## Penncrest SD

Comprehensive Plan | 2023 - 2026

# Profile and Plan Essentials

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PENNCREST School District		105204703	
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#### **LEA Profile**

The PENNCREST School District is predominantly rural and encompasses over 400 square miles consisting of nineteen boroughs and townships. Eighteen of the boroughs and townships are located in Crawford County and the remaining one in Venango County. The district is organized into three attendance areas - Cambridge Springs, Maplewood, and Saegertown. Each attendance area has a K-6 elementary school and a 7-12 junior/senior high school. The PENNCREST School District Administration building is located on the Saegertown campus and serves the needs of the total school community. It includes the following offices: Superintendent, Business Operations, Assistant Superintendent, Plant/Transportation, Special Education, and Technology.

PENNCREST School District continues to provide its own special education supervision and psychological services, but contracts with the Intermediate Unit (IU) to provide services for low incidence populations. The district currently houses IU-operated Multi-Disabilities Support programs which provide services for students from several local school districts. In addition, the district operates Emotional Support and K-6 Life Skills programs. Behavioral Specialists have been contracted from a local mental health agency to provide support for these programs. For students who are in need of a more restrictive placement with a specific mental health component, there is a Partial Hospitalization program available within the district's attendance area. The program is jointly operated by the IU and Bethesda Children's Home. PENNCREST is unique in that it is the host district for two larger residential facilities and one small residential facility. The District employs a secondary special education teacher who also serves as a Transition Facilitator. The facilitator provides direct instruction for a few periods a day and then spends the remaining school hours providing support for transition students. The facilitator works very closely with all of the special education teachers and supports programming to meet the individual needs of the students. Currently, each campus houses Pre-K classrooms. The majority of students are being provided services in their home schools with services being delivered in regular education as much as deemed appropriate by the individual IEP teams.

The organizational structure of the school district provides opportunities to serve the needs of students and parents in each attendance area through local school activities such as parent-teacher organizations, parent/teacher conferences, extracurricular programs, sporting events, student plays, art shows, music presentations, technology showcases and senior showcases. The coordination of staff development, induction and curriculum revision through the Central Office has helped enhance the ability of teachers and support staff to educate students who have been identified as having special needs. Through these efforts, special needs students have been included to the maximum extent possible in the least restrictive environment.

The PENNCREST School District used a broad-based participatory approach to the development of the District Level Comprehensive Plan. Existing committees including the Central Office administration team, building level principals and the Professional Development Committee comprised of teachers, administrators and parents from all three attendance areas reviewed the Mission, Vision, Standards, Curriculum, Instruction, Assessments and Materials and Resources sections of the plan. The Safe and Supportive Schools, Professional Education and Special Education sections were developed through collaboration across the district.

Representatives from the district's three sending areas served on the District Level Planning Team. This committee is comprised of regular classroom teachers, special area teachers, administrators, parents and community members. A survey of district needs was completed by the superintendent through staff and community feedback forums as well as from digital questionares for stakeholders. The District Level Planning Team also reviewed a variety of data to identify recent student achievement strengths and challenges. Part of the data review process was analysis of Building Level Plans as they described their strengths and weaknesses.

#### **Mission and Vision**

#### Mission

PENNCREST School District's Mission is to provide resources and opportunities that challenge students, assess their educational progress, provide a system of support and empower all to become confident lifelong learners.

#### Vision

The PENNCREST School District will be a dynamic educational community that inspires optimal student achievement and lifelong learning.

#### **Educational Values**

#### **Students**

Students will develop skills, knowledge, and attitudes from research-based instruction based on measurable PA Core Academic Standards. Students will be able to be self-directed and demonstrate both organizational and higher order thinking skills. Students will develop self-discipline to become responsible for their own learning and behavior. Students will respect cultural and ethnic differences. Students will develop a positive work ethic and desire to achieve their potential. Students will develop self-esteem and experience success in learning. Students will demonstrate respect for themselves and their community Students will learn the value of service to others.

