



Comprehensive Needs Assessment 2019 - 2020 School Report



**Walton County
Youth Middle School**

1. PLANNING AND PREPARATION

1.1 Identification of Team

The comprehensive needs assessment team consists of people who are responsible for working collaboratively throughout the needs assessment process. Ideal team members possess knowledge of programs, the capacity to plan and implement the needs assessment, and the ability to ensure stakeholder involvement. A required team member's name may be duplicated when multiple roles are performed by the same person. Documentation of team member involvement must be maintained by the LEA. Watch the [Planning and Preparation webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Leadership Team

| | Position/Role | Name |
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| Team Member # 1 | Principal | David Todd |
| Team Member # 2 | Title I Liaison | Casey Kozozemski |
| Team Member # 3 | Instructional Coach | Jessica Peterson |
| Team Member # 4 | Assistant Principal | Rob Donaldson |
| Team Member # 5 | Assistant Principa | Beth Morgan |
| Team Member # 6 | Assistant Principal | Michael Youngblood |
| Team Member # 7 | Counselor | Chere Brown |

Additional Leadership Team

| | Position/Role | Name |
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| Team Member # 1 | | |
| Team Member # 2 | | |
| Team Member # 3 | | |
| Team Member # 4 | | |
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1. PLANNING AND PREPARATION

1.2 Identification of Stakeholders

Stakeholders are those individuals with valuable experiences and perspective who will provide the team with important input, feedback, and guidance. Required stakeholders must be engaged in the process to meet the requirements of participating federal programs. Documentation of stakeholder involvement must be maintained by the LEA. Watch the [Planning and Preparation webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Stakeholders

| | Position/Role | Name |
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| Stakeholder # 1 | PTO President | Sophia Gaither |
| Stakeholder # 2 | | |
| Stakeholder # 3 | | |
| Stakeholder # 4 | | |
| Stakeholder # 5 | | |
| Stakeholder # 6 | | |
| Stakeholder # 7 | | |
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| How will the team ensure that stakeholders are able to provide meaningful feedback throughout the needs assessment process? | PTO represents the parent body |
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2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

2.1 Coherent Instructional System

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of instructional needs. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). See the [Coherent Instructional System webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Coherent Instruction Data

| Curriculum Standard 1 - Uses systematic, collaborative planning processes so that teachers share an understanding of expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>A systematic, collaborative process is used proactively for curriculum planning.</p> <p>Nearly all teachers or groups of teachers, support staff, and leaders within the school have common expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction.</p> | ✓ |
| 2. Operational | <p>A systematic, collaborative process is used regularly for curriculum planning.</p> <p>Most teachers or groups of teachers within the school have common expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction.</p> | |
| 3. Emerging | <p>A collaborative process is used occasionally for curriculum planning.</p> <p>Some teachers or groups of teachers within the school have common expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction.</p> | |
| 4. Not Evident | <p>A collaborative process is rarely, if ever, used for curriculum planning.</p> <p>Few, if any, teachers or groups of teachers within the school have common expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction.</p> | |

Coherent Instruction Data

| Curriculum Standard 2 - Designs curriculum documents and aligns resources with the intended rigor of the required standards | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Curriculum documents (e.g., lesson plans, unit plans, performance tasks, curriculum maps, scope, and sequence documents, guides) that are aligned with the intended rigor of the required standards are the products of a systematic, collaborative process. These curriculum documents and resources are used and continuously revised by teachers and support staff to ensure an alignment with the intended, taught, and tested standards. | |
| 2. Operational | Curriculum documents (e.g., lesson plans, unit plans, performance tasks, curriculum maps, scope and sequence documents, guides) have been designed, and resources are aligned with the intended rigor of the required standards. These curriculum documents and resources guide the work of teachers and instructional support staff. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Curriculum documents and resources exist, but they are not complete in all content areas or grade levels or lack the intended rigor of the required standards | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, curriculum documents and resources exist to support the implementation of the intended rigor of the required standards. | |

| Instruction Standard 1 - Provides a supportive and well - /bmanaged environment conducive to learning | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident throughout the school. Students consistently stay on-task and take responsibility for their own actions. | |
| 2. Operational | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in most classrooms. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in some classrooms. | |
| 4. Not Evident | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in few, if any, classrooms. | |

Coherent Instruction Data

| Instruction Standard 2 - Creates an academically challenging learning environment | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Nearly all teachers create an academically challenging, learning environment (e.g., higher-order thinking skills and processes, active student engagement, relevance, collaboration). Students consistently work independently and in teams to solve real-world problems that require advanced effort, decision-making, and critical and creative thinking. | |
| 2. Operational | Most teachers create an academically challenging, learning environment (e.g., higher-order thinking skills and processes, active student engagement, relevance, collaboration). | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some teachers create an academically challenging learning environment. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, teachers create an academically challenging learning environment. | |

| Instruction Standard 3 - Establishes and communicates clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to curriculum standards | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Nearly all teachers establish and communicate clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to the required curriculum standards. Learning targets are evident throughout the lesson and in student work. Articulation of the learning targets is consistent and pervasive among like content areas and grade levels | ✓ |
| 2. Operational | Most teachers establish and communicate clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to the required curriculum standards. Learning targets are evident throughout the lesson and in student work. | |
| 3. Emerging | Some teachers establish and communicate clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to the required curriculum standards. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any teachers establish clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to the required curriculum standards. | |

Coherent Instruction Data

| Instruction Standard 4 - Uses research based instructional practices that positively impact student learning | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Nearly all teachers pervasively demonstrate a repertoire of highly effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning (e.g., providing feedback, cooperative learning, advance organizers, questioning techniques, similarities and differences, reinforcing effort, goal setting, summarizers, graphic representations, reciprocal teaching). | |
| 2. Operational | Most teachers demonstrate a repertoire of effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning (e.g., providing feedback, cooperative learning, advance organizers, questioning techniques, similarities and differences, reinforcing effort, goal setting, summarizers, graphic representations, reciprocal teaching). | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some teachers demonstrate a repertoire of effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, teachers demonstrate a repertoire of effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning. | |

| Instruction Standard 5 - Differentiates instruction to meet specific learning needs of students | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>Nearly all teachers differentiate instruction (e.g., using flexible grouping, making adjustments, providing choices based upon readiness levels, interests, or needs) to meet the specific learning needs of students.</p> <p>Nearly all teachers plan and implement multiple means of representation, engagement, action, and expression to meet the learning needs of students (UDL).</p> <p>Remediation, enrichment, and acceleration are pervasive practices.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>Most teachers differentiate instruction (e.g., using flexible grouping, making adjustments, providing choices based upon readiness levels, interests, or needs) to meet the specific learning needs of students.</p> <p>Most teachers plan and implement multiple means of representation, engagement, action, and expression to meet the learning needs of students (UDL).</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some teachers differentiate instruction to meet the specific learning needs of students. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, teachers differentiate instruction to meet the specific learning needs of students. | |

