

Noblesville East Middle School Continuous School Improvement Plan

Section I: School Profile

Vision, Mission, and Commitments:

All Noblesville's schools share a common Mission, Vision, Commitments, and Framework for Learning. These foundation documents collectively define who we are, communicate what we value, guide our work, and drive our decisions as an individual school and district. They are aligned and mutually reinforcing to ensure development of the whole child and the highest levels of academic growth and achievement.

Our mission describes the everyday experiences we provide to our students, staff, and school community: Noblesville Schools creates an inclusive, learner-centered culture that develops future-ready skills through relevant experiences supported by strong relationships that celebrate diversity and promote equity among students, staff, parents, and the community.

Our vision describes a future we desire for our students, staff, and school community. We believe that living our mission daily will help us to accomplish this desired future: We are engaged in intellectual pursuits, inspired to challenge the present, and empowered to adapt, innovate, and succeed today and tomorrow.

Our commitments describe the behaviors we believe are necessary to live our mission and accomplish our vision. Noblesville Schools is committed to:

• Teaching students to think critically, engage in dialogue, listen, consider multiple perspectives, use their voice, and value the humanity of others.

- Promoting equity, access, participation, and honoring the rights of all students, staff and families through our policies, procedures, and practices.
- Responding to and meeting the unique needs of students, staff and families.
- Cultivating trust, valuing dignity, empathy, and respect for students, staff, and families through words and actions.
- Engaging in ongoing, relevant, equity-centered professional development to create more equitable opportunities for all.
- Recruiting, supporting, retaining, and continually developing a culturally competent staff.

Framework for Learning:

This Framework for Learning establishes the overall and expected organization of curriculum, instruction, assessment, and learning environments within every school and classroom in the district. All practices, professional development, and allocation of resources will directly support and promote the elements of this framework to facilitate the highest levels of academic growth and achievement.

Learning Centered and Collaborative Culture: Professional Learning Communities facilitate a focus on learning, a collaborative culture, and results orientation. These collaborative teams provide the structure through which the guaranteed and viable curriculum, meaningful learning experiences, and purposeful assessment and reflection are implemented, monitored, and adjusted to facilitate continuous improvement, student learning, and growth and development of the whole child.

Meaningful Student Learning Experiences: Meaningful student learning experiences are facilitated through consistent and effective application of clear standards of professional practice and high quality strategies for teaching, leadership, and professionalism. These standards and strategies are commonly defined through our Professional Growth and Evaluation Program, which establishes expectations for all Noblesville Schools educators, include students as active participants in their learning, and provide all students the access and opportunity to meet and exceed their potential.

Thoughtfully Designed Curriculum: Guaranteed curriculum in Noblesville Schools is the path of learning for a yearlong course or grade level content area, designed based on Indiana Academic Standards, by collaborative teacher teams, to achieve student learning of specific academic skills and concepts. The curriculum stems from Indiana Academic Standards and is guided by a backwards design process to create meaningful units of learning for students. Each school ensures that the necessary time is available and protected so all students have the opportunity to learn the guaranteed curriculum.

Purposeful Assessment and Reflection: Formal and informal assessments are designed to measure desired learning results established through the guaranteed and viable curriculum. These assessment results are used to provide feedback, facilitate student reflection and goal setting, monitor progress, and inform instructional planning. This purposeful assessment and reflection promotes a collaborative and results-oriented culture focused on student learning and growth.

Description of the Curriculum:

Curriculum in Noblesville Schools is the path of learning for a yearlong course or grade level content area, designed based on Indiana Academic Standards, by collaborative teacher teams, to achieve student learning of specific academic skills and concepts. The curriculum stems from Indiana Academic Standards and is guided by a backwards design process to create meaningful units of learning for students. Certified teachers at Noblesville Schools examine the Indiana Academic Standards, use a framework to plan units, and then deliver instruction with curriculum materials that support the standards. The curriculum section of the Noblesville Schools' website provides the public information and resources regarding curriculum materials, including instructions for parents to enroll as observers through our Canvas learning management system to access the most up-to-date curriculum content for their child. This step-by-step guide, available in Spanish, is also available to assist parents in this process. Specific details regarding the elementary and secondary curriculum are provided below.