#### Staff

Staff will develop and apply skills, knowledge, and attitudes from research-based instruction strategies to successfully teach PA Core Academic Standards. Staff will respect cultural and ethnic differences. Staff will demonstrate respect for themselves and their community. Staff will promote and provide opportunities for students: TO develop skills, knowledge, and attitudes from research-based instruction based on measurable PA Core Academic Standards. TO be able to be self-directed and demonstrate both organizational and higher order thinking skills. TO develop self-discipline to become responsible for their own learning and behavior. TO respect cultural and ethnic differences. TO develop a positive work ethic and desire to achieve their potential. TO develop self-esteem and experience success in learning. TO demonstrate respect for themselves and their community TO learn the value of service to others.

#### **Administration**

Administration will ensure students receive multiple opportunities: TO develop skills, knowledge, and attitudes from research-based instruction based on measurable PA Core Academic Standards. TO be able to be self-directed and demonstrate both organizational and higher order thinking skills. TO develop self-discipline to become responsible for their own learning and behavior. TO respect cultural and ethnic differences. TO develop a positive work ethic and desire to achieve their potential. TO develop self-esteem and experience success in learning. TO demonstrate respect for themselves and their community TO learn the value of service to others. Administration will provide opportunities to participate in co-curricular activities.

#### **Parents**

Parents will provide supports to their children to assist them: TO develop skills, knowledge, and attitudes from research-based instruction based on measurable PA Core Academic Standards. TO be able to be self-directed and demonstrate both organizational and higher order thinking skills. TO develop self-discipline to become responsible for their own learning and behavior. TO respect cultural and ethnic differences. TO develop a positive work ethic and desire to achieve their potential. TO develop self-esteem and experience success in learning. TO demonstrate respect for themselves and their community TO learn the value of service to others.

#### Community

The community will provide and/or promote opportunities for students: TO respect cultural and ethnic differences. TO develop a positive work ethic and desire to achieve their potential. TO develop self-esteem and experience success in learning. TO demonstrate respect for themselves and their community TO learn the value of service to others.

#### Other (Optional)

Omit selected.

## **Future Ready PA Index**

## **Review of the School(s) Level Performance**

Strengths

Indicator	Comments/Notable Observations
College and Career ready measures	All Elementary schools All Student Group exceeds the state Performance Standard
High School Graduation Rate	The four year and five year cohorts have met or exceeded the statewide target for Graduation.
Rigorous course of study	2 of 3 three high schools have exceeded the statewide average for % of rigorous courses of study.
3 - 6 ELA	All three elementary schools met the standard for growth in ELA
Saegertown Elementary School - ELA; ; Math; and Science (Act 13 Building level score 83.3)	All Student Group Exceeds the Standard Demonstrating Growth

Challenges

Indicator	Comments/Notable Observations
Mathematics/Algebra 1 all students group %	All six schools Keystone Algebra 1 & Math 3-8 : All Student Group Did Not Meet Interim
proficient/advanced	Goal/Improvement Target. Four out of six schools did not meet the standard for growth
% Advanced Math/Algebra 1	This indicator is below to well below the the statewide average
ELA/Literature & Math/Algebra 1 & Science/Biology	All three high schools: All Student Group Did Not Meet Interim Goal/Improvement
all students group % proficient/advanced	Target
Saegertown HS - ELA; Literature ; Math; Algebra 1	All Challed Corne D'd Not Mort the Charled Developing Cornells
(Act 13 Building level score 63.8)	All Student Group Did Not Meet the Standard Demonstrating Growth

## Review of Grade Level(s) and Individual Student Group(s)

## Strengths

Indicator	
Academic growth score ELA	Comments/Notable Observations
Grade Level(s) and/or Student Group(s)	This group closed the achievement growth gap.
grades 7 - 10 economically disadvantaged students	
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## **Challenges**