Coherent Instruction Data

| Instruction Standard 6 - Uses appropriate, current technology to enhance learning | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | The use by staff members and students of appropriate, current technology to enhance learning is an institutional practice (e.g., facilitate communication, collaboration, research, design, creativity, problem-solving). | |
| 2. Operational | Most staff members and students use appropriate, current technology to enhance learning (e.g., facilitate communication, collaboration, research, design, creativity, problem-solving). | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some staff members, students, or both use appropriate, current technology to enhance learning. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, teachers demonstrate a repertoire of effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning. | |

| Instruction Standard 7 - Provides feedback to students on their performance on the standards or learning targets | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Nearly all teachers use the language of the standards or learning targets to provide students with specific, timely, descriptive feedback on their performance. Nearly all teachers systematically elicit diagnostic information from individual students regarding their understanding of the standards or learning targets. | ✓ |
| 2. Operational | Most teachers use the language of the standards or learning targets to provide students with specific, timely, descriptive feedback on their performance. | |
| 3. Emerging | Some teachers use the language of the standards or learning targets to provide students with specific, descriptive feedback on their performance. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, teachers use the language of the standards or learning targets to provide students with feedback on their performance, or the feedback that is provided is not specific, timely, or understandable. | |

| Instruction Standard 8 - Establishes a learning environment that empowers students to actively monitor their own progress | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Nearly all students use tools (e.g., rubrics, checklists, exemplars) to actively monitor their own progress. Nearly all students develop a sense of personal responsibility and accountability by engaging in record keeping, self-monitoring, sharing, exhibiting, and self-reflection. | |
| 2. Operational | Most students use tools (e.g., rubrics, checklists, exemplars) to actively monitor their own progress. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some students use tools to actively monitor their own progress. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, students use tools to actively monitor their own progress. | |

Coherent Instruction Data

| Instruction Standard 9 - Provides timely, systematic, data-driven interventions | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Nearly all students are provided timely, systematic, data-driven interventions to support their learning needs. Interventions are designed to meet the needs of each student. The effectiveness of those interventions is consistently monitored and adjustments are made. | |
| 2. Operational | Most students are provided timely, systematic, data-driven interventions to support their learning needs. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some students are provided extra assistance or needed support in a timely manner. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, students are provided extra assistance or effective support in a timely manner. | |

| Assessment Standard 1 - Aligns assessments with the required curriculum standards | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Nearly all assessments are aligned with the required curriculum standards. Assessments are reviewed during the school year to ensure alignment. | |
| 2. Operational | Most assessments are aligned with the required curriculum standards. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some assessments are aligned with the required curriculum standards. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, assessments are aligned with the required curriculum standards. | |

| Assessment Standard 3 - Uses common assessments aligned with the required standards to monitor student progress, inform instruction, and improve teacher practices | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Teachers consistently use common assessments aligned with the required standards in nearly all content areas, grade levels, or both for diagnostic, summative, and formative purposes. The data from the common assessments are analyzed down to the item level, and the results are used to inform instruction and improve teacher practices. | |
| 2. Operational | Teachers use common assessments aligned with the required standards in most content areas to monitor student progress, inform instruction, and improve teacher practices. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Teachers use some common assessments aligned with the required standards in a few content areas with a limited amount of data analysis to monitor student progress, inform instruction, or improve teacher practices. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Teachers use few, if any, common assessments to monitor student progress, inform instruction, or improve teacher practices. | |

Coherent Instruction Data

| Assessment Standard 4 - Implements a process to collaboratively analyze assessment results to adjust instruction | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Teachers extensively use a systematic, collaborative process to analyze assessment results. Instruction is consistently adjusted based on the analysis of assessment results across all content areas, grade levels, or both. | |
| 2. Operational | Teachers regularly use a collaborative process to analyze assessment results. Instruction is routinely adjusted based on the analysis of assessment results. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Teachers occasionally use a collaborative process to analyze assessment results. Instruction is sometimes adjusted based on the analysis of assessment results. | |
| 4. Not Evident | A collaborative process to analyze assessment results does not exist. Instruction is rarely, if ever, adjusted based on the analysis of assessment results. | |

| Assessment Standard 5 - Implements grading practices that provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | The grading practices used by teachers across nearly all content areas, grade levels, or both, consistently provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards. | ✓ |
| 2. Operational | The grading practices used by teachers in most content areas, grade levels, or both provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards. | |
| 3. Emerging | The grading practices used by teachers in some content areas, grade levels, or both provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards. | |
| 4. Not Evident | The grading practices used by teachers rarely, if ever, provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards. | |

2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

2.2 Effective Leadership

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of leadership needs. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). See the [Effective Leadership webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Effective Leadership Data

| Leadership Standard 1 - Builds and sustains relationships to foster the success of students and staff | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Administrators consistently build and sustain relationships to foster the success of students and staff. The school staff is fully engaged in relationship building through collaboration, internal and external communication, and building trust with staff, students, families, and community stakeholders. | |
| 2. Operational | Administrators regularly build and sustain relationships to foster the success of students and staff. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Administrators sometimes build relationships to foster the success of students and staff. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Administrators seldom, if ever, build relationships to foster the success of students and staff. | |

| Leadership Standard 2 - Initiates and manages change to improve staff performance and student learning | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Administrators, the school leadership team, and other teacher leaders initiate and sustain change to improve staff performance and student learning. Administrators, the school leadership team, and other teacher leaders create a sense of urgency for change and effectively communicate a common vision. | |
| 2. Operational | Administrators and the school leadership team initiate and sustain change to improve staff performance and student learning. The principal provides an appropriate balance of pressure and support to manage the change process for desired results. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Administrators initiate change to improve staff performance and student learning but do not sustain the change, remove barriers, or both. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Administrators initiate few, if any, changes that impact staff performance and student learning. | |

Effective Leadership Data

Leadership Standard 3 - Uses systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices

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| 1. Exemplary | The principal and other school leaders continually use systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices. The principal and other school leaders have a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the best practices for curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning. | |
| 2. Operational | The principal and other school leaders often use systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | The principal and other school leaders occasionally use systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices. | |
| 4. Not Evident | The principal and other school leaders rarely, if ever, use systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices. | |

Leadership Standard 4 - Uses processes to systematically analyze data to improve student achievement

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| 1. Exemplary | Extensive, comprehensive processes, including root cause analysis, are used consistently to analyze data (e.g., multiple sources of data: classroom, grade level, departmental, and subgroup, perception data) to improve student achievement. | |
| 2. Operational | Numerous processes are used frequently to analyze data (e.g., multiple sources of data: classroom, grade level, departmental, and subgroup, perception data) to improve student achievement. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some processes are in place and used occasionally to analyze data to improve student achievement. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, processes are in place to analyze data to improve student achievement. | |

Leadership Standard 5 - Builds leadership capacity through shared decision-making and problem-solving

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| 1. Exemplary | Extensive structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making and problem-solving and to build their leadership capacities. Administrators collaborate consistently with staff members to gather input. | |
| 2. Operational | Numerous structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making and problem-solving and to build their leadership capacities. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making, problem-solving, or both. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making or problem-solving. | |

