0	2,294,658 935,511	524,341 317,239	5,177,648 2,482,653	8,720,489 3,865,670	5,990,877 3,556,966	5,990,877 3,556,966
29	Hillsborough	1.0122	197,150.05	213,987.59	177,407	2,555,705	0	26,238,700	3,466,643	39,111,307	73,653,607	48,138,018	48,138,018
30	-	0.9301	3,144.55	3,324.56	30,745	2,232,198	0	850,947	102,954	698,809	1,034,329	335,368	335,368
31	Indian River	0.9941	17,828.02	19,429.70	0	0	0	0	425,217	3,553,356	5,011,309	10,012,762	10,012,762
32 33	Jackson Jefferson	0.9385 0.9334	6,455.16 966.87	7,046.76 1,022.94	102,592 13,104	3,010,342 626,000	0 0	1,288,256 0	177,697 85,914	1,383,317 297,351	2,275,435 567,104	1,147,039 441,926	1,147,039 441,926
34		0.9334	1,154.32	1,224.15	10,873	785,812	0	244,196	75,213	210,024	263,894	191,278	191,278
35	Lake	0.9757	40,461.54	43,416.23	49,443	0	0	3,409,694	828,540	9,554,540	12,387,365	11,854,932	11,854,932
36	Lee	1.0198	86,260.58	93,408.54	0	0	0	0	1,732,320	18,196,709	37,338,681	43,258,094	43,258,094
37	Leon	0.9529	33,180.97	36,306.98	0	0	0	2,569,866	1,035,166	9,182,104	16,410,791	9,948,091	9,948,091
38 39	Levy Liberty	0.9534 0.9355	5,501.75 1,405.17	5,988.24 1,570.89	37,543 20,515	2,906,449 908,133	0 0	802,430 369,588	182,542 75,463	1,274,962 297,684	1,980,276 507,785	1,273,174 160,531	1,273,174 160,531
	Madison	0.9333	2,559.75	2,709.44	19,747	983,248	0	478,340	113,150	711,574	1,212,365	487,347	487,347
41	Manatee	1.0143	45,633.74	49,307.07	0	0	0	0	1,179,714	9,217,207	18,714,053	18,213,479	18,213,479
42		0.9670	41,070.70	43,953.01	251,808	0	0	4,316,531	892,253	12,602,317	14,947,445	11,177,848	11,177,848
43	Martin	1.0006	18,423.78	20,442.63	0	0	0	0	410,515	3,706,983	6,619,601	13,055,457	13,055,457
44 45	Monroe Nassau	1.0271 0.9903	8,046.95 11,030.44	8,674.39 11,720.19	0	0 2,085,717	0 0	0	309,205 229,994	1,776,427 2,514,159	2,963,113 2,898,506	14,756,104 4,804,648	14,756,104 4,804,648
46	Okaloosa	0.9818	29,596.52	32,512.87	0	0	0	562,926	597,470	8,432,680	10,848,702	10,602,540	10,602,540
47	Okeechobee	0.9692	6,404.52	6,790.26	97,964	623,222	0	1,270,016	193,693	1,624,966	2,740,260	1,146,172	1,146,172
48	Orange	1.0034	184,164.71 57,387.53	203,722.49	0	0	0 0	7,156,641	4,543,789	39,557,734	50,307,896	62,320,962	62,320,962
49 50	Osceola Palm Beach	0.9858 1.0326	57,387.53 178,481.41	62,305.92 195,732.51	0	0	0	9,067,230 0	1,078,332 4,121,394	12,453,229 34,389,540	15,168,079 64,753,322	12,582,625 91,590,460	12,582,625 91,590,460
51	Pasco	0.9905	65,769.43	72,058.48	0	0	0	9,229,424	1,388,685	17,875,626	26,909,547	15,582,911	15,582,911
	Pinellas	0.9989	102,130.48	110,421.38	120,081	0	0	0	2,953,289	20,667,930	41,955,889	42,669,841	42,669,841
	Polk	0.9875	95,333.24	102,545.27	0	0	0	17,566,103	1,953,024	22,542,064	33,227,557	18,399,279	18,399,279