Indicator Mathematics proficiency Grade Level(s) and/or Student Group(s) grades 3-6 special education students	Comments/Notable Observations  The achievement gaps between SPE & whole group in each of our three elementary schools ranges from a difference of 18% up to 30% in proficiency. No building was above 17% proficiency for SPE.
Indicator ELA proficiency Grade Level(s) and/or Student Group(s) grades 3-6 special education students	Comments/Notable Observations The achievement gaps between SPE & whole group in each of our three elementary schools ranges from a difference of 35% up to 48% in proficiency. No building was above 22% proficiency for SPE.
Indicator Mathematics/Algebra proficiency Grade Level(s) and/or Student Group(s) grades 7 - 10 special education students	Comments/Notable Observations  The achievement gaps between SPE & whole group in each of our three high schools ranges from a difference of 21% up to 48% in proficiency. All three three high schools had below 10% proficiency in this area for SPE.
Indicator ELA/Literature proficiency Grade Level(s) and/or Student Group(s) grades 7 - 10 special education students	Comments/Notable Observations The achievement gaps between SPE & whole group in each of our three high schools ranges from a difference of 28% up to 50% in proficiency. All three three high schools had below 26% proficiency in this area for SPE.

## Summary

## Strengths

Review the strengths listed above and copy and paste 2-5 strengths which have had the most impact in improving your most pressing challenges.

Meeting Academic growth standard in Algebra, Literature, Biology and Elementary ELA

Academic growth score ELA grades 3 - 10 economically disadvantaged students: This group closed the achievement growth gap.

#### **Challenges**

Review the challenges listed above and copy and paste 2-5 challenges if improved would have the most impact in achieving your Future Ready PA index targets.

Mathematics/Algebra proficiency: The achievement gaps between SP.E. & whole group in each of our three elementary schools ranges from a difference of 18% up to 24% in proficiency. No building was above 12% proficiency for SP.E. The achievement gaps between SP.E. & whole group in each of our three high schools ranges from a difference of 17% up to 48% in proficiency. Two of three high schools had 0% proficiency in this area for SPE.

Mathematics/Algebra 1 all students % proficient/advanced: This indicator is well below the the statewide average.

ELA proficiency: The achievement gaps between SP.E. & whole group in each of our three elementary schools ranges from a difference of 35% up to 41% in proficiency. No elementary building was above 19% proficiency for SP.E. The achievement gaps between SP.E. & whole group in each of our three high schools ranges from a difference of 28% up to 45% in proficiency. All three three high schools had below 1 0% proficiency in this area for SPE.

## **Local Assessment**

## **English Language Arts**

Data	Comments/Notable Observations
PSSA ELA 7-8 & Keystone Literature	Percent Proficient or Advanced ranges between 54.4% - 66.5%
ELA Early Indicators of Success	Percent Grade 3 Reading ranges between 47.6% - 53.4% proficient.
PSSA 3-6	Percent Proficient or Advanced ranges between 47.8% - 64.0%

## **English Language Arts Summary**

## Strengths

CSHS and MHS ELA All Student Group Exceeds the Standard Demonstrating Growth

## Challenges

PSSA ELA 7-8 & Keystone Literature: All Student Group Did Not Meet Interim Goal/Improvement Target
Saegertown HS ELA All Student Group Did Not Meet the Standard Demonstrating Growth

#### **Mathematics**

Data	Comments/Notable Observations	
PSSA 7-8 /Keystone Algebra 1	Percent Proficient or Advanced ranges between 24.6% - 35.0%	
Math Early Indicators of Success	Percent Proficient or Advanced Grade 7 Mathematics ranges between 13.4% - 23.4%	
PSSA 3-6	Percent Proficient or Advanced ranges between 28.6% - 41.3%	

## **Mathematics Summary**

## Strengths

CSES and SES All Student Group Meets or Exceeds the Standard Demonstrating Growth	
CSHS All Student Group Meets the Standard Demonstrating Growth	

## **Challenges**

PSSA Math 3-8 & Keystone Algebra 1: All Student Group Did Not Meet Interim Goal/Improvement Target
MES math All Student Group Did Not Meet the Standard Demonstrating Growth
SHS and MHS math All Student Group Did Not Meet the Standard Demonstrating Growth

## Science, Technology, and Engineering Education

Data	Comments/Notable Observations
PSSA 8 / Keystone Biology	Percent Proficient or Advanced ranges between 52.2% - 55.1%
PSSA Science 4	Percent Proficient or Advanced ranges between 78.7% - 85.1%