Effective Leadership Data

| Leadership Standard 6 - Establishes and supports a data-driven school leadership team that is focused on student learning | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>A highly effective, proactive, and data-driven school leadership team is focused on student learning.</p> <p>The leadership team addresses nearly all areas of student and staff learning and school leadership, including the development, implementation, and regular monitoring of the school improvement plan.</p> | ✓ |
| 2. Operational | <p>A data-driven school leadership team is established with stakeholder representation (e.g., core and non-core teachers, certified support staff) and is focused on student learning.</p> <p>The school leadership team meets regularly and uses norms and protocols to work effectively and efficiently.</p> | |
| 3. Emerging | The school leadership team is established and has some stakeholder representation but is focused chiefly on school operations rather than student learning. | |
| 4. Not Evident | A school leadership team does not exist or does not have adequate stakeholder representation. | |

| Leadership Standard 7 - Monitors and evaluates the performance of teachers and other staff using multiple data sources | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>Monitoring the performance of teachers and other staff through observations, surveys, data, and documentation is consistent and comprehensive, resulting in highly accurate performance evaluations.</p> <p>A comprehensive system is in place to provide teachers and staff with ongoing, accurate, timely, detailed, descriptive feedback related to their performance.</p> <p>Administrators use the evaluation process to identify role models, teacher leaders, or both.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>Monitoring the performance of teachers and other staff regularly occurs using data or documentation, generally resulting in accurate performance evaluations.</p> <p>Teachers and staff receive accurate, timely, descriptive feedback related to their performance.</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | <p>Monitoring the performance of teachers and other staff is inconsistent, incomplete, or lacks data or documentation, sometimes resulting in inaccurate performance evaluations.</p> <p>Teachers and staff receive some descriptive feedback related to their performance.</p> | |
| 4. Not Evident | <p>Monitoring the performance of teachers and other staff rarely occurs or often results in inaccurate performance evaluations.</p> <p>Teachers and staff receive little or no descriptive feedback related to their performance.</p> | |

Effective Leadership Data

| Leadership Standard 8 - Provides ongoing support to teachers and other staff | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | A comprehensive support system that is timely and targeted to individual needs is provided to teachers and other staff. | |
| 2. Operational | Most support provided to teachers and other staff is targeted to individual needs. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some support provided to teachers and staff is targeted to individual needs. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Support to teachers and staff does not exist or is not targeted to individual needs. | |

| Planning and Organization Standard 1 - Shares a common vision and mission that define the school culture and guide the continuous improvement process | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>A common vision and mission have been collaboratively developed and communicated to nearly all stakeholders.</p> <p>The culture of the school has been deeply defined over time by the vision and mission, which are updated as needed.</p> <p>The daily work and practices of staff consistently demonstrate a sustained commitment to continuous improvement.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>A common vision and mission have been developed through a collaborative process and communicated to most stakeholders.</p> <p>The vision and mission define the culture of the school and guide the continuous improvement process.</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | A common vision and mission have been developed by some staff members but have not been effectively communicated so that they guide the continuous improvement process. | |
| 4. Not Evident | A common vision and mission have not been developed or updated or have been developed by a few staff members. | |

Effective Leadership Data

| Planning and Organization Standard 2 - Uses a data-driven and consensus-oriented process to develop and implement a school improvement plan that is focused on student performance | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>A school improvement plan has been developed using a data-driven and consensus-oriented process with input from nearly all stakeholders.</p> <p>The plan includes appropriate goals and strategies with a strong focus on increasing student performance.</p> <p>This process and plan consistently guide the work of the school staff.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>A school improvement plan has been developed using a data-driven and consensus-oriented process with input from most plan stakeholders.</p> <p>The plan includes appropriate goals and strategies with a focus on increasing student performance.</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | <p>A school improvement plan has been developed with input from some stakeholders.</p> <p>The school improvement plan is based on incomplete data analysis with limited focus on student performance.</p> | |
| 4. Not Evident | An up-to-date, data-driven school improvement plan focused on student performance is not in place. | |

| Planning and Organization Standard 3 - Monitors implementation of the school improvement plan and makes adjustments as needed | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>The goals and strategies of the school improvement plan are continually monitored by administrators, the school leadership team, and teacher leaders to evaluate the impact on student performance.</p> <p>Ongoing adjustments are made based on various performance, process, and perception data.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>The goals and strategies of the school improvement plan are regularly monitored by administrators and the school leadership team to evaluate the impact on student performance.</p> <p>Adjustments are made to the plan, as needed, based on the analysis of data.</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | The goals and strategies of the school improvement plan are occasionally monitored by administrators. | |
| 4. Not Evident | The goals and strategies of the school improvement plan are rarely, if ever, monitored. | |

Effective Leadership Data

| Planning and Organization Standard 4 - Monitors the use of available resources to support continuous improvement | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>The use of available resources (e.g., personnel, time, facilities, equipment, materials) to support continuous improvement is consistently monitored.</p> <p>School schedules and processes are designed to make effective use of personnel, time, materials, and equipment.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | The use of available resources (e.g., personnel, time, facilities, equipment, materials) to support continuous improvement is frequently monitored. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | The use of available resources to support continuous improvement is inconsistently monitored. | |
| 4. Not Evident | The use of available resources to support continuous improvement is rarely, if ever, monitored. | |

| Planning and Organization Standard 5 - Develops, communicates, and implements rules, policies, schedules, and procedures to maximize student learning and staff effectiveness | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>Rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are developed with stakeholder input, effectively communicated, and consistently implemented throughout the school to maximize student learning and staff effectiveness.</p> <p>These rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are consistently reviewed and revised as needed.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>Rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are developed, communicated, and implemented throughout the school to maximize student learning and staff effectiveness.</p> <p>These rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are periodically reviewed and systematically revised as needed.</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are developed but are not effectively communicated or are implemented inconsistently across the school. | |
| 4. Not Evident | <p>Rules, policies, or procedures are not developed, are poorly communicated, or are ineffectively implemented.</p> <p>In some cases, rules, policies, schedules, or procedures are out of date or have become barriers to student learning or staff effectiveness.</p> | |

2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

2.3 Professional Capacity

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of professional capacity needs. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). See the [Professional Capacity webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Professional Capacity Data

| Leadership Standard 5 - Builds leadership capacity through shared decision-making and problem-solving | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Extensive structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making and problem-solving and to build their leadership capacities. Administrators collaborate consistently with staff members to gather input. | |
| 2. Operational | Numerous structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making and problem-solving and to build their leadership capacities. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making, problem-solving, or both. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making or problem-solving. | |

| Professional Learning Standard 1 - Aligns professional learning with needs identified through analysis of a variety of data | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Professional learning needs are identified and differentiated through a collaborative analysis process using a variety of data (e.g., student achievement data, examination of student work, process data, teacher and leader effectiveness data, action research data, perception data from students, staff, and families). Ongoing support is provided through differentiated professional learning. | |
| 2. Operational | Professional learning needs are identified through a collaborative analysis process using a variety of data (e.g., student achievement data, examination of student work, process data, teacher and leader effectiveness data, action research data, perception data from students, staff, and families). | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Professional learning needs are identified using limited sources of data. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Professional learning needs are identified using little or no data. | |