The secondary schools offer a wide variety of course offerings pulled directly from the IDOE approved course list. These courses are updated annually based upon the needs and interests of students and the local community and made publicly available through

the schools' individual websites alongside scheduling guides for secondary students and their families as they collaboratively plan a student's pathway for learning.

Name/Description of Assessments in Addition to ILEARN:

- WIDA ACCESS A state assessment for English language learner students in Kindergarten through grade 12 that measures a student's current level of English proficiency and is also used for accountability purposes.
- NWEA MAP Growth A nationally-normed, computer-adaptive assessment for measuring achievement and growth in Kindergarten through grade 8 in math and reading.
- Indiana SAT A college entrance exam used by colleges and universities to make admissions decisions. The SAT measures a high school student's readiness for college based on their performance in math, evidence-based reading, and writing. The SAT is now used as a high school accountability assessment administered in grade 11.
- **IREAD-3** A state assessment that measures foundational reading standards at grade 3 and meets the requirements of state law (House Enrolled Act 1367).
- **NWEA MAP Fluency Dyslexia Screener** A universal screener that measures foundational reading skills and meets the requirements of Indiana law (SB 217).

Section II: Description of Current Educational Programming and Learning Environment

Maintaining a Safe and Disciplined Learning Environment for All Students and Staff:

Noblesville Schools provides a safe and disciplined learning environment for all students and teachers. Each school's handbook is provided annually to parents, available on the district's website, and clearly defines the guidelines and expectations for students and families. Noblesville Schools uses positive behavior supports and restorative practices to promote and maintain a safe and positive learning environment. Schools regularly collect and analyze students' behavior and attendance data as well as surveys regarding the school environment.

Noblesville Schools uses a tiered approach to academics and behavior called Multi-Tiered System of Supports to ensure all students achieve their highest potential. This structure provides the necessary instruction and support for all students to achieve their academic, social, emotional and behavior goals. Noblesville Schools staff utilizes a variety of data in order to identify and assist students needing additional instruction and/or supports. These data include, but are not limited to, grades, NWEA assessments, attendance, standardized scores, Panorama, and discipline reports.

If a student is having difficulty academically, socially, or behaviorally, school personnel work to assist the student with skills that will help them improve the skills not yet mastered. As supplemental supports become more intense, results are used to make decisions about the need for further research-based instruction and possible educational evaluation for special education services. Noblesville Schools places an emphasis on early identification through universal screenings, supplemental supports and self-advocacy supports for student learning.

Addressing the Learning Needs of all Students, Including Exceptional Learners

Noblesville Schools operates as a Professional Learning Community (PLC). Staff are organized into high performing collaborative teams that meet regularly to focus on student learning. We believe that a team is a group of people working *interdependently* to achieve a *common goal*, for which members are held *mutually accountable*. Collaborative teams are fundamental to operating successfully as a PLC and include all teachers and staff in a school community. (DuFour, DuFour, Eaker, & Many, 2006. *Learning By Doing: A Handbook for Professional Learning Communities at Work.* Bloomington, IN: Solution Tree). Collaborative teams work together to continuously improve student learning and success by addressing the four questions of a PLC:

- 1. What do we want students to learn?
- 2. How will we know if they've learned it?
- 3. What will we do if they haven't learned it?
- 4. What will we do if they already know it?

Noblesville Schools also uses a tiered approach called Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) to ensure all students achieve their highest potential. This structure provides the necessary instruction and supports needed to allow all students to achieve their academic, social, emotional and behavior goals. School staff utilize a variety of data sources to identify and assist students needing additional instruction and/or support. These data sources include, but are not limited to, standardized assessment scores, NWEA scores, locally-developed assessment scores, student grades, attendance, social and emotional data, and discipline reports. Noblesville Schools believes that children do well when they can. If a student is having difficulty academically, socially, emotionally, or behaviorally, school personnel work to assist the student with skills that will help them improve the skills not yet mastered. As supplemental supports become more intense, results are used to make decisions about the need for further evidence-based instruction and possible educational evaluation for special education services. Noblesville Schools places an emphasis on early identification through universal screenings, supplemental support, and self-advocacy support for student learning. Noblesville Schools provides high ability program services for students who have been identified at performing at high levels academically, aptitudinally, and/or through exceptional gifts, talents, motivations, or interests. Therefore, Noblesville Schools acts to identify and challenge students through enriched and accelerated curricula. Students may be identified as high ability in math, English/language arts, or both.