	Putnam St. Johns	0.9633 0.9850	10,628.41 32,649.31	11,291.74 35,511.16	21,141 0	2,737,597 0	0 0	1,408,371 0	349,792 583,116	2,785,180 6,370,592	3,328,525 9,651,968	2,601,292 13,326,216	2,601,292 13,326,216
	St. Lucie	0.9918	38,686.40	41,268.91	33,223	0	0	3,321,614	845,988	9,294,401	15,453,970	11,273,095	11,273,095
	Santa Rosa	0.9537	25,097.86	27,102.78	101,794	0	0	3,686,625	388,593	7,646,439	8,229,213	5,781,872	5,781,872
	Sarasota	1.0010	41,011.15	45,094.47	0	0	0	0	1,129,308	8,348,718	20,968,741	30,368,223	30,368,223
	Seminole Sumter	0.9955 0.9667	63,520.92 7,960.23	68,649.30 8,476.99	291,022 0	0 172,423	0 0	5,203,634 0	1,175,071 181,129	15,302,028 1,576,717	18,223,087 2,824,076	18,760,156 5,829,643	18,760,156 5,829,643
61	Suwannee	0.9433	5,747.26	6,066.70	38,662	1,939,983	0	986,575	159,655	1,251,570	446,622	1,181,637	1,181,637
	Taylor	0.9361	2,639.48	2,811.74	77,301	988,546	0	59,520	110,301	615,936	934,543	936,239	936,239
63	Union	0.9639	2,160.57	2,300.11	16,589	979,068	0	631,643	89,479	496,869	532,382	183,444	183,444
	Volusia	0.9683	59,941.54	65,231.65	691,682	0	0	4,035,264	1,589,437	16,076,784	22,068,792	18,578,564	18,578,564
<u>65</u> 66	Wakulla Walton	0.9457 0.9773	4,907.50 7,780.06	5,256.07 8,226.25	<u>66,886</u> 0	666,509 0	0	980,126 0	143,030 207,423	960,936 1,331,936	1,496,384 2,116,819	871,268 8,211,069	871,268 8,211,069
	Washington	0.9773	3,379.11	3,610.43	5,269	1,857,421	0	596,616	108,506	879,520	703,343	678,204	678,204
68	-	0.9311	105.50	106.60	27,870	0	0	0	785	99,088	452,445	0	-
	FAMU Lab School	0.9529	506.54	529.53	0	362,926	151,866	39,232	66,430	302,886	18,449	0	-
	FAU Lab School	1.0326	969.97	1,002.67	0	0	530,370	110.020	69,878	262,131	79,824	0	-
	FAU St. Lucie FSU Lab - Broward	0.9918 1.0235	1,396.80 685.59	1,527.94 740.56	4,106 630	0 0	407,028 261,477	119,929 0	73,055 67,762	415,043 141,578	155,576 156,485	0 0	-
	FSU Lab - Leon	0.9529	1,697.99	1,783.99	3,343	914,795	509,074	131,509	75,296	285,250	279,728	0	_
74	UF Lab School	0.9805	1,127.73	1,186.43	0	770,003	358,472	66,976	71,052	298,069	287,373	0	-
75	Virtual School	1.0000	40,826.70	41,495.71	0	0	15,138,949	263,332	0	0	184,602	0	-
	Total		2,696,270.71	2,927,656.31	3,717,933	45,754,378	17,357,236	148,029,796	64,456,019	639,296,226	947,987,428	973,487,264	973,487,264

		100l Worksheet	DATA					
		Proration to the	Proratioin to	Total Proration to Funds	Discretionary (Lottery) District Discretionary	Total Instructional Materials	Dual Enrollment	Instructional Materials Allocation (Less dual
	District	Appropriation	Veto	Available	Funds	Allocation	Allocation	enrollment)
1	Alachua Baker		0	0		2,218,556 379,136	129,780 11,058	2,088,776 368,078
3	Bay		0	0		2,078,020	77,553	2,000,467
4	Bradford		0	0		245,330	5,308	240,022
5	Brevard		0	0		5,695,671	297,406	5,398,265
6 7	Broward Calhoun		0	0		20,342,291 183,576	457,626 9,885	19,884,665 173,691