Professional Capacity Data

| Professional Learning Standard 2 - Establishes a culture of collaboration among administrators and staff to enhance individual and collective performance | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Administrators and staff, as a foundational practice, consistently collaborate to support leadership and personal accountability and to enhance individual and collective performance (e.g., construct knowledge, acquire skills, refine practice, provide feedback). Teachers conduct action research and assume ownership of professional learning processes. | |
| 2. Operational | Administrators and staff routinely collaborate to improve individual and collective performance (e.g., construct knowledge, acquire skills, refine practice, provide feedback). | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Administrators and staff sometimes collaborate to improve individual and collective performance. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Administrators and staff rarely collaborate to improve individual and collective performance. | |

| Professional Learning Standard 3 - Defines expectations for implementing professional learning | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Administrators, teacher leaders, or both consistently define expectations for the implementation of professional learning, including details regarding the stages of implementation and how monitoring will occur as implementation progresses. | |
| 2. Operational | Administrators, teacher leaders, or both regularly define expectations for the implementation of professional learning. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Administrators, teacher leaders, or both occasionally define expectations for the implementation of professional learning. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Administrators, teacher leaders, or both rarely, if ever, define expectations for the implementation of professional learning. | |

Professional Capacity Data

| Professional Learning Standard 4 - Uses multiple professional learning designs to support the various learning needs of the staff | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Staff members actively participate in job-embedded professional learning that engages collaborative teams in a variety of appropriate learning designs (e.g., collaborative lesson study, analysis of student work, problem solving sessions, curriculum development, coursework, action research, classroom observations, online networks). Professional learning includes extensive follow-up with descriptive feedback and coaching. | |
| 2. Operational | Staff members actively participate in professional learning, most of which is job-embedded, which includes multiple designs (e.g., collaborative lesson study, analysis of student work, problem-solving sessions, curriculum development, coursework, action research, classroom observations, online networks) to support their various learning needs. Professional learning includes follow-up with feedback and coaching. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some staff members are engaged in professional learning that makes use of more than one learning design to address their identified needs. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Staff members receive single, stand-alone professional learning events that are informational and mostly large-group presentation designs. | |

| Professional Learning Standard 5 - Allocates resources and establishes systems to support and sustain effective professional learning | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Extensive resources (e.g., substitute teachers, materials, handouts, tools, stipends, facilitators, technology) and systems (e.g., conducive schedules, adequate collaborative time, model classrooms) are allocated to support and sustain effective professional learning. Opportunities to practice skills, receive follow-up, feedback, and coaching are provided to support the effectiveness of professional learning. | |
| 2. Operational | Adequate resources (e.g., substitute teachers, materials, handouts, tools, stipends, facilitators, technology) and systems (e.g., conducive schedules, adequate collaborative time, model classrooms) are in place to support and sustain professional learning. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some resources and systems are allocated to support and sustain professional learning. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, resources and systems are provided to support and sustain professional learning. | |

2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

2.4 Family and Community Engagement

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of needs related to family and community engagement. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). See the [Family and Community Engagement webinar](#) for additional information and guidance. Visit Georgia's Family Connection Partnership's [KIDS COUNT](#) for additional data.

Family and Community Engagement Data

| Family and Community Engagement Standard 1 - Creates an environment that welcomes, encourages, and connects family and community members to the school | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | The school has a well-established, inviting learning environment that welcomes, encourages, and connects family and community members to the school. Numerous opportunities are given to family members to become actively engaged in school-related events and improvement efforts as participants, event managers, and workers. | ✓ |
| 2. Operational | The school has created an environment that welcomes, encourages, and connects family and community members to the school. | |
| 3. Emerging | The school has made some progress toward creating an environment that welcomes, encourages, and connects family and community members to the school. | |
| 4. Not Evident | The school has not created an environment that welcomes, encourages, or connects family and community members to the school. | |

| Family and Community Engagement Standard 2 - Establishes structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Extensive structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders have been effectively established and implemented. Structures are continuously monitored for reliable and interactive communication. | ✓ |
| 2. Operational | Most structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders have been effectively established and implemented. | |
| 3. Emerging | Some structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders exist. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders exist. | |

Family and Community Engagement Data

| Family and Community Engagement Standard 3 - Establishes relationships and decision-making processes that build capacity for family and community engagement in the success of students | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>A wide variety of relationships and collaborative decision-making processes (e.g., business partnerships, school councils, parent or family organizations, academic and extra-curricular booster clubs, civic organizations, tutoring services, post-secondary partnerships) are pervasive in promoting student success and well being.</p> <p>Expectations for family and community engagement are embedded in the culture and result in stakeholders being actively involved in decision-making.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | Numerous relationships and decision-making processes (e.g., business partnerships, school councils, parent or family organizations, academic and extra-curricular booster clubs, civic organizations, tutoring services) effectively build capacity for family and community engagement in the success of students. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Limited relationships and decision-making processes have been initiated by the school to build capacity for family and community engagement. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Relationships and decision-making processes for families and the community are non-existent, or those that do exist contribute minimally to student success. | |

| Family and Community Engagement Standard 4 - Communicates academic expectations and current student achievement status to families | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>The school staff provides families with ongoing, detailed academic expectations and/or graduation status (e.g., four-year graduation plans, syllabi, academic advisement protocols).</p> <p>Extensive communication related to the current achievement level of individual students is provided (e.g., progress reports, student-led parent conferences, report cards, reading level reports, state test reports, school-based assessment reports, online reporting system).</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>The school staff communicates academic expectations and/or graduation status (e.g., four-year graduation plans, syllabi, academic advisement protocols) throughout the year.</p> <p>Regular communication related to the current achievement level of individual students is provided (e.g., progress reports, parent conferences, report cards, reading level reports, state test reports, school-based assessment reports, online reporting system).</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | <p>The school staff communicates some academic expectations at the start of the year.</p> <p>Some communication related to the current achievement level of individual students is provided.</p> | |
| 4. Not Evident | <p>The school staff does little to inform families of academic expectations.</p> <p>Little, if any, communication related to the current achievement level of individual students is provided.</p> | |

Family and Community Engagement Data

| Family and Community Engagement Standard 5 - Develops the capacity of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | The school continually develops the capacity (e.g., parent training, lunch and learn, make-it and take-it) of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement. | |
| 2. Operational | The school frequently develops the capacity (e.g., parent training, lunch and learn, make-it and take-it) of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement. | |
| 3. Emerging | The school occasionally develops the capacity of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement. | ✓ |
| 4. Not Evident | The school seldom, if ever, develops the capacity of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement. | |

| Family and Community Engagement Standard 6 - Connects families with agencies and resources in the community to meet the needs of students | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | The school has a systematic process in place to connect families with an array of agencies and resources (e.g., Y-Clubs, after-school programs, health and counseling services, community service agencies, civic organizations, tutoring services) to meet the needs of students. | ✓ |
| 2. Operational | The school regularly connects families to agencies and resources in the community (e.g., Y-Clubs, after-school programs, health and counseling services, community service agencies, civic organizations, tutoring services) to meet the needs of students. | |
| 3. Emerging | The school sometimes connects families to agencies and resources in the community to meet the needs of students. | |
| 4. Not Evident | The school does little to connect families with agencies and resources in the community to meet the needs of students. | |