Parental Participation:

Noblesville East Middle School maintains communication with parents throughout the year. Parents may access the corporation and school websites. Mailings including testing information are sent home. Parents and teachers communicate via email and phone. In addition, parents have online access to course materials through Canvas and their child's grades through PowerSchool. ParentSquare is a unified communication platform that also offers a whole host of tools that allows NEMS administrators and teachers to communicate more effectively with families and students. A school e-newsletter, Miller Matters, is emailed monthly to parents to share NEMS's most important happenings and information. Students and parents are provided a student handbook that is also posted online. Daily student announcements are posted online as well. Parents have actively supported Noblesville East Middle School by participating in the Parent/Teacher

Organization and volunteering to assist on field trips and at athletic and social events. The school organizes several events to facilitate communication between the school and home. A parent night is held each spring to answer questions and provide information to parents of incoming sixth-grade students. In addition, an Open House is held before the beginning of the school year to allow all parents and students an opportunity to tour the school. Each grade level hosts a Meet the Teacher Night that occurs in the first month of school to introduce parents to the teachers and the year's curriculum. A quarterly Miller STARS recognition program and an end-of-the-year eighth-grade recognition program are held at NEMS for parents and families.

Coordinate Technology Initiatives:

All Noblesville schools coordinate technology initiatives under the guidance of the <u>District Technology Plan</u>. This plan is developed in collaboration with stakeholders from across the school community. Representatives from each school should work in conjunction with district leadership to ensure that the plan reflects the individual needs of each school.

Building level professional learning should include formal and informal opportunities for educators to build confidence and competence to design learning experiences that promote creativity and active learning through the integration of digital curricular resources and tools.

Career Awareness and Career Development Education Curriculum:

Noblesville Schools recognizes that each student, regardless of background, has unique abilities, skills, interests and goals, which will lead to future career pathways. Preparing all students for future career pathways begins in elementary school and spans through high school graduation. Noblesville Schools' career awareness and career development education curriculum is comprehensive in scope, developmental in nature and is focused on preparing our students for the ever-changing needs of today's workforce. The learning progression focuses on self-concept and awareness, career awareness and exploration, acquiring employability skills, career preparing and planning. Elementary students begin their journey through self-concept and career awareness activities and lessons. In middle school, students continue to explore the world of work and further identify their interests, abilities, specific career clusters and postsecondary plans. As students enter high school,

career exploration continues and preparing and planning becomes a priority as students near graduation.

Courses for Eligibility to Receive an Academic Honors Diploma:

At Noblesville East Middle School, eighth grade students are offered three courses to begin a Core 40 and/or Academic Honors Diploma that would be continued at Noblesville High School. Algebra, Geometry, and Spanish I are offered to eighth grade students to begin this diploma track. All information related to scheduling, diploma pathways, and course descriptions are made available to students and families on the <u>school's website</u>.

List of Statutes and Rules to be Suspended from Operation:

There are no statutes and/or rules to be suspended from operation.

Section III: Summary of Data

Annual Performance Report:

Student ELA Achievement Results

State Assessments	2020-2021		2021-2022			2022-2023			
ILEARN ELA Overall Proficient	School	District	State	School	District	State	School	District	State
Overall	53.8	53.8	40.5	52.8	55.2	41.2	54.7	56.7	40.7
Paid Meals	60.9	60.2	54.0	61.2	61.8	53.2	63.4	63.5	53.5
Free/Reduced Price Meals	36.7	33.1	25.9	34.1	34.4	27.0	37.9	36.5	27.2
General Education	60.9	60.5	45.6	58.5	61.7	46.9	60.6	63.1	46.2
Special Education	18.6	18.1	12.9	21.2	22.2	13.4	23.8	24.5	13.1
Non-English Language Learner	56.0	56.2	42.9	55.2	57.6	43.8	58.0	59.5	43.2
English Language Learner	7.3	9.8	11.7	9.6	14.9	13.9	6.0	11.2	13.0
Asian	73.0	65.5	56.7	65.7	60.3	56.7	53.5	63.3	54.9
Black	31.4	28.3	17.4	29.2	34.5	19.1	26.8	35.3	19.7
Hispanic	37.2	33.4	27.3	38.5	37.1	28.1	34.7	33.7	27.1
Multiracial	46.2	44.4	36.4	39.5	41.4	36.8	40.5	49.3	37.1
White	57.1	57.3	47.1	57.1	59.0	48.0	61.5	61.2	47.5