8	Charlotte		0	0		1,298,378	67,638	1,230,740
9	Citrus		0	0		1,167,279	21,002	1,146,277
10	Clay		0	0		2,776,254	73,830	2,702,424
11 12	Collier Columbia		0	0		3,539,931	123,150 26,057	3,416,781 792,312
13	Miami-Dade		0	0		818,369 27,498,648	421,736	27,076,912
14	De Soto		0	0		384,364	16,058	368,306
15	Dixie		0	0		169,971	11,623	158,348
16	Duval		0	0		10,142,827	184,288	9,958,539
17 18	Escambia		0	0		3,158,167 1,035,014	56,311 17,058	3,101,856
19	Flagler Franklin		0	0		89,433	1,049	1,017,956 88,384
20	Gadsden		ů O	0		430,025	2,959	427,066
21	Gilchrist		0	0		210,069	19,092	190,977
22	Glades		0	0		116,365	906	115,459
23 24	Gulf Hamilton		0	0		149,152 122,197	5,441 1,192	143,711 121,005
25	Hardee		0	0		408,502	6,101	402,401
26	Hendry		0	0		531,543	5,731	525,812
27	Hernando		0	0		1,735,784	40,321	1,695,463
28	Highlands		0	0		953,081	32,690	920,391
29 30	Hillsborough Holmes		0	0		15,283,106 253,677	54,768 8,852	15,228,338 244,825
31	Indian River		0	0		1,447,510	47,413	1,400,097
32	Jackson		0	0		521,207	14,830	506,377
33	Jefferson		0	0		76,400	497	75,903
	Lafayette		0	0		91,271	1,426	89,845
35 36	Lake Lee		0	0		3,202,880 7,224,388	82,241 164,365	3,120,639 7,060,023
37	Leon		0	0		2,646,099	43,921	2,602,178
38	Levy		0	0		436,683	5,052	431,631
39	Liberty		0	0		112,723	2,216	110,507
40	Madison Manatee	-	0	0		204,964 3,790,999	4,415	200,549 3,674,483
42			0	0		3,262,268	69,724	3,192,544
43	Martin		0	0		1,611,741	140,202	1,471,539
44	Monroe		0	0		661,058	7,332	653,726
45	Nassau		0	0		882,464	30,082	852,382
46 47	Okaloosa Okeechobee		0	0		2,382,905 516,026	80,347 10,538	2,302,558 505,488
48	Orange		0	0		15,080,788	267,448	14,813,340
49	Osceola		0	0		4,930,941	144,652	4,786,289
50	Palm Beach	+	0	0		14,332,349	174,955	14,157,394
51 52	Pasco Pinellas		0	0		5,175,039 8,226,225	96,635 349,841	5,078,404 7,876,384
	Polk		0	0		7,564,330	216,078	7,348,252
	Putnam		0	0		842,069	18,611	823,458
55			0	0		2,679,658	56,135	2,623,523
56 57			0	0		3,084,657 2,133,623	107,050 194,820	2,977,607 1,938,803
57			0	0		3,274,376	57,103	3,217,273
59			0	0		4,942,436	27,467	4,914,969
60	Sumter		0	0		672,233	15,804	656,429
61 62	Suwannee		0	0		449,909 214,707	4,506 4,272	445,403
	Taylor Union		0	0		170,499	2,391	210,435 168,108
64			Ő	Ő		4,835,008	147,820	4,687,188
65	Wakulla	4	0	0		389,720	3,664	386,056
66	Walton		0	0		643,685	18,936	624,749
	Washington Washington Special		0	0		277,025 10,818	15,772 0	261,253 10,818
	FAMU Lab School		0	0		46,141	624	45,517
	FAU Lab School		0	0		153,341	51,685	101,656
71			0	0		107,720	0	107,720
72			0	0		52,846 135,049	0	52,846
73 74			0	0		135,049 98,503	4,866 11,279	130,183 87,224
75	Virtual School		0	0		4,267,375	0	4,267,375
	Total	0	0	0	0	217,277,372	5,000,000	212,277,372

	District	Program	m 111- Gra	des K-3	Progra	m 112- Gra	des 4-8	Program	n 113- Grad	des 9-12