2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

2.5 Supportive Learning Environment

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of needs related to a supportive learning environment. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). Student subgroups with a count of less than 15 are denoted by "TFS" (too few students). See the [Supportive Learning Environment webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Supportive Learning Environment Data

| Instruction Standard 1 - Provides a supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident throughout the school. Students consistently stay on-task and take responsibility for their own actions. | ✓ |
| 2. Operational | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in most classrooms. | |
| 3. Emerging | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in some classrooms. | |
| 4. Not Evident | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in few, if any, classrooms. | |

| Instruction Standard 2 - Creates an academically challenging learning environment | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Nearly all teachers create an academically challenging, learning environment (e.g., higher-order thinking skills and processes, active student engagement, relevance, collaboration). Students consistently work independently and in teams to solve real-world problems that require advanced effort, decision-making, and critical and creative thinking. | |
| 2. Operational | Most teachers create an academically challenging, learning environment (e.g., higher-order thinking skills and processes, active student engagement, relevance, collaboration). | |
| 3. Emerging | Some teachers create an academically challenging learning environment. | ✓ |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, teachers create an academically challenging learning environment. | |

Supportive Learning Environment Data

| Instruction Standard 8 - Establishes a learning environment that empowers students to actively monitor their own progress | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Nearly all students use tools (e.g., rubrics, checklists, exemplars) to actively monitor their own progress. Nearly all students develop a sense of personal responsibility and accountability by engaging in record keeping, self-monitoring, sharing, exhibiting, and self-reflection. | |
| 2. Operational | Most students use tools (e.g., rubrics, checklists, exemplars) to actively monitor their own progress. | |
| 3. Emerging | Some students use tools to actively monitor their own progress. | ✓ |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, students use tools to actively monitor their own progress. | |

| School Culture Standard 1 - Develops, communicates, and implements rules, practices, and procedures to maintain a safe, orderly learning environment | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Rules, practices, and procedures that maintain a safe, orderly learning environment are proactively developed, communicated, and consistently implemented across the school. These rules, practices, and procedures are continually monitored and revised as needed. | ✓ |
| 2. Operational | Rules, practices, and procedures that maintain a safe, orderly learning environment are developed, communicated, and implemented. | |
| 3. Emerging | Rules, practices, and procedures are developed and communicated but are ineffective or inconsistently implemented across the school. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Rules, practices, and procedures that maintain a safe, orderly, learning environment are not developed nor updated or are poorly communicated. | |

Supportive Learning Environment Data

| School Culture Standard 2 - Establishes a culture of trust and respect that promotes positive interactions and a sense of community | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>Extensive evidence (e.g., positive and respectful interactions, appreciation of diversity, tolerance, understanding) exists that a culture of trust and respect has been established.</p> <p>A pervasive commitment to promoting positive interactions and a sense of community is evident.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>Evidence (e.g., positive and respectful interactions, appreciation of diversity, tolerance, understanding) exists that a culture of trust and respect has been established.</p> <p>A sustained commitment to promoting positive interactions and a sense of community is evident.</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | <p>Some evidence exists that a culture of trust and respect has been established.</p> <p>A limited commitment to promoting positive interactions and a sense of community is evident.</p> | |
| 4. Not Evident | <p>Little or no evidence exists that a culture of trust and respect has been established.</p> <p>Unresolved conflicts interfere with a sense of community.</p> | |

| School Culture Standard 3 - Establishes a culture that supports the college and career readiness of students | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>Extensive evidence (e.g., advisement, career counseling, transition coaching, high expectations) exists that the beliefs and practices of the school support the college and career readiness of students.</p> <p>The school culture supports addressing individual achievement needs and strengths to prepare students for success.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | Evidence (e.g., advisement, career counseling, transition coaching, high expectations) exists that the beliefs and practices of the school support the college and career readiness of students. | |
| 3. Emerging | Some evidence exists that the school supports the college and career readiness of students. | ✓ |
| 4. Not Evident | Little or no evidence exists that the school supports the college and career readiness of students. | |

Supportive Learning Environment Data

| School Culture Standard 4 - Supports the personal growth and development of students | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | The school staff consistently provides a comprehensive system of support (e.g., counseling, mentoring, advisement, coaching, goal setting, time management, problem solving) to maximize the personal growth and development of nearly all students. | ✓ |
| 2. Operational | The school staff regularly provides support (e.g., counseling, mentoring, advisement, coaching, goal setting, time management, problem solving) to enhance the personal growth and development of students. | |
| 3. Emerging | The school staff sporadically supports the personal growth and development of students. | |
| 4. Not Evident | The school staff does little to support the personal growth and development of students. | |
| School Culture Standard 5 - Recognizes and celebrates achievements and accomplishments of students and staff | | |
| 1. Exemplary | <p>The school community consistently recognizes and celebrates the achievements and accomplishments of students and staff.</p> <p>The celebrations are publicized within the school and to the community and support the culture of the school.</p> | ✓ |
| 2. Operational | The school community regularly recognizes and celebrates the achievements and accomplishments of students and staff. | |
| 3. Emerging | The school community periodically recognizes or celebrates the achievements or accomplishments of students and/or staff. | |
| 4. Not Evident | The school community rarely, if ever, recognizes or celebrates the achievements or accomplishments of students or staff. | |

2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

2.6 Data Analysis Questions

Analyze the LEA's data and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of demographic and financial needs. Student subgroups with a count of less than 15 are denoted by "TFS" (too few students).

