Self Assessment

Clark-Shaw Magnet School

Mobile County Board of Education

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Introduction

AdvancED's Self Assessment (SA) diagnostic is based on the AdvancED Standards of Quality, which serves as the foundation of the accreditation and continuous improvement process. The SA is a valuable tool for collaboratively engaging staff members and stakeholders in purposeful, honest dialogue and reflection to assess the institution's adherence to the Standards, and guide its continuous improvement efforts. The SA includes the institution's self-ratings of and the evidence cited for each of the indicators, comments that explain the indicator's ratings and an overall narrative for each Standard. The results of the SA are reviewed by the External Review Team as one essential component of the preparation process for the institution's External Review.

Standard 1: Purpose and Direction

The school maintains and communicates a purpose and direction that commit to high expectations for learning as well as shared values and beliefs about teaching and learning.

Overall Rating: 3.0

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
1.1	The school engages in a systematic, inclusive, and comprehensive process to review, revise, and communicate a school purpose for student success.	The school's process for review, revision, and communication of the purpose statement is documented. The process is formalized and implemented on a regular schedule. The process includes participation by representatives from all stakeholder groups. The purpose statement focuses on student success.	•Survey results •Examples of communications to stakeholders about the school's purpose (i.e. website, newsletters, annual report, student handbook) •Minutes from meetings related to development of the school's purpose •Purpose statements - past and present	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
1.2	The school's leadership and staff commit to a culture that is based on shared values and beliefs about teaching and learning and supports challenging, equitable educational programs and learning experiences for all students that include achievement of learning, thinking, and life skills.	Commitment to shared values and beliefs about teaching and learning is evident in documentation and decision making. This commitment is regularly reflected in communication among leaders and staff. Challenging educational programs and equitable learning experiences are implemented so that all students achieve learning, thinking, and life skills necessary for success. Evidence indicates a commitment to instructional practices that include active student engagement, a focus on depth of understanding, and the application of knowledge and skills. School leadership and staff share high expectations for professional practice.	•Survey results •The school's statement of purpose •Teacher Handbook and Instructional Guide	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
1.3	The school's leadership implements a continuous improvement process that provides clear direction for improving conditions that support student learning.	School leaders implement a documented, systematic continuous improvement process for improving student learning and the conditions that support learning. All stakeholder groups are engaged in the process. School personnel maintain a profile with current and comprehensive data on student and school performance. The profile contains analyses of data used to identify goals for the improvement of achievement and instruction that are aligned with the school's purpose. Improvement goals have measurable performance targets. The process includes action planning that identifies measurable objectives, strategies, activities, resources, and timelines for achieving improvement goals. School leaders hold all school personnel accountable for and evaluate the overall quality of the implementation of all interventions and strategies. The process is reviewed and evaluated. Documentation that the process yields improved student achievement and instruction is available and communicated to stakeholders.	•The school data profile •Agenda, minutes from continuous improvement planning meetings •Communication plan and artifacts that show two-way communication to staff and stakeholders •The school continuous improvement plan	Level 3

Reflect upon your responses to each of the indicators and performance levels by considering and responding to the following questions when drafting your narrative response. Use language from the performance level descriptions to guide your writing. Cite sources of evidence External Review team members may be interested in reviewing.

One of Clark-Shaw Magnet School's strongest assets is a clearly defined and widely shared purpose among stakeholders. Clark-Shaw has been nationally recognized as a school of choice with high standards and strong academic performance. Results from AdvancED surveys conducted with parents, faculty/staff, and students reveal that our school's purpose is viewed as one of our greatest assets. Our school plans to maintain this by continuing to uphold the strong reputation of Clark-Shaw with advanced courses and elective offerings and varied opportunities for student growth through curricular and extracurricular activities. We will continue to reinforce and promote the mission statement through school-wide brochures, newsletters, website and social media, as well as by beginning each school day with the reading of the school mission statement.

