Lancaster SD

Comprehensive Plan | 2025 - 2028

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LEA Profile

Established in 1836, the School District of Lancaster is the second oldest district in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The School District of Lancaster serves a diverse population of approximately 11,300 students: 60.09% Hispanic, 16.93% African American, 13.4% Caucasian, 9.58% Asian/other.

The District's twelve elementary schools, four middle schools, one K-8 building, one high school campus, a cyber program, an alternative program and an over aged program are home to approximately 1,551 staff members, including administrators, teachers, counselors and support staff. The nine-member Board of Directors governs District activities with a total operating budget of approximately \$210 million.

The School District of Lancaster is committed to providing a comprehensive academic program that meets the needs of our diverse learners. Students in twelve elementary schools and one K-8 school are instructed in language arts, math, science, social studies, health/physical education, art and music. The high school campus affords students both opportunity and choice, through the selection of a Small Learning Community, one of which options is Career and Technical Education. Career pathways include: Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping, Administrative Assistance and Secretarial Science, General (Business), Building/Property Maintenance, Cosmetology, Child Care and Support Services Management (Early Childhood), Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, Health/Medical Assisting Services, Other (Health Careers).

Driven by a commitment to excellence, the strategic planning process began with a comprehensive assessment of the district's current performance and challenges. Insight Education Group guided the steering committee through an examination of academic and non-academic data, stakeholder feedback through surveys and focus groups, and existing policies, laying the groundwork for a shared vision of educational success. Through an iterative process, the committee and School District of Lancaster Board created and refined foundational statements, including an updated mission, vision, core values, and portrait of a graduate. Based on these foundational concepts, the Superintendent and Senior Leadership Team, in partnership with employees of all levels of the school district, collaborated to develop strategic objectives, actionable strategies, and key indicators aimed at advancing student achievement, enhancing teaching practices, and fostering a culture of equity and inclusion. The resulting strategic plan serves as a roadmap for the School District of Lancaster, outlining clear strategic objectives and action steps to ensure that every student receives a high-quality education that prepares them for success in a dynamic and interconnected world.

Mission and Vision

Mission

We celebrate and empower every learner, fostering a welcoming community where our students can discover their academic strengths, build confidence, and find a sense of belonging.

Vision

We cultivate a community of global citizens who graduate academically, emotionally, and socially prepared to succeed.

Educational Values

Students

The role of the school community is to educate students ensuring that all children reach their fullest social/emotional and academic potential. All students are capable of meeting high expectations.

Staff

A collaborative approach to learning embraces the whole child, whole school and the whole community.

Administration

Every individual in our district contributes to student success.

Parents

Respect, trust, and honest communication are at the foundation of successful and productive relationships.

Community

Our community honors its strength in diversity and promotes growth, empowerment, academic success and social inclusivity through an equitable learning environment.

Other (Optional)

Core Values High Expectations: We provide a challenging and engaging curriculum to all, confident that every learner can rise to their highest potential Collaboration: We learn, grow, and achieve together through teamwork, open communications, and shared responsibility Empowerment: We empower every learner by fostering a growth mindset and encouraging them to take ownership of their learning journey, becoming self- directed and lifelong learners Health and Wellness:We promote physical, mental and emotional well-being as foundational to the success of every learner in our school community Equity and Diversity: We value diversity of thought, background, and experience, cultivating a learning environment enriched by multiple perspectives that empower our learners

Future Ready PA Index

Review of the School(s) Level Performance

Strengths

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Indicator	Comments/Notable Observations		
ELA PSSA	7 of 13 elementary schools demonstrated an increase in the number of students scoring proficient/advanced on the ELA PSSA		
Math PSSA	11 of 13 elementary schools demonstrated an increase in the number of students scoring proficient/advanced on the Math PSSA		
Science PSSA	12 of 13 elementary schools demonstrated an increase in the number of student scoring proficient/advanced on the Science PSSA		
ELA PSSA	Wheatland Middle School demonstrated an increase in the number of students scoring proficient/advanced on the ELA PSSA		
Math PSSA	4 of 4 middle schools demonstrated an increase in the number of students scoring proficient/advanced on the Math PSSA		
Science PSSA	3 of 4 middle schools demonstrated an increase in the number of students scoring proficient/advanced on the Science PSSA		
Math Keystone	McCaskey High School demonstrated a significant increase in the number of students scoring proficient/advanced on the Math Keystone		
Science Keystone	McCaskey High School Demonstrated an increase in the number of students scoring proficient/advanced on the Biology Keystone		
Math PSSA	There is significant evidence that the district exceeded the growth standard on the Math PSSA		
ELA PSSA	There is significant evidence that the district exceeded the growth standard on the ELA PSSA		
Science PSSA	There is significant evidence that the district exceeded the growth standard on the Science PSSA		
Biology Keystone	There is significant evidence that the district exceeded the growth standard on the Biology Keystone		
Literature Keystone	There is significant evidence that the district exceeded the growth standard on the Literature Keystone		

Challenges

Indicator	Comments/Notable Observations
ELA PSSA	6 of 13 elementary schools demonstrated a decrease in the number of students scoring proficient/advanced on the ELA PSSA
Math PSSA	3 of 4 middle schools continue to show proficiency rates of less than 10% on the Math PSSA

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

Strengths

Indicator	
Science PSSA	Comments/Notable Observations
Grade Level(s) and/or Student Group(s)	Blacks students in grade 4 exceeded the statewide average on the Science PSSA
Black	
Indicator	
Science PSSA	Comments/Notable Observations
Grade Level(s) and/or Student Group(s)	Hispanic students in grade 4 exceeded the statewide average on the Science PSSSA
Hispanic	