	Cost	ESE	ESE	ESE	ESE	ESE	ESE	ESE	ESE	ESE
Districts	Differential	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
1 Alachua	0.9604	975	3,147	6,422	1,093	3,265	6,540	778	2,950	6,225
2 Baker	0.9334	947 072	3,058	6,241	1,062	3,173	6,356	756	2,867	6,050
3 Bay 4 Bradford	0.9592 0.9295	973 943	3,143 3,046	6,414 6,215	1,091 1,058	3,261 3,160	6,532 6,329	777 753	2,946 2,855	6,217 6,025
5 Brevard	0.9818	996	3,217	6,565	1,117	3,338	6,686	795	3,016	6,364
6 Broward	1.0430 0.9131	1,058	3,418	6,974	1,187	3,546	7,102	845	3,204	6,760
7 Calhoun 8 Charlotte	0.9131	927 984	2,992 3,177	6,105 6,483	1,039 1,103	3,104 3,296	6,218 6,602	739 785	2,805 2,978	5,918 6,284
9 Citrus	0.9345	948	3,062	6,249	1,063	3,177	6,364	757	2,870	6,057
10 Clay 11 Collier	0.9676	982 1,024	3,170 3,306	6,470 6,746	1,101 1,148	3,290 3,430	6,589 6,870	784 817	2,972 3,099	6,272 6.539
12 Columbia	0.9336	947	3,059	6,243	1,148	3,430	6,357	756	2,868	6,051
13 Miami-Dade	1.0543	1,070	3,455	7,050	1,200	3,584	7,179	854	3,238	6,833
14 DeSoto 15 Dixie	0.9369 0.9355	951 949	3,070 3,065	6,265 6,255	1,066 1,064	3,185 3,180	6,380 6,370	759 758	2,878 2,874	6,073 6,063
16 Duval	0.9794	994	3,209	6,549	1,114	3,330	6,669	793	3,008	6,348
17 Escambia	0.9516	966	3,118	6,363	1,083	3,235	6,480	771	2,923	6,168
18 Flagler 19 Franklin	0.9607 0.9611	975 975	3,148 3,149	6,424 6,426	1,093 1,094	3,266 3,267	6,542 6,545	778 778	2,951 2,952	6,227 6,229
20 Gadsden	0.9401	954	3,080	6,286	1,070	3,196	6,402	761	2,888	6,093
21 Gilchrist	0.9363	950	3,068	6,261	1,065	3,183	6,376	758	2,876	6,069
22 Glades 23 Gulf	0.9611 0.9384	975 952	3,149 3,075	6,426 6,275	1,094 1,068	3,267 3,190	6,545 6,390	778 760	2,952 2,882	6,229 6,082
24 Hamilton	0.9336	947	3,059	6,243	1,062	3,130	6,357	756	2,868	6,051
25 Hardee	0.9322	946	3,054	6,233	1,061	3,169	6,348	755	2,863	6,042
26 Hendry 27 Hernando	0.9536 0.9467	968 961	3,125 3,102	6,376 6,330	1,085 1,077	3,242 3,218	6,494 6,447	772 767	2,929 2,908	6,181 6,136
28 Highlands	0.9504	964	3,114	6,355	1,081	3,231	6,472	770	2,919	6,160
29 Hillsborough	1.0015	1,016	3,282	6,697	1,139	3,405	6,820	811	3,076	6,491
30 Holmes 31 Indian River	0.9327	946 999	3,056 3,227	6,237 6,586	1,061 1,121	3,171 3,348	6,351 6,707	755 798	2,865 3,025	6,045 6,384
32 Jackson	0.9203	934	3,015	6,154	1,047	3,129	6,267	745	2,827	5,965
33 Jefferson	0.9549	969	3,129	6,385	1,086	3,246	6,502	773	2,933	6,189
34 Lafayette 35 Lake	0.9382 0.9595	952 974	3,074 3,144	6,273 6,416	1,067 1,092	3,190 3,262	6,389 6,534	760 777	2,882 2,947	6,081 6,219
36 Lee	0.9774	992	3,203	6,535	1,112	3,323	6,656	791	3,002	6,335
37 Leon	0.9718	986	3,184	6,498	1,106	3,304	6,618	787	2,985	6,299
38 Levy 39 Liberty	0.9319 0.9284	946 942	3,054 3,042	6,231 6,208	1,060 1,056	3,168 3,156	6,346 6,322	755 752	2,862 2,852	6,040 6,017