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| What perception data did you use? | GA Health Survey, School Climate Rating, Awards Events. Perception Data is determined by attendance and random survey data obtained by conversation with parents at end of event. Also, AdvancedED climate and culture student survey, AdvancedED student engagement survey. |
| What does the perception data tell you? | <p>The perception data tells us that overall, our school is moving climate and culture in the right direction. This is also exemplified by our 5 star climate and culture rating. According to our survey data, many of our students have input in their learning. Most of the learners feel safe and supported most of the time. The learners have supportive and healthy relationships with their peers, experience rigorous and challenging tasks, activities, and projects that focus on higher order thinking skills and set goals for their learning much of the time and monitor their progress most of the time. Most students have appropriate access to digital, materials, and other resources to support their learning, and they receive services and support aligned to their needs (Likert Scales).</p> <p>On the AdvancedED Student Climate and Culture survey, 76% of the students said that their interactions with adults in the building were respectful, 65% said that their interactions were helpful, and 52% said the interactions were supportive. Students described the space in which they spend time at school as comfortable, bright, and open. A majority of students stated that at times they felt bored and tired while at school. A majority of students also responded that their teachers are honest, fun, and caring. In addition, 78% of the students stated that while they were at school they were learning. Finally, the school climate was 5 stars.</p> <p>The students took the Georgia Student Health Survey 2.0. 771 students participated in the survey. Of those 771, 84% said that they feel successful at school. 83% of the students stated that they get along with other students at school, and 88% of the students said that their teachers treat them with respect. 87% of the students responded that they felt safe at their school.</p> |

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| What process data did you use? | Likert scale, curriculum nights, gifted curriculum nights, Title 1 meetings, syllabi, tutoring, mass emails, PD exit surveys, teacher goal setting, Read 180, STAR, ILT, iXL, Classworks, USATest Prep, Scholastic magazines, MTSS, data teams, AdvancedED student engagement survey |
| What does your process data tell you? | <p>The process data showed that again, our school is moving in the right direction. We have a variety of programs that help our students succeed. Our teachers are held to high standards for pedagogy and content knowledge, and their actions, words, and attitudes demonstrate the belief that all learners can meet high standards. This is evidenced by the fact that we have many professional development sessions in which the teachers and other school support staff are given strategies and taught about new programs in order to further student's educations. Our instructional staff also demonstrates the impact of instruction with formative, summative, and other outcome data.</p> <p>Teachers use common formative assessments, programs such as iXL, Classworks, USA Test Prep, NewsELA, Scholastic Class Magazines, Schoology, and different connection classes (Read 180, Systems 44, etc) in order to look at the formative and summative assessments. In addition, teachers monitor the impact of instruction on engagement, outcome, and success (Likert Scale).</p> |
| What achievement data did you use? | Georgia Milestones |
| What does your achievement data tell you? | We had an overall improvement of level 3s and 4s in Math and Language Arts. A slight improvement in level 4s in 8th grade SS. Science stayed on or about the same as last year. |
| What demographic data did you use? | We referenced CCRPI, AdvancedEd documents, PD exit surveys to obtain demographic data for population, ethnicity population, economic status, ELL, and attendance rate. |
| What does the demographic data tell you? | We have had a steady decline in the economically disadvantage population. If this trend continues we will no longer qualify for Title I. Based on CCRPI demographic data, our school has 1,068 students. Our school is 74.7% white, 13.7% black, 6.8% Hispanic, 3.5% multi-racial, and 1.1% Asian. 44.9% of our students are considered economically disadvantaged and 1.9% of our students are English learners. Our attendance rate is 94%. The Safe and Substance-Free Learning Environment score is a 91.16. We were given an overall 5 star climate rating with a score of 89.80. We have implemented the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports this year to improve overall student perception and conduct.. |

3. NEEDS IDENTIFICATION AND ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

3.1 Strengths and Challenges Based on Trends and Patterns

Read the trends and patterns summaries from each section of the data analysis process. Use the information in these summaries to complete 3.2 and 3.3. Using the summaries in 3.1 and other local data, describe the strengths and challenges or answer the guiding questions for each program. Include strengths and challenges related to: a) general program implementation, and b) students and adults involved in or affected by the program. Focus on strengths and challenges that will assist in the identification of needs during 3.2. Watch the [Identifying Need webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Strengths and Challenges Based on Trends and Patterns

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| Coherent Instructional: Summarize the coherent instructional system trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs? | Strengths: Common planning, common ELA reading list. PLC strategies in place. Challenges- Common assessments still not in place in all areas. |
| Effective Leadership: Summarize the effective leadership trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs? | Strengths: A pattern of collaborative planning and input occurs on a scheduled basis between staff and administration. Leadership teams continue to provide overall feedback on building's strategic plans. Challenges: Limited planning time, limited number of Professional Development days. |
| Professional Capacity: Summarize the professional capacity trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs? | Strengths: A formalized Staff Development plan was created that focus on The plan will include continued instruction on standards based practices. Special initiatives such as Utah Math, Instructional Conversations Institute, literacy, and improved grading practices will be ongoing. The use of a full time Instructional Coach will help implement this training with fidelity. Challenges: Limited time to engage in vertical team meetings across grade levels. |
| Family and Community Engagement: Summarize the family and community engagement trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification | Strengths: A strongly supportive parent population. Challenges: The engagement of community members can be improved by encouraging key community members to participate in ongoing collaboration. Also, by increasing the number of formalized ways community members can engage in planning of long term goals. A greater utilization of the YMS PTO will be needed to increase parent involvement. |

Strengths and Challenges Based on Trends and Patterns

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| Family and Community Engagement: Summarize the family and community engagement trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs? | <p>Strengths: A strongly supportive parent population.</p> <p>Challenges: The engagement of community members can be improved by encouraging key community members to participate in ongoing collaboration. Also, by increasing the number of formalized ways community members can engage in planning of long term goals. A greater utilization of the YMS PTO will be needed to increase parent involvement.</p> |
| Supportive Learning Environment: Summarize the supportive learning environment trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs? | <p>Strengths: A Supportive Learning Environment is an area that students feel that their is positive, supportive relationships between students and staff.</p> <p>Weakness: Limited opportunities to identify and improve a positive climate and culture.</p> |
| Demographic and Financial: Summarize the demographic and financial trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs? | <p>Strengths; There is a continued ongoing pattern of the reduction of free and reduced student population. This in turn can reduce some of the challenges as it relates to students who live in economically disadvantaged homes.</p> <p>Challenges: The loss of Title I Funds could have an impact if a plan is not crafted in anticipation of loss of funding.</p> |
| Student Achievement: Summarize the student achievement trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs? | <p>Strengths; We had an overall improvement of level 3s and 4s in Math and Language Arts. A slight improvement in level 4s in 8th grade SS.</p> <p>Challenges; Science stayed on or about the same as last year.</p> |

IDEA – Special Education, Economically Disadvantaged Children, and English Learners.

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Using the summaries in 3.1 and other local data, describe the strengths and challenges or answer the guiding questions for each program. Include strengths and challenges related to: a) general program implementation, and b) students and adults involved in or affected by the program. Focus on strengths and challenges that will assist in the identification of needs during 3.3. Watch the [Identifying Need webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

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| Strengths | Based on initial scores it appears that there was moderate growth in our special needs population for Math and Language Arts. This positive trend is an area of strength. We also have found that by integrating the special needs population into mainstream as much as possible that it positively impacts school climate and culture. |
| Challenges | There is always an ongoing challenge to improve students with disabilities. However, if proper strategies are identified growth can occur. Identifying the right resources for each student is key to benefiting the special needs population. The scarcity of resources is a challenge when trying to ensure that all students with disabilities achieve their maximum potential. |

3. NEEDS IDENTIFICATION AND ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

3.2 Identification and Prioritization of Overarching Needs

Use the results of 3.1 to identify the overarching needs of the LEA. Determine the priority order of the identified needs based on data, team member and stakeholder knowledge, and answers to questions in the table below. Be sure to address the major program challenges identified in 3.1. Watch the [Identifying Need webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Overarching Need # 1