## Science, Technology, and Engineering Education Summary

## Strengths

MHS, SHS and CSHS Science/Biology All Student Group Meets or Exceeds the Standard Demonstrating Growth
MES, SES and CSES science All Student Group Meets or Exceeds Interim Goal/Improvement Target
MES, SES and CSES science All Student Group Meets or Exceeds the Standard Demonstrating Growth

## **Challenges**

PSSA Science 8 & Keystone Biology: All Student Group Did Not Meet Interim Goal/Improvement Target (all three schools)

#### **Related Academics**

#### **Career Readiness**

Data	Comments/Notable Observations
Percent Career Standards Benchmark	K - 12 All Student Group Exceeds Performance Standard
Percent Four-Year Cohort Graduation	All high schools All Student Group Meets 2030 Statewide Goal

#### **Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs**

True Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs Omit

#### **Arts and Humanities**

**True** Arts and Humanities Omit

#### **Environment and Ecology**

**True** Environment and Ecology Omit

#### **Family and Consumer Sciences**

**True** Family and Consumer Sciences Omit

#### Health, Safety, and Physical Education

**True** Health, Safety, and Physical Education Omit

#### Social Studies (Civics and Government, Economics, Geography, History)

True Social Studies (Civics and Government, Economics, Geography, History) Omit

#### **Articulation Agreements**

**False** We do not have any articulation agreements because we do not have high school students, or ALL current agreements have been uploaded to other FRCPP plans.

#### **Partnering Institution**

Noe' Noonan School of Cosmetology

**Agreement Type** 

**Program/Course Area** 

Cosmetology

**Uploaded Files** 

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#### **Summary**

#### **Strengths**

Review the comments and notable observations listed previously and record 2-5 strengths which have had the most impact in improving your most pressing challenges.

Percent Four-Year Cohort Graduation - All high schools All Student Group Meets 2030 Statewide Goal

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#### **Challenges**

Review the comments and notable observations listed previously and record 2-5 Challenges which if improved would have the most impact in achieving your Mission and Vision.

The district is not located near many universities and transportation is an issue for students for dual enrollment.

Broadband access limitations produces another roadblock for students to work online outside of school hours.

## **Equity Considerations**

## **English Learners**

**True** This student group is not a focus in this plan.

#### **Students with Disabilities**

**False** This student group is not a focus in this plan.

Data	Comments/Notable Observations
PSSA ELA	There is a significant achievement gap between students with disabilities and the whole student group.
PSSA Math	There is a significant achievement gap between students with disabilities and the whole student group.
Keystone exams	There is a significant achievement gap between students with disabilities and the whole student group.

## **Students Considered Economically Disadvantaged**

**False** This student group is not a focus in this plan.

Data	Comments/Notable Observations
PSSA ELA	The district has on average begun to shrink the achievement gap between economically disadvantaged group and the whole
PSSA ELA	student group.
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PSSA Math	student group.
Keystone The district has on average begun to shrink the achievement gap between economically disadvantaged group and the w	
exams	student group.

## **Student Groups by Race/Ethnicity**

**True** This student group is not a focus in this plan.

#### **Summary**

#### **Strengths**

Review the comments and notable observations listed previously and record the 2-5 strengths which have had the most impact in improving your most pressing challenges.

The district has implemented new instructional resources for math, ELA, Science and Social studies over the last three years. New resources were combined with additional teacher trainings as well.

Additional research based interventions in both ELA and math have been implemented with the assistance of ESSER funds.

The addition of intervention specialists positions at teh Jr/Sr highs and a district wide support specialist position were added with ESSER funding.

#### **Challenges**

Review the comments and notable observations listed previously and record the 2-5 Challenges which if improved would have the most impact in achieving your Mission and Vision.

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The elimination of ESSER funding paired with limited local funds may require elimination of these additional positions and resources.	

## **Designated Schools**

There are no Designated Schools.