40 Madison	0.9364	950	3,068	6,261	1,065	3,183	6,376	758	2,876	6,069
41 Manatee	0.9967	1,011	3,266	6,664	1,134	3,388	6,787	807	3,062	6,460
42 Marion 43 Martin	0.9483 0.9935	962 1,008	3,107 3,255	6,341 6,643	1,079 1,130	3,224 3,378	6,457 6,765	768 805	2,913 3,052	6,146 6,439
44 Monroe	1.0818	1,098	3,545	7,233	1,231	3,678	7,367	876	3,323	7,012
45 Nassau 46 Okaloosa	0.9498	964	3,112	6,351	1,081	3,229	6,468	769	2,917	6,156
47 Okeechobee	0.9627 0.9590	977 973	3,154 3,142	6,437 6,412	1,095 1,091	3,273 3,260	6,556 6,530	780 777	2,957 2,946	6,240 6,216
48 Orange	1.0003	1,015	3,278	6,689	1,138	3,401	6,812	810	3,073	6,483
49 Osceola 50 Palm Beach	0.9676	982 1.047	3,170 3,380	6,470 6,896	1,101	3,290	6,589 7 023	784 835	2,972	6,272 6,685
50 Palm Beach 51 Pasco	1.0314 0.9598	1,047 974	3,380 3,145	6,418	1,173 1,092	3,506 3,263	7,023 6,536	835 777	3,168 2,948	6,685 6,221
52 Pinellas	1.0240	1,039	3,355	6,847	1,165	3,481	6,973	829	3,145	6,637
53 Polk 54 Putnam	0.9641 0.9397	978 954	3,159 3,079	6,446 6,283	1,097 1,069	3,278 3,195	6,565 6,399	781 761	2,961 2,886	6,249 6,091
55 St. Johns	0.9397	954 994	3,079	6,547	1,069	3,195	6,668	761	2,886	6,347
56 St. Lucie	0.9638	978	3,158	6,444	1,097	3,277	6,563	780	2,960	6,247
57 Santa Rosa 58 Sarasota	0.9382 1.0126	952 1,028	3,074 3,318	6,273 6,771	1,067 1,152	3,190 3,442	6,389 6,895	760 820	2,882 3,110	6,081 6,563
59 Seminole	0.9943	1,028	3,258	6,648	1,132	3,380	6,771	805	3,054	6,445
60 Sumter	0.9219	936	3,021	6,164	1,049	3,134	6,278	747	2,832	5,975
61 Suwannee 62 Taylor	0.9293 0.9499	943 964	3,045 3,112	6,214 6,352	1,057 1,081	3,159 3,229	6,328 6,468	753 769	2,854 2,918	6,023 6,157
63 Union	0.9499	964 945	3,112	6,228	1,081	3,229	6,342	769	2,918	6,037
64 Volusia	0.9647	979	3,161	6,451	1,098	3,280	6,569	781	2,963	6,253
65 Wakulla 66 Walton	0.9430 0.9372	957 951	3,090 3,071	6,305 6,267	1,073 1,066	3,206 3,186	6,421 6,382	764 759	2,897 2,879	6,112 6,074
67 Washington	0.9372	951	2,981	6,083	1,066	3,186	6,382 6,195	739	2,879 2,794	6,074 5,896
68 Washington Special	0.9097	923	2,981	6,083	1,035	3,093	6,195	737	2,794	5,896
69 FAMU Lab School 70 FAU Lab School	0.9718 1.0314	986 1,047	3,184 3,380	6,498 6,896	1,106 1,173	3,304	6,618 7,023	787 835	2,985 3,168	6,299 6,685
70 FAU Lab School 71 FAU St. Lucie	0.9638	978	3,380 3,158	6,896 6,444	1,173	3,506 3,277	7,023 6,563	835 780	2,960	6,685
72 FSU Lab-Broward	1.043	1,058	3,418	6,974	1,187	3,546	7,102	845	3,204	6,760
73 FSU Lab-Leon	0.9718	986 975	3,184 3 147	6,498 6,422	1,106	3,304	6,618 6,540	787 778	2,985	6,299 6,225
74 UF Lab School 75 Fl Virtual School	0.9604 1	975 1,015	3,147 3,277	6,422 6,687	1,093 1,138	3,265 3,400	6,540 6,810	778 810	2,950 3,072	6,225 6,482
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#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### 2013-14 Transportation Calculation Funding Per Student