*District and State results are grades 3-8 combined ***Less than 10 students in the group. Results have been suppressed to protect student privacy

Local Assessments	2020	-2021	2021	-2022	2022	-2023
NWEA MAP Growth Reading	Fall	Winter	Fall	Winter	Fall	Winter
Achievement (% At or Above Avg)	82.3	81.6	78.4	78.9	79.1	79.4
% of Students Who Met or Exceeded Their Projected RIT (Fa-Wi)*		54.8		59.2		57.2
% of Students Who Met or Exceeded Their Projected RIT (Wi-Wi)*		54.0		55.6		53.3

Achievement: Based on percentage of students in the average, high average, and high achievement percentile quintiles (41st percentile and above). Growth: It is typical for 50-60% of students to meet or exceed their projected RIT.

Narrative of Student Learning Data:

Analysis of ILEARN ELA Data

- The overall school proficiency levels increased from 52.8% to 54.7%.
- The overall school proficiency exceeded the state proficiency by 14%.
- Free/Reduced Price Meals student proficiency exceeded the state proficiency by 10.7%.
- Special Education student proficiency exceeded the state proficiency by 10.7%.
- The English Language Learner student proficiency was below the state proficiency level by 7%.
- Asian student proficiency was below the state proficiency by 1.4%.
- Black student proficiency exceeded the state proficiency by 7.1%.
- Hispanic student proficiency exceeded the state proficiency by 7.6%.
- Multiracial student proficiency exceeded the state proficiency 3.4%.
- White student proficiency exceeded the state proficiency by 14%.
- White students had the highest proficiency levels with 61.5% followed by Asian students with 53.5%.

Analysis of NWEA MAP Growth Reading Data

- The percentage of students at or above average increased by 0.3% from fall to winter.
- The percentage of students who met or exceeded their projected RIT decreased by 2% from fall to winter and 2.3% when comparing winter to winter.

Annual Performance Report:

Student Math Achievement Results

State Assessments	2020-2021			2	021-202	2	2022-2023		
ILEARN Math Overall Proficient	School	District	State	School	District	State	School	District	State
Overall	39.5	50.1	36.9	44.3	53.7	39.4	48.5	56.2	40.9
Paid Lunch	47.4	56.8	50.9	52.7	60.9	51.9	58.5	63.3	54.1
Free/Reduced Lunch	20.4	28.7	22.0	25.4	31.0	24.6	29.2	34.9	26.7
General Education	45.3	55.8	41.3	49.7	59.8	44.3	53.7	61.9	45.6
Special Education	11.4	20.2	14.1	14.6	23.3	15.7	21.5	26.9	16.8
Non-English Language Learner	41.0	51.9	38.9	46.3	55.9	41.6	50.9	58.4	42.9
English Language Learner	9.8	17.3	14.2	7.7	17.4	17.1	11.9	19.5	17.9
Asian	48.6	65.5	56.5	60.0	64.9	58.2	62.8	66.0	58.3
Black	8.6	16.6	11.6	20.8	29.1	14.4	23.2	29.7	16.2
Hispanic	20.2	27.8	22.0	25.6	31.7	24.8	25.4	31.8	25.9
Multiracial	25.6	36.5	30.5	26.3	34.6	33.3	31.0	42.7	35.0
White	44.6	54.3	44.4	49.2	58.3	47.1	54.8	61.3	48.7

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Local Assessments		-2021	2021-2022		2022-2023	
NWEA MAP Growth Math	Fall	Winter	Fall	Winter	Fall	Winter
Achievement (% At or Above Avg)	82.5	77.9	77.6	76.3	71.7	77.7
% of Students Who Met or Exceeded Their Projected RIT (Fa-Wi)*		45.4		59.6		68.6
% of Students Who Met or Exceeded Their Projected RIT (Wi-Wi)*		31.6		58.4		66.5

Achievement: Based on percentage of students in the average, high average, and high achievement percentile quintiles (41st percentile and above). Growth: It is typical for 50-60% of students to meet or exceed their projected RIT.