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| Overarching Need | A need to continue growth in all a Milestone tested areas. |
| How severe is the need? | High |
| Is the need trending better or worse over time? | Better |
| Can Root Causes be Identified? | Yes |
| Priority Order | 1 |

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| Additional Considerations | None until further data is provided. |
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Overarching Need # 2

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| Overarching Need | A need to continue to improve the overall literacy rate through student engagement. |
| How severe is the need? | High |
| Is the need trending better or worse over time? | Better |
| Can Root Causes be Identified? | Yes |
| Priority Order | 2 |

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| Additional Considerations | None until further data analyzed. |
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Overarching Need # 3

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| Overarching Need | A need to decrease the amount of time students spend in ISS /OSS |
| How severe is the need? | Unknown |
| Is the need trending better or worse over time? | Unknown |
| Can Root Causes be Identified? | Yes |

Overarching Need # 3

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| Priority Order | 3 |
| Additional Considerations | PBIS impact data will help determine level of need. |

3. NEEDS IDENTIFICATION AND ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

3.3 Root Cause Analysis

Select the top 2-4 overarching needs from 3.2. Conduct a separate root cause analysis (RCA) for each need. Any RCA tools and resources can be used, but suggestions are available as part of the [Identifying Need webinar](#). After describing the RCA process, complete a table for each selected overarching need.

Overarching Need - A need to continue growth in all a Milestone tested areas.

Root Cause # 1

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| Root Causes to be Addressed | Continued challenges created by socioeconomic and environmental factors that impact instruction in a negative way. |
| This is a root cause and not a contributing cause or symptom | Yes |
| This is something we can affect | Yes |
| Impacted Programs | IDEA - Special Education School and District Effectiveness Title I - Part A - Improving Academic Achievement of Disadvantaged Title I, Part A - Foster Care Program Title I, Part A - Parent and Family Engagement Program Title I, Part C - Education of Migratory Children Title I, Part D - Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Children Title II, Part A, Preparing, Training and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals and other School Leaders Title III - Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students Title IX, Part A - McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Others : |

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| Additional Responses | Additional resources and proper instructional strategies have shown to have a positive correlation on academic performance. The use of Data Teams, PLCs, collaborative Planning, and ongoing instructional support can counter root causes. |
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Overarching Need - A need to continue to improve the overall literacy rate through student engagement.

Root Cause # 1

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| Root Causes to be Addressed | Students lack ability and motivation as it relates to reading informational text at an appropriate Lexile level. |
| This is a root cause and not a contributing cause or symptom | Yes |
| This is something we can affect | Yes |
| Impacted Programs | IDEA - Special Education School and District Effectiveness Title I - Part A - Improving Academic Achievement of Disadvantaged Title I, Part A - Foster Care Program Title I, Part A - Parent and Family Engagement Program Title I, Part C - Education of Migratory Children Title I, Part D - Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Children Title II, Part A, Preparing, Training and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals and other School Leaders Title III - Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students Title IX, Part A - McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Others : |

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| Additional Responses | |
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Overarching Need - A need to decrease the amount of time students spend in ISS /OSS

Root Cause # 1

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| Root Causes to be Addressed | The students inability to make good choices, foresee consequences, and improve motivation for proper conduct. |
| This is a root cause and not a contributing cause or symptom | Yes |
| This is something we can affect | Yes |
| Impacted Programs | IDEA - Special Education School and District Effectiveness Title I - Part A - Improving Academic Achievement of Disadvantaged Title I, Part A - Foster Care Program Title I, Part A - Parent and Family Engagement Program Title I, Part C - Education of Migratory Children Title I, Part D - Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Children Title II, Part A, Preparing, Training and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals and other School Leaders Title III - Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students |

Root Cause # 1

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| Impacted Programs | Title IX, Part A - McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Others : |
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School Improvement Plan 2019 - 2020



**Walton County
Youth Middle School**

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

1 General Improvement Plan Information

General Improvement Plan Information

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| District | Walton |
| School Name | Youth Middle School |
| Team Lead | David Todd |

| Federal Funding Options to Be Employed (SWP Schools) in this Plan (Select all that apply) | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Traditional funding (all Federal funds budgeted separately) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Consolidated funds (state/local and federal funds consolidated) - Cohort systems ONLY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 'FUND 400' - Consolidation of Federal funds only |

| Factors(s) Used by District to Identify Students in Poverty (Select all that apply) | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Free/Reduced meal application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Eligibility Program (CEP) - Direct Certification ONLY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (if selected, please describe below) |

2. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

2.1 Overarching Need # 1

Overarching Need

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| Overarching Need as identified in CNA Section 3.2 | A need to continue growth in all a Milestone tested areas. |
| Root Cause # 1 | Continued challenges created by socioeconomic and environmental factors that impact instruction in a negative way. |
| Goal | Youth Middle School will improve student achievement in all content areas on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment. |

Action Step # 1

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| Action Step | Decrease teacher to student ratios in the classroom by utilizing paraprofessionals to assist students with learning the prescribed Georgia Standards of Excellence. |
| Funding Sources | Title I, Part A |
| Subgroups | Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A |
| Systems | Supportive Learning Environment |
| Method for Monitoring Implementation and Effectiveness | Administration observations Teacher feedback on paraprofessionals |
| Position/Role Responsible | David Todd |
| Timeline for Implementation | Quarterly |

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| What partnerships with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)? | |
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Action Step # 2

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| Action Step | Youth Middle School teachers will utilize technology programs such as IXL, Read 180, and USA Test Prep to improve student achievement. |
| Funding Sources | Title I, Part A |
| Subgroups | Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A |
| Systems | Coherent Instruction |
| Method for Monitoring Implementation and Effectiveness | STAR Benchmark quarterly data |
| Position/Role Responsible | Teachers |
| Timeline for Implementation | Weekly |

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| What partnerships with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)? | |
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Action Step # 3

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| Action Step | Youth Middle School teachers will meet bi-monthly with Data Team and Multi Tiered Student Support Professional Learning Communities to analyze student achievement data. |
| Funding Sources | N/A |
| Subgroups | Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A |
| Systems | Coherent Instruction Professional Capacity Supportive Learning Environment |

Action Step # 3

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| Method for Monitoring Implementation and Effectiveness | Administration attendance Minutes and data collection |
| Position/Role Responsible | YMS Administrators YMS Teachers Instructional Coach |
| Timeline for Implementation | Weekly |

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| What partnerships with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)? | |
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2. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

2.2 Overarching Need # 2

Overarching Need

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| Overarching Need as identified in CNA Section 3.2 | A need to continue to improve the overall literacy rate through student engagement. |
| Root Cause # 1 | Students lack ability and motivation as it relates to reading informational text at an appropriate Lexile level. |
| Goal | The percentage of Youth Middle School students who score in the meets/exceeds range on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment will increase through improved student literacy and engagement. |