		E	Base Funding			ESE Funding	1	
			Adjusted	Allocation		Adjusted	Allocation	Total Allocation
		Base	Base	per Base	ESE	ESE	per ESE	per ESE
		Allocation	Students	Student	Allocation	Students	Student	Student
	District	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	-7-
1	Alachua	4,677,046	12,384.20	378	650,317	448.70	1,449	1,827
2	Baker Bay	1,258,661 3,509,770	3,197.23 9,640.41	394 364	67,576 607,107	44.73 434.53	1,511 1,397	1,905 1,761
4	Bradford	630,059	1,610.05	391	79,640	53.03	1,502	1,893
5	Brevard	9,796,477	27,636.44	354	1,206,633	887.00	1,360	1,714
6	Broward	26,902,803	77,508.29	347	2,583,166	1,939.27	1,332	1,679
7 8	Calhoun Charlotte	401,614	1,071.92	375	41,884	29.13	1,438	1,813
9	Citrus	2,724,517 3,391,030	7,405.18 9,178.16	368 369	588,542 236,801	416.83 167.01	1,412 1,418	1,780 1,787
10	Clay	5,184,128	14,090.62	368	1,404,426	994.69	1,412	1,780
11	Collier	6,594,180	18,101.56	364	239,438	171.27	1,398	1,762
	Columbia	1,665,825	4,318.53	386	304,542	205.73	1,480	1,866
	Miami-Dade	20,357,394	60,177.57	338	4,378,835	3,372.92	1,298	1,636
	DeSoto Dixie	662,613 536,900	1,733.65 1,368.00	382 392	123,757 39,156	84.37 26.00	1,467 1,506	1,849 1,898
-	Duval	14,062,451	41,139.16	342	3,778,139	2,880.10	1,312	1,654
	Escambia	8,547,149	23,755.40	360	1,393,326	1,009.09	1,381	1,741
18	Flagler	3,269,518	8,745.93	374	387,206	269.90	1,435	1,809
	Franklin	329,944	862.78	382	33,611	22.90	1,468	1,850
20 21		1,319,401	3,454.21	382 391	288,260	196.65	1,466	1,848
	Gilchrist Glades	478,015 184,721	1,221.81 482.00	391	35,753 11,033	23.81 7.50	1,502 1,471	1,893 1,854
	Gulf	337,875	887.70	381	39,437	27.00	1,461	1,842
24	Hamilton	290,074	821.12	353	14,165	10.45	1,356	1,709
25	Hardee	946,835	2,408.70	393	82,219	54.50	1,509	1,902
26	Hendry	1,257,351	3,354.16	375	102,250	71.08	1,439	1,814
27	Hernando Highlands	4,044,598	10,562.95	383 354	133,958	91.16	1,469	1,852
-	Hillsborough	2,059,659 28,615,300	5,817.03 78,422.01	365	392,084 5,824,362	288.55 4,159.33	1,359 1,400	1,713 1,765
30	•	652,549	1,718.50	380	8,018	5.50	1,458	1,838
31	Indian River	3,408,507	8,876.06	384	342,504	232.41	1,474	1,858
	Jackson	1,366,518	3,593.94	380	261,554	179.25	1,459	1,839
	Jefferson	275,310	708.42	389	8,199	5.50	1,491	1,880
	Lafayette Lake	173,958 6,383,212	442.50 17,908.05	393 356	1,508 1,125,304	1.00 822.65	1,508 1,368	1,901 1,724
-	Lee	17,731,937	50,433.74	352	2,559,163	1,896.70	1,349	1,701
37	Leon	3,986,792	11,275.89	354	1,075,790	792.85	1,357	1,711
	Levy	1,329,616	3,305.03	402	166,011	107.53	1,544	1,946
	Liberty	244,237	608.05	402	28,057	18.20	1,542	1,944
40	Madison Manatee	548,209 5,849,462	1,460.10 15,825.26	375 370	9,369 989,814	6.50 697.79	1,441 1,418	1,816 1,788
	Marion	8,423,354	22,010.01	383	1,565,015	1,065.59	1,418	1,852