## **Supplemental LEA Plans**

Programs and Plans	Comments/Notable Observations
Special Education Plan	Developed in conjunction with the district comprehensive plan.
Title 1 Program	All three elementary school complete annual Title School wide plans.
K-12 Guidance Plan (339	The student services department manages this plan. K-12 school counselors meet monthly to discuss/review and
Plan)	check up on plan progress. K-12 school psychologists meet monthly as well.
Technology Plan	
English Language	Program is managed by the student services department. Typically there are 0 - 3 EL students district wide,
Development Programs	annually.

#### **Strengths**

Review the comments and notable observations listed and record those which have had the most impact in improving your most pressing challenges.

#### **Challenges**

Review the comments and notable observations listed previously and record the 2-5 challenges which if improved would have the most impact in achieving your Mission and Vision.

#### **Conditions for Leadership, Teaching, and Learning**

## **Empower Leadership for District Continuous Improvement**

Foster a vision and culture of high expectations for success for all students, educators, and families	Operational
Establish and maintain a focused system for continuous improvement and ensure organizational coherence	Emerging
Engage in meaningful two-way communication with stakeholders to sustain shared responsibility for student	Operational
learning across the district	

#### **Focus on Continuous Improvement of Instruction**

Ensure effective, standards-aligned curriculum and assessment	Operational
Support schools in implementing evidence-based instructional strategies and programs to ensure all students have access to rigorous, standards-aligned instruction	Operational
Build the capacity of central office and school administrators as instructional leaders to effectively monitor, supervise, and support high quality teaching and learning	Operational

## **Provide Student-Centered Supports so That All Students are Ready to Learn**

Coordinate and monitor supports aligned with students' and families' needs	Exemplary
Partner with local businesses, community organizations, and other agencies to meet the needs of the district	Exemplary

#### **Implement Data-Driven Human Capital Strategies**

Recruit and retain fully credentialed, experienced and high-quality leaders and teachers	Emerging
Support the development and professional learning of central office and school-based staff in alignment with	Operational
district and school mission, vision, goals, and priorities	Operational

#### **Organize and Allocate Resources and Services Strategically and Equitably**

Allocate resources, including money, staff, professional learning, materials, and support to schools based on the analysis of a variety of data	Operational
Coordinate fiscal resources from local, state, and federal programs to achieve the district's goals and priorities	Operational

#### **Summary**

#### **Strengths**

With your vision and goals in mind, identify and record which essential practices are currently Operational or Exemplary and could be leveraged to improve your most pressing concerns.

Coordinate and monitor supports aligned with students' and families' needs \*

Build the capacity of central office and school administrators as instructional leaders to effectively monitor, supervise, and support high quality teaching and learning.

Support schools in implementing evidence-based instructional strategies and programs to ensure all students have access to rigorous, standards-aligned instruction.

#### **Challenges**

With your vision and goals in mind, identify and record which essential practices that are currently Not Yet Evident or Emerging, that if improved, would greatly impact your progress in achieving your mission and vision.

Recruit and retain fully credentialed, experienced and high-quality leaders and teachers.

Establish and maintain a focused system for continuous improvement and ensure organizational coherence

## **Summary of Strengths and Challenges from the Needs Assessment**

## **Strengths**

Examine the Summary of Strengths. Identify the strengths that are most positively contributing to achievement of your mission and vision. Check the box to the right of these identified strength(s).

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Strength	Plan
Meeting Academic growth standard in Algebra, Literature, Biology and Elementary ELA	False
Academic growth score ELA grades 3 - 10 economically disadvantaged students: This group closed the achievement growth gap.	True
CSES and SES All Student Group Meets or Exceeds the Standard Demonstrating Growth	False
CSHS All Student Group Meets the Standard Demonstrating Growth	False
Percent Four-Year Cohort Graduation - All high schools All Student Group Meets 2030 Statewide Goal	False
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Coordinate and monitor supports aligned with students' and families' needs *	False
The district has implemented new instructional resources for math, ELA, Science and Social studies over the last three years. New resources were combined with additional teacher trainings as well.	False
CSHS and MHS ELA All Student Group Exceeds the Standard Demonstrating Growth	False
MHS, SHS and CSHS Science/Biology All Student Group Meets or Exceeds the Standard Demonstrating Growth	False
MES, SES and CSES science All Student Group Meets or Exceeds Interim Goal/Improvement Target	True
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Additional research based interventions in both ELA and math have been implemented with the assistance of ESSER funds.	False
The addition of intervention specialists positions at teh Jr/Sr highs and a district wide support specialist position were added with ESSER funding.	False
Build the capacity of central office and school administrators as instructional leaders to effectively monitor, supervise, and support high quality teaching and learning.	False
Support schools in implementing evidence-based instructional strategies and programs to ensure all students have access to rigorous, standards-aligned instruction.	False