Narrative of Student Learning Data:

Analysis of ILEARN Math Data

- The overall school proficiency level increased from 44.3% to 48.5.
- The overall school proficiency level exceeded the state proficiency by 7.6%.
- Free/Reduced Price Meals student proficiency exceeded the state proficiency by 2.5%.
- Special Education student proficiency was below the state proficiency by 4.7%.
- The English Language Learner student proficiency was below the state proficiency level by 6%.
- Asian student proficiency exceeded the state proficiency by 4.5%.
- Black student proficiency exceeded the state proficiency by 7%.
- Hispanic student proficiency was below the state proficiency by 0.5%.
- Multiracial student proficiency was below the state proficiency 4.0%.

- White student proficiency exceeded the state proficiency by 6.1%.
- Asian students had the highest proficiency levels with 62.8% followed by white students with 54.8%.

Analysis of NWEA MAP Growth Math Data

- The percentage of students at or above average increased by 6% from fall to winter.
- The percentage of students who met or exceeded their projected RIT increased by
 9% from fall to winter and 8.1% when comparing winter to winter.

Other School Data:

Attendance

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Overall	94.3	91.8	
Model Attendee Students who are either persistent (in attendance for at least 96% of the school year) or improved (attendance rate improved by at least 3% from the preceding school year) attendees		39.1	

Panorama Student Survey Data

Panorama is a student survey that measures student's interpretations of support and school environment. The National Benchmark summarizes the percentile at which the school compares to schools across the nation through Panorama's national dataset.

	Spring	2022	Spring	2023		
	School % Favorable	National Benchmark	School % Favorable	National Benchmark	School % Favorable	National Benchmark
Engagement	34	Near 20th	36	Near 30th		
Sense of Belonging	47	Near 30th	50	Near 40th		
Teacher-Student Relationships	67	Near 60th	68	Near 60th		
Emotion Regulation	49	Near 70th	54	Near 90th		
Self-Management	76	Near 80th	77	Near 80th		
Social Awareness	64	Near 40th	66	Near 50th		

Demographic Data

	2020	-2021	2021	-2022	2022	-2023
	School	District	School	District	School	District
Percent Free/Reduced Lunch	28.6	22.2	31.6	20.9	36.2	24.3
Percent Special Education	17.1	15.7	16.0	16.5	17.5	17.4
Percent English Language Learner	3.9	4.1	5.0	4.8	6.8	5.5
Percent Asian	3.5	2.6	3.0	2.6	4.1	2.8
Percent Black	6.4	4.2	6.8	4.6	7.8	4.8
Percent Hispanic	8.7	7.5	10.6	8.2	11.2	8.7
Percent Multiracial	3.8	3.4	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.9
Percent White	77.4	81.9	75.7	80.7	73.3	79.5

^{*}District results are grades K-12 combined

Language Proficiency for English Learners

English language proficiency measures whether students learning the English language are on target to develop or attain English language proficiency within six years. Student Growth Percentiles (SGPs) are used to determine whether students are making adequate growth annually to meet these targets. SGPs describe a student's learning as compared to other students sharing the same performance history as the student, or the student's 'academic peers.' English language proficiency is measured based on performance and growth on the WIDA ACCESS 2.0 assessment. Only students identified as English learners who spend most of the school year enrolled at the school are included when reporting the proficiency and growth.

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Met Goal or Achievement Proficiency Rate		22.0	

^{***}Suppressed due to small population

High School Graduation Rate

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Overall	98.3	97.6	
Non-Waiver	81.0	83.9	
Paid Meals	99.1	98.4	
Free/Reduced Price Meals	96.7	95.2	
General Education	99.0	99.4	
Special Education	92.4	86.4	
Non-English Language Learner	98.4	97.8	
English Language Learner	91.7	93.8	
Asian	100.0	100.0	
Black	95.0	96.0	
Hispanic	95.0	98.3	
Multiracial	100.0	92.0	
White	98.5	97.8	

Specific Areas Identified by the School Where Improvement is Needed Immediately, and How the School Will Address These Areas:

ELA

Specific Area	How we will address
6.RL.2.1 Analyze what a text says explicitly as well as draw inferences from the text through citing textual evidence	The ELA department will create a common language around citing evidence and making inferences.
ds well as araw interestices from the text	Schoolwide use of PGEP aligned strategies that promote the use of text evidence.
6.W.6.le Demonstrate command of English grammar and usage, focusing on usage. Writing simple, compound, complex, and	MTSS faculty meetings scheduled every third late start. MTSS conversations are ongoing in

compound-complex sentences; recognizing sentence fragments and run-ons. 7.RL.2.1 Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what a text	weekly team meetings. Data conversations during ELA collaborative team meetings, with Tier 2 intervention as needed.
says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	Tier 3 support in ELA lab.
7.RN.2.1 Analyze what a text says explicitly as well as draw inferences from the text through citing several pieces of textual evidence.	Professional development during ELA department time over strategies for teaching grammar. Initial training August 2023.
7.RN.2.2 Analyze the development of two or more central ideas over the course of a text; provide a detailed, objective summary of the text.	Assessment literacy instruction via test readiness unit.

Math

Specific Area	How we will address
6.DS.4 Summarize numerical data sets in relation to their context in multiple ways, such as: report the number of observations; describe the nature of the attribute under investigation, including how it was measured and its units of measurement; determine quantitative measures of center (mean and/or median) and spread (range and interquartile range), as well as describe any overall pattern and any striking deviations from the overall pattern with reference to the context in which the data were gathered; and relate the choice of	Data conversations during Math collaborative team meetings, with Tier 2 intervention as needed. Use or Power-ups in Amplify Math to differentiate bell work and review for students based on performance (as needed). MTSS faculty meetings scheduled every third late start. MTSS conversations are ongoing in weekly team meetings.

measures of center and spread to the shape of the data distribution and the context in which the data were gathered.

6.NS.1 Understand that positive and negative numbers are used to describe quantities having opposite directions or values (e.g., temperature above/below zero, elevation above/below sea level, credits/debits, positive/negative electric charge). Use positive and negative numbers to represent and compare quantities in real-world contexts, explaining the meaning of 0 in each situation.

6.NS.5 Know commonly used fractions (halves, thirds, fourths, fifths, eighths, tenths) and their decimal and percent equivalents. Convert between any two representations (fractions, decimals, percents) of positive rational numbers without the use of a calculator.

6.NS.1 Use reasoning involving rates and ratios to model real-world and other mathematical problems (e.g., by reasoning about tables of equivalent ratios, tape diagrams, double number line diagrams, or equations).

7.AF.2 Solve equations of the form px + q = r and p(x + q) = r fluently, where p, q, and r are specific rational numbers. Represent real-world problems using equations of these forms and solve such problems.

7.AF.4 Define slope as vertical change for each unit of horizontal change and

Tier 3 support in Math Lab.

Full faculty professional development over how to teach and incorporate data sets across all subject areas.

Full faculty professional development over how to model multiple representations of fractions in the classroom. recognize that a constant rate of change or constant slope describes a linear function. Identify and describe situations with constant or varying rates of change.

7.AF.5 Graph a line given its slope and a point on the line. Find the slope of a line given its graph.

7.NS.3 Know there are rational and irrational numbers. Identify, compare, and order rational and common irrational numbers (v2, v3, v5, ?) and plot them on a number line.

Section IV: Continuous and Strategic School Improvement Action Plan

The following action plan has been created based upon careful analysis of the data provided in the previous section and strategically addresses the specific areas identified by the school where improvement is needed immediately.



Noblesville Schools Continuous School Improvement Action Plan

Schoolwide Improvement SMART Goals

Objectives for continuous improvement in, at a minimum, the areas of attendance rate, ILEARN proficiency rates, and graduation rates for the school to achieve over a three year period and how the school expects to meet these objectives.

Attendance

Our Current Reality: In 2023, Noblesville East Middle school had an attendance rate of 94%.

Our Attendance SMART Goal: By the end of May 2024, the Noblesville East Middle school attendance rate will increase to 95%, to reach our goal of 97% by the end of 2027.

ILEARN ELA

Our Current Reality: In 2023, 54.7 percent of our students in grades 6-8 demonstrated proficiency on the ELA ILEARN assessment.