An area of opportunity for our school is to plan for regular opportunities for stakeholders to suggest improvements or changes to the mission statement. In the Fall 2016 AdvancED survey, nearly 20% of parents responded "neutral" to the statement "Our school's purpose statement is formally reviewed and revised with involvement from parents" (Item #2). This may indicate a sizable percentage of parents who are not aware of the review process. Currently the continuous improvement team (ACIP Committee) and the Parent Advisory Committee review the mission statement, but feedback from more stakeholders should be included as well. Community stakeholders, current students,former students, and a wider selection of parents could provide valuable input to improve the mission statement and to further reinforce the purpose of our school. Focus groups or interviews could be conducted with these various groups to ensure their viewpoints are considered in the annual review.

Standard 2: Governance and Leadership

The school operates under governance and leadership that promote and support student performance and school effectiveness.

Overall Rating: 3.0

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.1	The governing body establishes policies and supports practices that ensure effective administration of the school.	Policies and practices support the school's purpose and direction and the effective operation of the school. Policies and practices promote effective instruction and assessment that produce equitable and challenging learning experiences for all students. There are policies and practices regarding professional growth of all staff. Policies and practices provide requirements, direction for, and oversight of fiscal management.	•Student handbooks •Governing body policies, procedures, and practices •Staff handbooks •Communications to stakeholder about policy revisions •Instructional Guide for Teachers School-Parent Compact	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.2	The governing body operates responsibly and functions effectively.	The governing body has a process to ensure that its decisions and actions are in accordance with defined roles and responsibilities, a code of ethics, and free of conflict of interest. Governing body members participate in a systematic, formal professional development process regarding the roles and responsibilities of the governing body and its individual members. The governing body complies with all policies, procedures, laws, and regulations and functions as a cohesive unit.	•Governing body minutes relating to training •Proof of legal counsel •Governing body policies on roles and responsibilities, conflict of interest •Governing code of ethics	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.3	The governing body ensures that the school leadership has the autonomy to meet goals for achievement and instruction and to manage day-to-day operations effectively.	The governing body protects, supports, and respects the autonomy of school leadership to accomplish goals for improvement in student learning and instruction and to manage day-to-day operations of the school. The governing body maintains a distinction between its roles and responsibilities and those of school leadership.	•School improvement plan developed by the school •Survey results regarding functions of the governing body •Agendas and minutes of meetings	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.4	Leadership and staff foster a culture consistent with the school's purpose and direction.	Leaders and staff align their decisions and actions toward continuous improvement to achieve the school's purpose. They expect all students to be held to high standards in all courses of study. All leaders and staff are collectively accountable for student learning. School leaders support innovation, collaboration, shared leadership, and professional growth. The culture is characterized by collaboration and a sense of community.	•Examples of collaboration and shared leadership •Examples of decisions aligned with the school's statement of purpose •Examples of decisions in support of the school's continuous improvement plan	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.5	Leadership engages stakeholders effectively in support of the school's purpose and direction.	Leaders communicate effectively with appropriate and varied representatives from stakeholder groups, provide opportunities for stakeholders to shape decisions, solicit feedback and respond to stakeholders, work collaboratively on school improvement efforts, and provide and support meaningful leadership roles for stakeholders. School leaders' efforts result in measurable, active stakeholder participation; engagement in the school; a sense of community; and ownership.	•Minutes from meetings with stakeholders •Copies of surveys or screen shots from online surveys •Survey responses •Involvement of stakeholders in a school improvement plan	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.6	Leadership and staff supervision and evaluation processes result in improved professional practice and student success.	The focus of the criteria and processes of supervision and evaluation is improving professional practice and improving student success. Supervision and evaluation processes are regularly implemented. The results of the supervision and evaluation processes are used to monitor and effectively adjust professional practice and improve student learning.	•Examples of professional development offerings and plans tied specifically to the results from supervision and evaluation •Supervision and evaluation documents with criteria for improving professional practice and student success noted •Representative supervision and evaluation reports	Level 3