Action Step # 1

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| Action Step | The instructional coach will develop, deliver, and monitor professional learning on student literacy and engagement for all Youth Middle School teachers. |
| Funding Sources | Title I, Part A |
| Subgroups | Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A |
| Systems | Professional Capacity Supportive Learning Environment |
| Method for Monitoring Implementation and Effectiveness | Professional Learning sessions Classroom Observations TKES |
| Position/Role Responsible | Jessica Peterson/Instructional Coach |
| Timeline for Implementation | Monthly |

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| What partnerships with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)? | |
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Action Step # 2

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| Action Step | Youth Middle School will administer a mocking writing assessment with Georgia Center of Assessments. |
| Funding Sources | Title I, Part A |
| Subgroups | Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A |
| Systems | Coherent Instruction Professional Capacity |
| Method for Monitoring Implementation and Effectiveness | Professional learning and data analysis post mock writing assessment |
| Position/Role Responsible | Language Arts teachers Jessica Peterson/Instructional Coach |
| Timeline for Implementation | Yearly |

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| What partnerships with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)? | Georgia Center of Assessments |
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Action Step # 3

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| Action Step | Youth Middle School teachers will increase the amount of informational text utilized during classroom instruction across all content areas. |
| Funding Sources | N/A |
| Subgroups | Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A |

Action Step # 3

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| Systems | Coherent Instruction |
| Method for Monitoring Implementation and Effectiveness | Classroom observations Administration monitoring lesson plan literacy components |
| Position/Role Responsible | YMS Teachers Administrators |
| Timeline for Implementation | Weekly |

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| What partnerships with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)? | |
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2. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

2.3 Overarching Need # 3

Overarching Need

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| Overarching Need as identified in CNA Section 3.2 | A need to decrease the amount of time students spend in ISS /OSS |
| Root Cause # 1 | The students inability to make good choices, foresee consequences, and improve motivation for proper conduct. |
| Goal | Youth Middle School will decrease the amount of time that students, especially special education students, spend in ISS or OSS. |

Action Step # 1

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| Action Step | Professional learning delivered by the Youth Middle School PBIS Team in order to train teachers on how to implement PBIS with fidelity. |
| Funding Sources | Title I, Part A |
| Subgroups | Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A |
| Systems | Professional Capacity Supportive Learning Environment |
| Method for Monitoring Implementation and Effectiveness | PBIS SWIS Data |
| Position/Role Responsible | PBIS Team Administrators Instructional Coach |
| Timeline for Implementation | Weekly |

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| What partnerships with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)? | |
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Action Step # 2

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| Action Step | Youth Middle School will implement PBIS strategies throughout the school building. *Required Resources-scanners, poster printer supplies {ink, paper}, copy paper, copier resources, plaques for Student of the Quarter. |
| Funding Sources | Title I, Part A |
| Subgroups | Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A |
| Systems | Supportive Learning Environment |
| Method for Monitoring Implementation and Effectiveness | PBIS SWIS Data PBIS Platform |
| Position/Role Responsible | YMS Teachers |
| Timeline for Implementation | Weekly |

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| What partnerships with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)? | |
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Action Step # 3

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| Action Step | Youth Middle School will host student award ceremonies to recognize positive student behavior of the “Warrior Way”. |
| Funding Sources | Title I, Part A |
| Subgroups | Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A |
| Systems | Supportive Learning Environment |

Action Step # 3

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| Method for Monitoring Implementation and Effectiveness | District and school level grade point averages PBIS SWIS Data |
| Position/Role Responsible | YMS Counselors YMS Administrators PBIS Team |
| Timeline for Implementation | Quarterly |

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| What partnerships with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)? | |
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Action Step # 4

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| Action Step | Youth Middle School teachers and administrators will complete Positive Referrals and positive phone calls home to recognize student behavior of the “Warrior Way”. |
| Funding Sources | Title I, Part A |
| Subgroups | Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A |
| Systems | Supportive Learning Environment |
| Method for Monitoring Implementation and Effectiveness | Administrator will monitor teacher participation |
| Position/Role Responsible | YMS Teachers YMS Administrators |
| Timeline for Implementation | Weekly |

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Action Step # 4

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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

3 Required Questions

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| 1 In developing this plan, briefly describe how the school sought advice from individuals (teachers, staff, other school leaders, paraprofessionals, specialized instructional support personnel, parents, community partners, and other stakeholders) was accomplished. | Administrators sought input regarding the School Improvement Plan from the instructional coach and the Leadership Team. Once the plan is approved at the district level, it will be shared with the YMS teachers and with parents/community stakeholders. |
| 2 Describe how the school will ensure that low-income and minority children enrolled in the Title I school are not served at disproportionate rates by ineffective, out-of-field, or inexperienced teachers. | All students are strategically scheduled to be with highly qualified teachers. |
| 3 Provide a general description of the Title I instructional program being implemented at this Title I School. Specifically define the subject areas to be addressed and the instructional strategies/methodologies to be employed to address the identified needs of the most academically at-risk students in the school. Please include services to be provided for students living in local institutions for neglected or delinquent children (if applicable). | Literacy will remain a primary focus across all content areas in order to continue gains in meets and exceeds on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment. Student engagement and literacy strategies will be delivered by the instructional coach through professional learning and implemented by teachers in all content areas in order to increase student achievement. Low income students will be assisted through onsite programs including Communities in Schools, 21st Century R.I.S.E., and mental health counseling. |
| 4 If applicable, provide a description of how teachers, in consultation with parents, administrators, and pupil services personnel, will identify eligible children most in need of services in Title I targeted assistance schools/programs. Please include a description of how the school will develop and implement multiple (a minimum of 2) objective, academic-based performance criteria to rank students for service. Also include a description of the measurable scale (point system) that uses the objective criteria to rank all students. | Teachers will identify eligible students most in need of Title I services through district level input on counselor/teacher recommendations. YMS teachers will utilize 2018-2019 Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment data, STAR Benchmark data, as well as ISTEOP data collected throughout the year in order to rank students for service. We will use score bands for each individual assessment to accurately place students in need. |

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| 5 If applicable, describe how the school will support, coordinate, and integrate services with early childhood programs at the school level, including strategies for assisting preschool children in the transition from early childhood education programs to local elementary school programs. | N/A |
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| 6 If applicable, describe how the school will implement strategies to facilitate effective transitions for students from middle grades to high school and from high school to postsecondary education including: Coordination with institutions of higher education, employers, and local partners; and Increased student access to early college, high school, or dual or concurrent enrollment opportunities or career counseling to identify student interest and skills. | Youth Middle School will continue to work with Walnut Grove High School teachers and administrators on the vertical team initiative in order to make transitions from middle school to high school more effective. Teachers will participate in vertical observations as well as collaborative planning in order to align standards and identify gaps in learning. |
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| 7 Describe how the school will support efforts to reduce the overuse of discipline practices that remove students from the classroom, specifically addressing the effects on all subgroups of students. | Youth Middle School will utilize the PBIS matrices and platform to recognize positive student behavior in order to reduce the overuse of discipline practices. |
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ADDITIONAL RESPONSES

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| 8 Use the space below to provide additional narrative regarding the school's improvement plan | |
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