Our ELA SMART Goal: The percentage of 6-8 grade students demonstrating proficiency in English Language Arts will increase from 54.7 to 60.1 percent by the end of May 2024 as measured by the ILEARN assessment to reach our goal of 76.4 percent proficiency by 2027.

ILEARN MATH

Our Current Reality: In 2023, 48.5 percent of our students in grades 6-8 demonstrated proficiency on the MATH ILEARN assessment.

Our Math SMART Goal: The percentage of 6-8 grade students demonstrating proficiency in Math will increase from 48.5 to 54.4 percent by the end of May 2023 as measured by the ILEARN assessment to reach our goal of 72.2 percent proficiency by 2027.

Schoolwide Improvement Action Plan

Strategies, programs, and/or services to address student learning needs; methods to improve cultural competency.

What strategies, programs, and/or services have you identified to address the needed improvement?	What action steps will you take to implement these strategies, programs, and/or services?	Who will do this work?	When will this work be completed?	What evidence will be used to measure the effectiveness of these strategies, programs, and/or services?
Use math instructional	Adoption of Amplify Math	Math Department	Initial training for	Classroom observations
practices aligned to	Curriculum		administrators and	
Indiana Academic		Administrators	teachers in June 2023.	NWEA Math Data
Standards and Process	Training for Amplify Math			
Standards for	Curriculum for	Assistant Director of	Ongoing professional	ILEARN Math
Mathematics that include	Administrators	Secondary Learning	development with Amplify	
relevant, realistic, and real			and Mike Steele via	
world experiences for all	Training for Amplify Math	Instructional Coach	monthly PLC meetings,	
students	Curriculum for Teachers		math department	
		Co-teachers	meetings, and eLearning	
	Ongoing collaboration		Days.	
	with outside consultant			
	Mike Steele			
School-wide increase and	Ongoing professional	All Departments	Ongoing 2023-2024	Classroom observations
frequency of using the	development, led by the		School year	
concept of number sense	Math department over	Administrators		NWEA Math Data
in all subjects and	number sense.			
classrooms, specifically		Instructional Coach		ILEARN Math
the interpretation of data	Time in Science and Social			
and statistics.	Studies PLCs to increase			Common assessment

	use of data tables, graphs and/or timelines in curriculum.			data across the grade-level PLCs
Use evidence-based practices for process writing instruction across the three genres of writing in grades 6-8.	Kate Roberts Training Professional Development in Department meeting led by curriculum	Language Arts Department Administrators	Ongoing 2023-2024 School year	Observations and Short Walk-throughs Common Writing Prompts/Assessments
	coordinator, department chair and/or instructional coach	Assistant Director of Secondary Learning Instructional Coach		across the grade-level PLCs Spring 2024 ILEARN test
	ELA to align writing units across grades 6-8.	Co-Teachers		
Create more opportunities for writing across the curriculum, specifically in the area of citing textual	Ongoing professional development used to connect and align the use of writing strategies and	All Departments Administrators	Common language by October 2023 Ongoing 2023-2024	Common Writing Prompts/Samples across the grade-level PLCs
evidence in all content areas.	common vocabulary with citing evidence instruction.	Instructional Coach All Teachers & Co-Teachers	School year	Written Response Scores from the Spring 2024 ILEARN test.
	Emphasis on PGEP strategies that promote student use of evidence.			
Use strategies to increase student sense of	Miller Meeting - A designated, daily specific	All Teachers	Ongoing 2023-2024 School year	Positive Behavior Team Data

belonging.	time used intentionally to	Counseling Department		
	build positive relationships		Possible Locally Created	Overall Building-wide
	and master employability	Administrators	Student Survey 2024	Discipline Data
	skills.			
	First Days Activities -			
	"Team Day" and "I'm a			
	Miller Day" themes			
	include all student			
	participation on the first			
	two days of school. The			
	goal is to provide students			
	with opportunities to meet			
	others on their team			
	through team-building			
	activities. Group activities			
	will be utilized to teach			
	students about the Miller			
	Way and what it means to			
	be a Miller and develop a			
	sense of community.			
	Enrichment Classes -			
	Specific classes available			
	to students that provide a			
	sense of belonging and			
	support student interests			
	outside of the core subject			
	areas.			

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