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Clark-Shaw benefits from strong governance and leadership at the school and county level. One area of strength is that our school has established policies and support practices that ensure effective administration of the school and that we receive adequate directives and guidance from the Mobile County Public School System (MCPSS). Additionally, our school has a well-developed and active continuous improvement process which is responsive to needs identified by data analysis. Also, faculty and staff are given numerous professional development opportunities to grow professionally and to impact student achievement. These areas of strength will be maintained by continuing to reevaluate and respond to the needs of students, faculty, staff, and parents through our continuous improvement process and analysis of perception data. We will continue to implement practices for monitoring effective instruction and assessment that produces equitable and challenging learning experiences and to identify areas of needs to offer professional development to address them.

An area of improvement is to improve our supervision and evaluation process to make it more consistent and regularly implemented. The results of the supervision and evaluation processes need to be analyzed more carefully so that we can excel in monitoring and effectively adjusting professional practices to ensure student learning. We will continue to use job specific criteria, representative supervision and evaluation reports and maintain our governing body policy on supervision and evaluation. To improve our areas of need we will use and apply more carefully the examples we use of professional development offerings and plans along with maintaining, at the highest level, our supervision and evaluation documents with criteria for improving professional practice records of student success.

An additional area of improvement is to increase our efforts to involve various stakeholder groups with our school. While our school communicates very effectively with stakeholder groups through a variety of methods, we recognize the need to have more opportunities for stakeholders to shape decisions and to work collaboratively on school improvement efforts. In order to improve in this area, we must encourage ways for our stakeholders to be active participants in our school and to provide meaningful input in our decision-making.

Standard 3: Teaching and Assessing for Learning

The school's curriculum, instructional design, and assessment practices guide and ensure teacher effectiveness and student learning.