#### **Challenges**

Examine the Summary of Challenges. Identify the challenges which are most pressing at this time for your District and if improved would have the most pronounced impact in achieving your mission and vision. Check the box to the right of these identified challenge(s).

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	Establish and maintain a focused system for continuous improvement and ensure organizational coherence	False

## **Most Notable Observations/Patterns**

In the space provided, record any of the comments and notable observations made as your team worked through the needs assessment that stand out as important to the challenge(s) you checked for consideration in your comprehensive plan.

## **Analyzing (Strengths and Challenges)**

**Analyzing Challenges** 

Analyzing Challenges	Discussion Points	Check for Priority
Mathematics/Algebra proficiency: The achievement gaps between SP.E. & whole group in each of our three elementary schools ranges from a difference of 18% up to 24% in proficiency. No building was above 12% proficiency for SP.E. The achievement gaps between SP.E. & whole group in each of our three high schools ranges from a difference of 17% up to 48% in proficiency. Two of three high schools had 0% proficiency in this area for SPE.		True
Mathematics/Algebra 1 all students % proficient/advanced: This indicator is well below the the statewide average.		True
ELA proficiency: The achievement gaps between SP.E. & whole group in each of our three elementary schools ranges from a difference of 35% up to 41% in proficiency. No elementary building was above 19% proficiency for SP.E. The achievement gaps between SP.E. & whole group in each of our three high schools ranges from a difference of 28% up to 45% in proficiency. All three three high schools had below 1 0% proficiency in this area for SPE.		True
PSSA ELA 7-8 & Keystone Literature: All Student Group Did Not Meet Interim Goal/Improvement Target		False
		False
PSSA Math 3-8 & Keystone Algebra 1: All Student Group Did Not Meet Interim Goal/Improvement Target		True

**Analyzing Strengths** 

Analyzing Strengths	Discussion Points
Academic growth score ELA grades 3 - 10 economically disadvantaged students: This group closed the achievement growth	
gap.	
MES, SES and CSES science All Student Group Meets or Exceeds Interim Goal/Improvement Target	
MES, SES and CSES science All Student Group Meets or Exceeds the Standard Demonstrating Growth	

**Priority Challenges** 

Analyzing Priority Challenges	Priority Statements
	Continued support for intervening with our most struggling students is needed. We need to continue with the recent implementation of researched based interventions in Math. Additional teachers should be trained if needed.
	Math teachers need more professional development related to technology integrating and high impact instructional strategies.
	Continued support for intervening with our most struggling students is needed. We need to continue with the recent implementation of researched based interventions in ELA. Additional teachers should be trained if needed.

Math teachers need more professional development related to technology integrating and high impact instructional strategies. Additional time for support and intervention needs to be built into students schedules based on individual need.

## **Goal Setting**

Priority: Continued support for intervening with our most struggling students is needed. We need to continue with the recent implementation of researched based interventions in Math. Additional teachers should be trained if needed.

Outcome Category		
Mathematics		
Measurable Goal Statement (Smart Goal)		
The percentage of students scoring below basic ir	n math for district will be less than 10% per grade level.	
Measurable Goal Nickname (35 Character Max)		
Math 180		
Target Year 1	Target Year 2	Target Year 3
Each school building will have Math 180 trained	All students scoring below basic and basic on the	The percentage of students
teachers deliver the Math 180 program to	beginning of year STAR or CDT assessment in math will	scoring below basic in math for
students based upon beginning of year STAR or	have the opportunity to receive additional math support	district will be less than 10% per
CDT assessment data.	through the Math 180 intervention.	grade level.