	Martin	3,545,296	8,989.82	394	354,617	234.31	1,513	1,907
	Monroe	960,903	2,649.38	363	113,424	81.49	1,392	1,755
	Nassau	2,413,233	6,030.39	400	279,583	182.05	1,536	1,936
	Okaloosa	4,817,175	13,479.70	357	959,762	699.82	1,371	1,728
	Okeechobee Orange	1,498,797 23,964,280	3,882.99 67,405.37	386 356	148,765 2,479,853	100.43 1,817.57	1,481 1,364	1,867 1,720
	Osceola	8,468,070	23,791.87	356	1,646,360	1,205.32	1,366	1,722
	Palm Beach	20,306,342	55,801.80	364	3,961,487	2,836.68	1,397	1,761
51		13,215,368	35,306.98	374	1,861,498	1,295.92	1,436	1,810
	Pinellas	10,325,871	29,882.18	346	2,782,969	2,098.60	1,326	1,672
	Polk Putnam	17,723,260 2,383,292	47,754.08 6,148.08	371 388	2,978,917 55,455	2,091.51 37.28	1,424 1,488	1,795 1,876
	St. Johns	7,122,377	17,721.28	402	728,647	472.41	1,400	1,944
	St. Lucie	8,192,803	23,124.43	354	1,172,033	862.01	1,360	1,714
	Santa Rosa	4,904,146	13,554.31	362	411,695	296.50	1,389	1,751
	Sarasota	5,628,677	15,835.24	355	636,408	466.54	1,364	1,719
	Seminole Sumter	9,979,876 960,536	27,861.93 2,718.45	358 353	864,640 147,908	629.01 109.08	1,375 1,356	1,733 1,709
	Suwannee	1,293,367	3,273.12	395	103,305	68.12	1,517	1,709
	Taylor	514,105	1,387.97	370	80,991	56.98	1,421	1,791
	Union	485,833	1,235.50	393	31,691	21.00	1,509	1,902
	Volusia	9,062,684	23,717.54	382	961,938	655.99	1,466	1,848
	Wakulla Walton	1,830,070	4,544.56 4,556.19	403 378	23,426		1,545 1,450	1,948 1,828
	Washington	1,721,348 786,505	2,053.05	378	27,167	96.78 18.48	1,450	1,828
<u> </u>	State		1,012,228.53	362	56,160,787		1,381	1,743
	5.0.0	200,010,700	.,,	002	00,100,101		1,001	1,740

# Magnolia Elementary Startup Loan

Compound Period ..... : Monthly

Nominal Annual Rate .... : 6.000 %

# CASH FLOW DATA

	Event	Date	Amount	Number	Period	End Date
1	Loan	06/01/2014	25,000.00	1		
2	Loan	07/01/2014	50,000.00	1		
3	Payment	07/31/2014	Interest Only	12	Monthly	06/30/2015
4	Payment	07/31/2015	1,764.31	48	Monthly	06/30/2019

# AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE - Normal Amortization

	Date	Loan	Payment	Interest	Principal	Balance
Loan	06/01/2014	25,000.00				25,000.00
2014 To		25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Loan	07/01/2014	50,000.00		125.00	125.00-	75,125.00
1	07/31/2014		370.48	370.48	0.00	75,125.00
2	08/31/2014		375.63	375.63	0.00	75,125.00
3	09/30/2014		375.63	375.63	0.00	75,125.00
4	10/31/2014		375.63	375.63	0.00	75,125.00
5	11/30/2014		375.63	375.63	0.00	75,125.00
6	12/31/2014		375.63	375.63	0.00	75,125.00
7	01/31/2015		375.63	375.63	0.00	75,125.00
8	02/28/2015		375.63	375.63	0.00	75,125.00
9	03/31/2015		375.63	375.63	0.00	75,125.00
10	04/30/2015		375.63	375.63	0.00	75,125.00
11	05/31/2015		375.63	375.63	0.00	75,125.00
12	06/30/2015		375.63	375.63	0.00	75,125.00
2015 To	tals	50,000.00	4,502.41	4,627.41	125.00-	