Overall Rating: 3.0

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.1	The school's curriculum provides equitable and challenging learning experiences that ensure all students have sufficient opportunities to develop learning, thinking, and life skills that lead to success at the next level.	Curriculum and learning experiences in each course/class provide all students with challenging and equitable opportunities to develop learning skills, thinking skills, and life skills. There is some evidence to indicate curriculum and learning experiences prepare students for success at the next level. Like courses/classes have equivalent learning expectations. Some learning activities are individualized for each student in a way that supports achievement of expectations.	•Survey results •Lesson plans •Learning expectations for different courses •Representative samples of student work across courses •Course schedules •Enrollment patterns for various courses •Course descriptions	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.2	Curriculum, instruction, and assessment are monitored and adjusted systematically in response to data from multiple assessments of student learning and an examination of professional practice.	Using data from student assessments and an examination of professional practice, school personnel monitor and adjust curriculum, instruction, and assessment to ensure vertical and horizontal alignment and alignment with the school's goals for achievement and instruction and statement of purpose. There is a process in place to ensure alignment each time curriculum, instruction, and/or assessments are reviewed or revised. The continuous improvement process ensures that vertical and horizontal alignment as well as alignment with the school's purpose are maintained and enhanced in curriculum, instruction, and assessment.	•Curriculum guides •Common assessments •Lesson plans aligned to the curriculum	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.3	Teachers engage students in their learning through instructional strategies that ensure achievement of learning expectations.	Teachers plan and use instructional strategies that require student collaboration, self-reflection, and development of critical thinking skills. Teachers personalize instructional strategies and interventions to address individual learning needs of students when necessary. Teachers use instructional strategies that require students to apply knowledge and skills, integrate content and skills with other disciplines, and use technologies as instructional resources and learning tools.	•Agenda items addressing these strategies •Professional development focused on these strategies •Examples of teacher use of technology as an instructional resource •Examples of student use of technology as a learning tool •Student work demonstrating the application of knowledge •Findings from supervisor walk-thrus and observations	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.4	School leaders monitor and support the improvement of instructional practices of teachers to ensure student success.	School leaders formally and consistently monitor instructional practices through supervision and evaluation procedures to ensure that they 1) are aligned with the school's values and beliefs about teaching and learning, 2) are teaching the approved curriculum, 3) are directly engaged with all students in the oversight of their learning, and 4) use content-specific standards of professional practice.	•Documentation of collection of lesson plans and grade books •Supervision and evaluation procedures •Peer or mentoring opportunities and interactions •Administrative classroom observation protocols and logs	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.5	Teachers participate in collaborative learning communities to improve instruction and student learning.	All members of the school staff participate in collaborative learning communities that meet both informally and formally. Collaboration often occurs across grade levels and content areas. Staff members have been trained to implement a formal process that promotes discussion about student learning. Learning from, using, and discussing the results of inquiry practices such as action research, the examination of student work, reflection, study teams, and peer coaching occur regularly among most school personnel. School personnel indicate that collaboration causes improvement results in instructional practice and student performance.	•Agendas and minutes of collaborative learning committees •Calendar/schedule of learning community meetings	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.6	Teachers implement the school's instructional process in support of student learning.	All teachers use an instructional process that informs students of learning expectations and standards of performance. Exemplars are often provided to guide and inform students. The process includes multiple measures, including formative assessments, to inform the ongoing modification of instruction and provide data for possible curriculum revision. The process provides students with specific and timely feedback about their learning.	•Examples of learning expectations and standards of performance •Examples of assessments that prompted modification in instruction •Samples of exemplars used to guide and inform student learning	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.7	Mentoring, coaching, and induction programs support instructional improvement consistent with the school's values and beliefs about teaching and learning.	School personnel are engaged in mentoring, coaching, and induction programs that are consistent with the school's values and beliefs about teaching, learning, and the conditions that support learning. These programs set expectations for all school personnel and include measures of performance.	•Records of meetings and walk thrus/feedback sessions •Professional learning calendar with activities for instructional support of new staff •Descriptions and schedules of mentoring, coaching, and induction programs with references to school beliefs and values about teaching and learning •Personnel manuals with information related to new hires including mentoring, coaching, and induction practices	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.8	The school engages families in meaningful ways in their children's education and keeps them informed of their children's learning progress.	Programs that engage families in meaningful ways in their children's education are designed and implemented. School personnel regularly inform families of their children's learning progress.	•Survey results •Volunteer program with variety of options for participation •List of varied activities and communications modes with families, e.g., info portal, online, newsletters, parent centers, academic nights, open house, early release days •Calendar outlining when and how families are provided information on child's progress •Parental/family/caregiver involvement plan including activities, timeframes, and evaluation process	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.9	The school has a formal structure whereby each student is well known by at least one adult advocate in the school who supports that student's educational experience.	School personnel participate in a structure that gives them long-term interaction with individual students, allowing them to build strong relationships over time with the student. All students may participate in the structure. The structure allows the school employee to gain insight into and serve as an advocate for the student's needs regarding learning skills, thinking skills, and life skills.	•Survey results •Description of formal adult advocate structures	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.10	Grading and reporting are based on clearly defined criteria that represent the attainment of content knowledge and skills and are consistent across grade levels and courses.	Teachers use common grading and reporting policies, processes, and procedures based on clearly defined criteria that represent each student's attainment of content knowledge and skills. These policies, processes, and procedures are implemented consistently across grade levels and courses. Stakeholders are aware of the policies, processes, and procedures. The policies, processes, and procedures are regularly evaluated.	•Survey results •Sample report cards for each grade level and for all courses •Sample communications to stakeholders about grading and reporting •Policies, processes, and procedures on grading and reporting	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.11	All staff members participate in a continuous program of professional learning.	All staff members participate in a continuous program of professional learning that is aligned with the school's purpose and direction. Professional development is based on an assessment of needs of the school. The program builds capacity among all professional and support staff. The program is systematically evaluated for effectiveness in improving instruction, student learning, and the conditions that support learning.	•Results of evaluation of professional learning program. •Evaluation tools for professional learning •Educate Alabama documentation STI-PD documentation	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.12	The school provides and coordinates learning support services to meet the unique learning needs of students.	School personnel use data to identify unique learning needs of all students at all levels of proficiency as well as other learning needs (such as second languages). School personnel stay current on research related to unique characteristics of learning (such as learning styles, multiple intelligences, personality type indicators) and provide or coordinate related learning support services to all students.	•List of learning support services and student population served by such services •Training and professional learning related to research on unique characteristics of learning	Level 3