Outcome Category				
Mathematics	Mathematics			
Measurable Goal Statement (Smart Goal)				
100% of faculty will implement the Math co	urriculum according to the newly developed pacing guides.			
Measurable Goal Nickname (35 Character	Measurable Goal Nickname (35 Character Max)			
Student Achievement - Math	Student Achievement - Math			
Target Year 1 Target Year 2 Target Year 3				
All math curriculum guides and pacing calendars will be made available for all math courses through the Chalk program.	All math teachers will adhere to a systematic professional Learning Community schedule with embedded focus on curriculum pacing, student data analysis and instructional intervention.	100% of faculty will implement the Math curriculum according to the newly developed pacing guides.		

Priority: Math teachers need more professional development related to technology integrating and high impact instructional strategies.

Outcome Category
Essential Practices 1: Focus on Continuous Improvement of Instruction
Measurable Goal Statement (Smart Goal)
The percentage of students scoring below basic in math for district will be less than 10% per grade level.

Measurable Goal Nickname (35 Character Max)			
P.D. High impact strategies	P.D. High impact strategies		
Target Year 1	Target Year 2	Target Year 3	
All math teachers will be offered professional development opportunities focused on highly effective instructional strategies.	All math teachers will adhere to a systematic professional Learning Community schedule with embedded focus on curriculum pacing, student data analysis and instructional intervention. All math teachers will be offered professional development opportunities focused on highly effective instructional strategies.	The percentage of students scoring below basic in math for district will be less than 10% per grade level.	

Outcome Category			
Mathematics			
Measurable Goal Statement (Sma	rt Goal)		
Measurable Goal Nickname (35 C	haracter Max)		
Student Growth Math	Student Growth Math		
Target Year 1	Target Year 2	Target Year 3	

Priority: Continued support for intervening with our most struggling students is needed. We need to continue with the recent implementation of researched based interventions in ELA. Additional teachers should be trained if needed.

Outcome Category				
English Language Arts				
Measurable Goal Statement (Smart Goal				
100% of ELA faculty will implement the EL	A curriculum according to the newly developed pacing guides.			
Measurable Goal Nickname (35 Characte	Measurable Goal Nickname (35 Character Max)			
Student Growth - ELA				
Target Year 1 Target Year 2 Target Year 3				
All ELA curriculum guides and pacing calendars will be made available for all ELA courses through the Chalk program.	All ELA teachers will adhere to a systematic professional Learning Community schedule with embedded focus on curriculum pacing, student data analysis and instructional intervention.	100% of ELA faculty will implement the ELA curriculum according to the newly developed pacing guides.		

Priority: Math teachers need more professional development related to technology integrating and high impact instructional strategies. Additional time for support and intervention needs to be built into students schedules based on individual need.

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Outcome Category		
Professional learning		
Measurable Goal Statement (Smart Goal)		
The percentage of students scoring proficient or	better in math for district will be 60% or higher per a	grade level.
Measurable Goal Nickname (35 Character Max		
PD Math		
Target Year 1	Target Year 2	Target Year 3
All math teachers will be offered professional	All math teachers will be offered additional	The percentage of students scoring
development opportunities focused on highly	professional development opportunities focused	proficient or better in math for district
effective instructional strategies.	on highly effective instructional strategies.	will be 60% or higher per grade level.

#### **Action Plan**

#### **Measurable Goals**

Math 180	Student Achievement - Math
P.D. High impact strategies	Student Growth Math
Student Growth - ELA	PD Math

## **Action Plan For: High quality professional development**

#### **Measurable Goals:**

- The percentage of students scoring below basic in math for district will be less than 10% per grade level.
- The percentage of students scoring proficient or better in math for district will be 60% or higher per grade level.
- The percentage of students scoring below basic in math for district will be less than 10% per grade level.

