

Self Assessment

C.L. Scarborough Middle 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.

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.	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 Documentation or description of the process for creating the school's purpose including the role of stakeholders	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.	Agendas and/or minutes that reference a commitment to the components of the school's statement of purpose The school's statement of purpose	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.	staff and stakeholders •The school continuous	Level 3

One strength is that the process of evaluating data and setting goals includes representatives from all stakeholder groups. An area of improvement is that the media through which the data is shared with all stakeholders could be expanded. To sustain our area of strength, we will continue to reach out to community partners to spread our mission and goals. To address our area of need, we will have artifacts detailing our data and continuous improvement goals in media that all stakeholders may access including an updated link to the plan on our website.

Standard 2: Governance and Leadership

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

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.1	The governing body establishes policies and supports practices that ensure effective administration of the school.	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	Student handbooks Governing body policies, procedures, and practices Staff handbooks Communications to stakeholder about policy revisions School handbooks	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.2	The governing body operates responsibly and functions effectively.	decisions and actions are in accordance with defined roles and responsibilities, are ethical, and free of conflict of interest. Governing body members	Governing body minutes relating to training Assurances, certifications Governing body policies on roles and responsibilities, conflict of interest	Level 2

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	The governing body protects, supports, and respects the autonomy of school leadership to accomplish goals for improvement in student learning and	School improvement plan developed by the school Stakeholder input and feedback Maintenance of consistent academic oversight, planning, and resource allocation Communications regarding board actions	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
c	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	•Examples of collaboration and shared leadership	Level 3
		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	•Examples of decisions aligned with the school's statement of purpose	
		learning. School leaders support innovation, collaboration, shared leadership, and professional growth. The culture is characterized by collaboration	•Examples of decisions in support of the school's continuous improvement plan	
		and a sense of community.	F	

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.5	effectively in support of the school's purpose and direction.	effectively with stakeholder groups, provide opportunities for stakeholders to	Minutes from meetings with stakeholders Involvement of stakeholders in a school improvement plan	Level 2

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.6	Leadership and staff supervision and evaluation processes result in improved professional practice and student success.	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	Examples of professional development offerings and plans tied specifically to the results from supervision and evaluation Supervision and evaluation evaluation documents with criteria for improving professional practice and student success noted Representative supervision and evaluation reports	Level 3

A strength is that we regularly evaluate and refine our policies. An area that needs improvement is having more stakeholders participate in the decision-making process and development of school policies. In order to sustain that strength, we will improve our communications with stakeholders in order to reinforce policies and inform them about revisions including the use of School Messenger automated phone system. To improve the area of need, we will call upon more parent representatives to provide input on school procedures/polices through surveys and parent meetings.

Standard 3: Teaching and Assessing for Learning

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

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.1		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.	Learning expectations for different courses Posted learning objectives Representative samples of student work across courses	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.	School personnel monitor and adjust curriculum, instruction, and assessment to ensure for vertical and horizontal alignment and alignment with the school's goals for achievement and instruction and statement of purpose. A process is implemented sometimes to ensure alignment when curriculum, instruction, and/or assessments are reviewed or revised. There is limited evidence that the continuous improvement process ensures vertical and horizontal alignment and alignment with the school's purpose in curriculum, instruction, and assessment.	A description of the systematic review process for curriculum, instruction, and assessment Common assessments	Level 2

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 Findings from supervisor walk-thrus and observations	

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 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.	Peer or mentoring opportunities and interactions Recognition of teachers with regard to these practices Administrative classroom observation protocols and logs	Level 2

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.	Common language, protocols and reporting tools 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.	expectations and standards of performance. Exemplars are often	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 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.	meaningful ways in their children's education are designed and implemented. School personnel regularly inform families of their children's learning progress.		Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.9	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.	List of students matched to adult advocate Description of formal adult advocate structures	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.10	on clearly defined criteria that represent the attainment of content knowledge and skills and are consistent across grade levels and courses.	procedures based on criteria that represent each student's attainment of content knowledge and skills. These	Sample communications to stakeholders about grading and reporting Policies, processes, and procedures on grading and reporting	Level 2

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.	Brief explanation of alignment between professional learning and identified needs Crosswalk between professional learning and school purpose and direction	Level 3

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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 special populations of students based on proficiency and/or other learning needs (such as second languages). School personnel are familiar with 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 students within these special populations.	•List of learning support services and student population served by such services	Level 2

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.

A strength is that an effort is made school-wide to individualize instruction, especially with the implementation of Bring Your Own Device (BYOD). An area of weakness is that not all instructors use common grading and reporting policies, processes, and procedures. In an effort to sustain our strength, we will expand our inventory of technological tools that can provide necessary diagnostic information and prescribe specific curricula to students based on their individual needs. To improve our area of need, we will provide opportunities for teachers to collaborate on evaluating standards and developing common grading practices.

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.

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, procedures and other documentation related to the hiring, placement and retention of professional and support staff Assessments of staffing needs Documentation of highly qualified staff	Level 4

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	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.	access to media and information	Budget related to media and information resource acquisition	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.5	learning, and operational needs.	teaching, learning, and operational needs of most stakeholders. School	Technology plan and budget to improve technology services and infrastructure Policies relative to technology use	Level 2

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.	needs of students in the school. School personnel provide or coordinate programs to meet the needs of students when possible. School personnel evaluate all programs. Improvement plans related to these programs are	Agreements with school community agencies for student-family support Social classes and services, e.g., bullying, character education List of support services available to students	Level 2

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.7	support the counseling,	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	List of services available related to counseling, assessment, referral, educational, and career planning Description of IEP process	Level 3
		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.		

A strength is that clearly defined policies, processes, and procedures are established to hire, place, and retain qualified professional and support staff. Transformation into the model school afforded the opportunity to recruit an exceptional teaching staff. An area of improvement is that technology infrastructure is not fully functional, and does not meet the teaching, learning, and operational needs of all stakeholders. To sustain the identified strength, we will use mentoring and other support programs to retain faculty. To address the technology deficiency, we will seek support from Central Office to provide updated computers that will be used for regular classroom instruction and learning, formative

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assessments (STAR), as well as high-stakes testing (ACT Aspire).

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.

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.		Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.2	apply learning from a range of data sources, including comparison and trend data about	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.	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	trained in the evaluation, interpretation, and use of data.	Most professional and support staff members are assessed and trained in a professional development program related to the evaluation, interpretation, and use of data.	Documentation of attendance and training related to data use Training materials specific to the evaluation, interpretation, and use of data	Level 2

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 Evidence of student growth	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.5	information about student learning, conditions that support	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	

A strength is that systematic processes and procedures for collecting, analyzing, and applying learning from multiple data sources are used consistently. An area of improvement is that not all professional and support staff members are assessed and trained in a professional development program related to the evaluation, interpretation, and use of data. We will sustain the strength by exploring other data sources and monitoring the use of data to inform instructional decisions. To address the area of improvement, we will include paraprofessionals in the data evaluation process more often.

Report Summary

Scores By Section