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Our strength at Clark-Shaw Magnet School is an advanced curriculum that provides equitable and challenging learning experiences that

ensure all students have sufficient opportunities to develop learning, thinking and life skills that lead to success at the next level. Our curriculum offers advanced classes in science and math in grades 6-8 and a variety of elective offerings. Students are well prepared for the rigors of high school and may enter with credits for Algebra I, Biology I, and Foreign Languages, if successfully completed. Evidence from ASPIRE testing, as well as teacher-given formative and summative assessments, clearly indicates that students are continuously being prepared for success at the next level. This will be sustained by continuing the rigorous instruction and assessment as well as continued teacher collaboration at grade-level and departmental levels.

One area of improvement is setting clear and measurable goals for the faculty and staff, particularly for new teachers, and providing impactful professional development opportunities. We have had positive results with our current programs, but we want to ensure that our results continue to be uniform, clear, and quantifiable. AdvancEd survey results have shown that a sizable percentage of students, staff, and parents feel that teachers could do more to meet the needs of all students by individualizing and differentiating instruction and learning activities. In addition, in the areas of peer coaching and new staff support, faculty ranked both as the areas of least agreement/strongest disagreement. Professional development, peer coaching, professional shadowing, mentoring, and other collaboration continues to be warranted in these areas.

Another area for improvement is to develop programs that engage families in meaningful ways in their children's education. The school will send out parent surveys to ask for input on better ways to engage the stakeholders. We currently provide information to parents and families using a variety of methods, and we offer numerous opportunities to become involved at our school. However, reaching even more parents in ways meaningful to them would be beneficial, as we recognize the value of parent involvement in continued student success.

Standard 4: Resources and Support Systems

The school has resources and provides services that support its purpose and direction to ensure success for all students.