Action Step		Anticipated Sta	rt/Completion
Implement Math 180 i	ntervention in all six schools	2023-07-01	2026-06-30
Lead Person/Position  Material/Resources/Supports Needed		PD Step?	Com Step?
Building Principal Math 180 program training for teachers Math 180 student and teacher resources		Yes	Yes
Action Step		Anticipated Sta	rt/Completion
Introduce Interleave m	nathematics instruction technique to all math teachers.	2024-08-26	2026-06-30
Lead Person/Position	Material/Resources/Supports Needed	PD Step?	Com Step?
Asst. Superintendent	Progressive training and follow-up support for implementing interleave math instruction.	Yes	Yes

Anticipated Output	Monitoring/Evaluation (People, Frequency, and Method)
All math teachers will receive training to assist struggling	Trainings will be verified/evaluated through designed professional development days.
math learners. Math teachers will implement strategies	Principals will note implementation of strategies through classroom walkthrough
with students that struggle in math class.	documentation, observation and evaluation model.

## **Action Plan For: Structured Literacy**

## **Measurable Goals:**

• 100% of ELA faculty will implement the ELA curriculum according to the newly developed pacing guides.

Action Step	Anticipated Start/Completion Date		
All mandated teachers, via certification, will be provided structured literacy training.		2023-07-01	2026-06-30
Lead Person/Position	Material/Resources/Supports Needed	PD Step?	Com Step?
Asst. Supt. Building Principals	Training materials and resources	Yes	

Anticipated Output	Monitoring/Evaluation (People, Frequency, and Method)
All teacher mandaated to receive structured literacy training will	professional development participant surveys will be used to verify training
be trained.	attendance.

## **Professional Development**

#### **Professional Development Action Steps**

Evidence-based Strategy	Action Steps
High quality professional development	Implement Math 180 intervention in all six schools
High quality professional development	Introduce Interleave mathematics instruction technique to all math teachers.
Structured Literacy	All mandated teachers, via certification, will be provided structured literacy training.

#### **Mathematics instruction**

Action Step				
Introduce Interleave mathematics instruction technique to all math teachers.				
Audience				
6 - 12 math teachers				
Topics to be Included				
Instructional strategies for struggling learners				
Evidence of Learning				
PD participant survey, obervation of classroom use of strategies				
Lead Person/Position Anticipated Start Anticipated Completion				
Asst. Supt., Building principals 2024-08-26 2026-06-30				

## **Learning Format**

Type of Activities	Frequency	
Inservice day	Initial training with PLC follow-ups through the year	
Observation and Practice Framework Met in this Plan		
This Step Meets the Requirements of State Required Trainings		
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#### **Structured Literacy**

#### **Action Step**

• All mandated teachers, via certification, will be provided structured literacy training.

#### **Audience**

Appropriately cerified teachers as mandated by legislation.

## **Topics to be Included**

Evidence-based intervention practices on structured literacy. Explicit and systematic instruction in phonological and phonemic awareness. The alphabetic principle, decoding and encoding, fluency and vocabulary. Reading comprehension and building content knowledge.				
Evidence of Learning				
Participant survey completion at conclusion of training(s)				
Lead Person/Position Anticipated Start Anticipated Completion				
Assistant Superintendent, Building Principals	2024-07-01	2026-06-30		

## **Learning Format**

Type of Activities	Frequency
Inservice day	As required
Observation and Practice Framework Met in this Plan	
This Step Meets the Requirements of State Required Trainings	

## **Communications Activities**

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Action Step	Audience	Topics to be Included	Type of Communication	Anticipated Timeline Start Date	Anticipated Timeline Completion Date
<ul> <li>Implement Math 180 intervention in all six schools</li> <li>Introduce Interleave mathematics instruction technique to all math teachers.</li> </ul>	Math teachers	Intervention for struggling math learners	Building Princpals	07/01/2023	05/01/2026

#### Communications

Type of Communication	Frequency
Memorandum	upon approval with follow ups scheduled at minimum annually

## **Approvals & Signatures**

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PSD At	ttestation board pres.pdf

Chief School Administrator	Date
Kenneth V. Newman	2024-02-28