13	07/31/2015		1,764.31	375.63	1,388.68	73,736.32
14	08/31/2015		1,764.31	368.68	1,395.63	72,340.69
15	09/30/2015		1,764.31	361.70	1,402.61	70,938.08
16	10/31/2015		1,764.31	354.69	1,409.62	69,528.46
17	11/30/2015		1,764.31	347.64	1,416.67	68,111.79
18	12/31/2015		1,764.31	340.56	1,423.75	66,688.04
19	01/31/2016		1,764.31	333.44	1,430.87	65,257.17
20	02/29/2016		1,764.31	326.29	1,438.02	63,819.15
21	03/31/2016		1,764.31	319.10	1,445.21	62,373.94
22	04/30/2016		1,764.31	311.87	1,452.44	60,921.50
23	05/31/2016		1,764.31	304.61	1,459.70	59,461.80
24	06/30/2016		1,764.31	297.31	1,467.00	57,994.80
2016 To		0.00	21,171.72	4,041.52	17,130.20	, ,
25	07/31/2016		1,764.31	289.97	1,474.34	56,520.46
26	08/31/2016		1,764.31	282.60	1,481.71	55,038.75

# Magnolia Elementary Startup Loan

Date	Loan	Payment	Interest	Principal	Balance
27 09/30/2	2016	1,764.31	275.19	1,489.12	53,549.63
28 10/31/2	2016	1,764.31	267.75	1,496.56	52,053.07
29 11/30/2		1,764.31	260.27	1,504.04	50,549.03
30 12/31/2		1,764.31	252.75	1,511.56	49,037.47
31 01/31/2		1,764.31	245.19	1,519.12	47,518.35
32 02/28/2		1,764.31	237.59	1,526.72	45,991.63
33 03/31/2		1,764.31	229.96	1,534.35	44,457.28
34 04/30/2		1,764.31	222.29	1,542.02	42,915.26
35 05/31/2		1,764.31	214.58	1,549.73	41,365.53
36 06/30/2 2017 Totals	0.00	1,764.31	206.83	1,557.48	39,808.05
2017 10(8)5	0.00	21,171.72	2,984.97	18,186.75	
37 07/31/2		1,764.31	199.04	1,565.27	38,242.78
38 08/31/2		1,764.31	191.21	1,573.10	36,669.68
39 09/30/2		1,764.31	183.35	1,580.96	35,088.72
40 10/31/2		1,764.31	175.44	1,588.87	33,499.85
41 11/30/2		1,764.31	167.50	1,596.81	31,903.04
42 12/31/2 43 01/31/2		1,764.31 1,764.31	159.52	1,604.79 1,612.82	30,298.25
43 01/31/2 44 02/28/2		1,764.31	151.49 143.43	1,620.88	28,685.43 27,064.55
45 03/31/2		1,764.31	135.32	1,628.99	25,435.56
46 04/30/2		1,764.31	127.18	1,637.13	23,798.43
47 05/31/2		1,764.31	118.99	1,645.32	22,153.11
48 06/30/2		1,764.31	110.77	1,653.54	20,499.57
2018 Totals	0.00	21,171.72	1,863.24	19,308.48	
49 07/31/2	2018	1,764.31	102.50	1,661.81	18,837.76
50 08/31/2		1,764.31	94.19	1,670.12	17,167.64
51 09/30/2		1,764.31	85.84	1,678.47	15,489.17
52 10/31/2	.018	1,764.31	77.45	1,686.86	13,802.31
53 11/30/2	018	1,764.31	69.01	1,695.30	12,107.01
54 12/31/2	2018	1,764.31	60.54	1,703.77	10,403.24
55 01/31/2	2019	1,764.31	52.02	1,712.29	8,690.95
56 02/28/2		1,764.31	43.45	1,720.86	6,970.09
57 03/31/2		1,764.31	34.85	1,729.46	5,240.63
58 04/30/2		1,764.31	26.20	1,738.11	3,502.52
59 05/31/2		1,764.31	17.51	1,746.80	1,755.72
60 06/30/2		1,764.31	8.59	1,755.72	0.00
2019 Totals	0.00	21,171.72	672.15	20,499.57	
Grand Totals	75,000.00	89,189.29	14,189.29	75,000.00	

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Last interest amount decreased by 0.19 due to rounding.