Overall Rating: 3.0

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.1	Qualified professional and support staff are sufficient in number to fulfill their roles and responsibilities necessary to support the school's purpose, direction, and the educational program.	Policies, processes, and procedures ensure that school leaders have access to, hire, place, and retain qualified professional and support staff. School leaders systematically determine the number of personnel necessary to fill all the roles and responsibilities necessary to support the school purpose, educational programs, and continuous improvement. Sustained fiscal resources are available to fund positions critical to achieve the purpose and direction of the school.	•School budgets for the last three years •Survey results •Documentation of highly qualified staff	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.2	Instructional time, material resources, and fiscal resources are sufficient to support the purpose and direction of the school.	Instructional time, material resources, and fiscal resources are focused on supporting the purpose and direction of the school. Instructional time is protected in policy and practice. School leaders work to secure material and fiscal resources to meet the needs of all students. School leaders demonstrate that instructional time, material resources, and fiscal resources are allocated so that all students have equitable opportunities to attain challenging learning expectations. Efforts toward the continuous improvement of instruction and operations include achieving the school's purpose and direction.	•School schedule •Alignment of budget with school purpose and direction •School calendar	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.3	The school maintains facilities, services, and equipment to provide a safe, clean, and healthy environment for all students and staff.	School leaders have adopted or created clear expectations for maintaining safety, cleanliness, and a healthy environment and have shared these definitions and expectations with stakeholders. School personnel and students are accountable for maintaining these expectations. Measures are in place that allow for continuous tracking of these conditions. Improvement plans are developed and implemented by appropriate personnel as necessary to improve these conditions. Results of improvement efforts are evaluated.	•Documentation of compliance with local and state inspections requirements •Documentation of emergency procedures such as fire drills, evacuation and other emergency procedures. •System for maintenance requests •Maintenance schedules	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.4	Students and school personnel use a range of media and information resources to support the school's educational programs.	Students and school personnel have access to media and information resources necessary to achieve the educational programs of the school. Qualified personnel are available to assist students and school personnel in learning about the tools and locations for finding and retrieving information.	•Budget related to media and information resource acquisition •Survey results •Library Policy Manual	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.5	The technology infrastructure supports the school's teaching, learning, and operational needs.	The technology infrastructure meets the teaching, learning, and operational needs of all stakeholders. School personnel develop and administer needs assessments and use the resulting data to develop and implement a technology plan to improve technology services and infrastructure.	•Technology plan and budget to improve technology services and infrastructure •Survey results •Policies relative to technology use	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.6	The school provides support services to meet the physical, social, and emotional needs of the student population being served.	School personnel implement a process to determine the physical, social, and emotional needs of each student in the school. School personnel provide or coordinate programs to meet the needs of students as necessary. Measures of program effectiveness are in place, and school personnel use the data from these measures to evaluate all programs. Improvement plans related to these programs are designed and implemented when needed to more effectively meet the needs of students.	•Survey results •Social classes and services, e.g., bullying, character education •List of support services available to students	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.7	The school provides services that support the counseling, assessment, referral, educational, and career planning needs of all students.	School personnel implement a process to determine the counseling, assessment, referral, educational, and career planning needs of all students. School personnel provide or coordinate programs necessary to meet the needs of students whenever possible. Measures of program effectiveness are in place, and school personnel use the data from these measures to evaluate all programs. Improvement plans related to these programs are designed and implemented when needed to more effectively meet the needs of students.	•List of services available related to counseling, assessment, referral, educational, and career planning •Description of IEP process •Description of referral process	Level 3

Reflect upon your responses to each of the indicators and performance levels by considering and responding to the following questions when drafting your narrative response. Use language from the performance level descriptions to guide your writing. Cite sources of evidence External Review team members may be interested in reviewing.

The areas of strengths noted in standard 4 are that Clark Shaw has a Highly Qualified professional and support staff. In addition, our school delegates time, materials and resources to support school its mission and purpose, and we have modern functional technology resources.

Clark -Shaw is known as a magnet school of science, math and technology. The school employs additional science teachers and offers a wide variety of math, science and technology electives that enhance the magnet program focus. We also employ Highly Qualified part-time math tutors and offer after school tutoring to help our students due to the advanced pacing of content material. We have five fully functioning computer labs and a diverse curriculum in science, technology and mathematics. We plan to continue to provide our students with multiple electives and updated technological tools.

An area of opportunity for Clark-Shaw is in the area of support systems for our students through counseling and other support services. The AdvancED survey feedback from parents, staff, and students revealed the statement "Our school provides high quality student support services (e.g. counseling, referrals, educational, and career planning) to be an area of low agreement/ moderate disagreement. Furthermore, a sizable percent of our students disagreed that they had at least one adult advocate who knows them well and shows interest in their education and future. Assigning students to advisers and providing more opportunities for students to interact with faculty and staff in non-teaching roles could improve the students' perceptions in this area and to provide them with the needed support during their middle school years. Offering more individual, small group, and whole class counseling activities on topics of healthy relationships, bullying, and other topics of concern could also help our students develop emotionally and socially.

Standard 5: Using Results for Continuous Improvement

The school implements a comprehensive assessment system that generates a range of data about student learning and school effectiveness and uses the results to guide continuous improvement.

Overall Rating: 3.0

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.1	The school establishes and maintains a clearly defined and comprehensive student assessment system.	School personnel maintain and use an assessment system that produces data from multiple assessment measures, including locally developed and standardized assessments about student learning and school performance. The system ensures consistent measurement across classrooms and courses. Most assessments, especially those related to student learning, are proven reliable and bias free. The system is regularly evaluated for reliability and effectiveness in improving instruction, student learning, and the conditions that support learning.	•Documentation or description of evaluation tools/protocols •Survey results •Brief description of student assessment system including range of data produced from standardized and local assessments on student learning and school performance	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.2	Professional and support staff continuously collect, analyze, and apply learning from a range of data sources, including comparison and trend data about student learning, instruction, program evaluation, and organizational conditions.	Systematic processes and procedures for collecting, analyzing, and applying learning from multiple data sources are used consistently by professional and support staff. Data sources include comparison and trend data that provide a complete picture of student learning, instruction, the effectiveness of programs, and the conditions that support learning. School personnel use data to design, implement, and evaluate continuous improvement plans to improve student learning, instruction, the effectiveness of programs, and organizational conditions.	•Survey results •Examples of use of data to design, implement, and evaluate continuous improvement plans and apply learning •List of data sources related to student learning, instruction, program effectiveness, and conditions that support learning	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.3	Professional and support staff are trained in the evaluation, interpretation, and use of data.	All professional and support staff members are assessed and trained in a rigorous professional development program related to the evaluation, interpretation, and use of data.	•Professional learning schedule specific to the use of data •Documentation of attendance and training related to data use •Training materials specific to the evaluation, interpretation, and use of data	Level 3

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Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.4	The school engages in a continuous process to determine verifiable improvement in student learning, including readiness for and success at the next level.	Policies and procedures describe a process for analyzing data that determine verifiable improvement in student learning, including readiness for and success at the next level. Results indicate improvement, and school personnel consistently use these results to design, implement, and evaluate the results of continuous improvement action plans related to student learning, including readiness for and success at the next level.	•Agendas, minutes of meetings related to analysis of data •Description of process for analyzing data to determine verifiable improvement in student learning •Examples of use of results to evaluate continuous improvement action plans •Evidence of student readiness for the next level •Evidence of student growth	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.5	Leadership monitors and communicates comprehensive information about student learning, conditions that support student learning, and the achievement of school improvement goals to stakeholders.	Leaders monitor comprehensive information about student learning, conditions that support student learning, and the achievement of school improvement goals. Leaders regularly communicate results using multiple delivery methods to all stakeholder groups.	•Communication plan regarding student learning, conditions that support learning, and achievement of school improvement goals to stakeholders •Sample communications to stakeholders regarding student learning, conditions that support learning, and achievement of school improvement goals •Executive summaries of student learning reports to stakeholder groups	Level 3

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Our strength in this area is that our faculty maintain and consistently use a comprehensive assessment system that produces data from multiple assessment measures including locally developed (common subject/grade level assessments and End of Quarter Tests) and standardized assessments (STAR and ACT Aspire) about student learning and school performance. Our continuous improvement team (ACIP committee) reviews comparison and trend data about student learning and identifies priorities based on needs. We will sustain this strength by continuing to meet as a faculty in data meetings to compare results with school-wide goals. During grade level meetings, general faculty meetings, and department meetings, faculty will continue to review and analyze data to prepare lessons, to plan for intervention, and to notify parents of any academic shortcomings.

One area of improvement is to make sure that all faculty members employ numerous and regular opportunities to communicate data results with students and parents. Teachers have been provided professional development on the alignment between STAR reading and math scores and their ACT Aspire scores. We want our faculty to use strategies such as sharing individual scores with students, setting class goals, allowing students to keep track of their own progress, and constructing activities to be used during explore classes, bell ringers, and

during homeroom. We also need to make sure our parents know how to interpret data. Student assessment results are sent home to parents with an explanation of how to interpret them, but more workshops and/or conferences for parents may prove to be more effective. Parenting Day and Open House represent opportunities to explain assessment results to both parents and students.

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