Challenges

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ere is a decrease in the number of students scoring proficient/advanced between grades 3 and 5 on
Math PSSA
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ere is a decrease in the number of students scoring proficient/advanced between grades 3 and 5 on
ELA PSSA
mments/Notable Observations
idents with disabilities are scoring significantly lower than the all student group on the ELA PSSA
mments/Notable Observations
dents with disabilities are scoring significantly lower than the all student group on the Math PSSA

Students with disabilities	
Indicator	
Math PSSA	Comments/Notable Observations
Grade Level(s) and/or Student	There is significant evidence that students in grade 6 are not meeting the growth standard on the Math
Group(s)	PSSA
Grade 6	
Indicator	
ELA PSSA	Comments/Notable Observations
Grade Level(s) and/or Student	There is significant evidence that students in grade 6 are not meeting the growth standard on the ELA
Group(s)	PSSA
Grade 6	

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.

There is significant evidence that the district exceeded the growth standard on the Math PSSA There is significant evidence that the district exceeded the growth standard on the ELA PSSA 11 of 13 elementary schools demonstrated an increase in the number of students scoring proficient/advanced on the Math PSSA

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.

There is a decrease in the number of students scoring proficient/advanced between grades 3 and 5 on the Math PSSA 6 of 13 elementary schools demonstrated a decrease in the number of students scoring proficient/advanced on the ELA PSSA

There is significant evidence that students in grade 6 are not meeting the growth standard on the Math PSSA

There is significant evidence that students in grade 6 are not meeting the growth standard on the ELA PSSA

Local Assessment

English Language Arts

Data	Comments/Notable Observations
STAR ELA	Only 40% of students completing STAR ELA are on track for grade level proficiency
STAR ELA	61% of students have demonstrated typical or above average growth as measured by the STAR SGP
IRLA	93% of kindergarten students are reading at or above grade level as measured by the IRLA
IRLA	There is a decrease of 35% in the number of students reading on grade level between grades K and 1 as measured by the IRLA
IRLA	There is a 20% decrease in the number of students reading on grade level between grades 6 and 8 as measured by the IRLA

English Language Arts Summary

Strengths

61% of students have demonstrated typical or above average growth as measured by the STAR ELA SGP 93% of kindergarten students are reading at or above grade level as measured by the IRLA

Challenges

Only 40% of students completing STAR ELA are on track for grade level proficiency There is a decrease of 35% in the number of students reading on grade level between grades K and 1 as measured by the IRLA There is a 20% decrease in the number of students reading on grade level between grades 6 and 8 as measured by the IRLA

Mathematics

Data	Comments/Notable Observations
STAR Math	Only 39% of students completing STAR Math are on track for grade level proficiency
STAR Math	61% of students have demonstrated typical or above average growth as measured by the STAR Math SGP
Middle Level Math Common	Less than 50% of students are earning a passing grade on Middle Level Math Common
Assessments	Assessments

Mathematics Summary

Strengths

61% of students have demonstrated typical or above average growth as measured by the STAR Math SGP

Challenges

Only 39% of students completing STAR Math are on track for grade level proficiency Less than 50% of students are earning a passing grade on Middle Level Math Common Assessments

Science, Technology, and Engineering Education

Data	Comments/Notable Observations	
HS Science Common	There is a significant increase in the number of students earning a passing score once students transition	
Assessments	to High School as measured by HS Common Assessments	
Elementary Science Common	74% of K-5 students have received a rating of 3 or 4 for mastery on Science Common Assessments	
Assessments		
Elementary Science Common	There is a gradual decrease in the percentage of students receiving a rating of 3 or 4 on Science Common	
Assessments	Assessments	

Science, Technology, and Engineering Education Summary

Strengths

There is a significant increase in the number of students earning a passing score once students transition to High School as measured by HS Common Assessments

74% of K-5 students have received a rating of 3 or 4 for mastery on Science Common Assessments

Challenges

There is a gradual decrease in the percentage of students receiving a rating of 3 or 4 on Science Common Assessments

Related Academics

Career Readiness

Data	Comments/Notable Observations
Xello	In some schools, there has been a decrease in completion of Xello lessons

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

Elizabethtown College

Agreement Type

Dual Credit

Program/Course Area

General Education

Uploaded Files

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Partnering Institution

Harrisburg Area Community College

Agreement Type

Local Articulation

Program/Course Area

Early Childhood Education

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Partnering Institution

Harrisburg Area Community College

Agreement Type

Dual Credit

Program/Course Area

General Education

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Partnering Institution

Lancaster School of Cosmetology

Agreement Type

Local Articulation

Program/Course Area

Cosmetology

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Partnering Institution

PA College of Art and Design

Agreement Type

Dual Credit

Program/Course Area

General Education

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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.

Multiple pathways for dual enrollment and early college exist for students attending McCaskey High School

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.

In some schools, there has been a decrease in completion of Xello lessons

Equity Considerations

English Learners

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

Data	Comments/Notable Observations
Math PSSA	There is significant evidence that the overall English Learner subgroup exceeded the growth standard on the Math PSSA
ELA PSSA	There is significant evidence that the overall English Learner subgroup exceeded the growth standard on the ELA PSSA
ELA PSSA	There is moderate evidence that English Learners in grade 6 did not meet the growth standard on the ELA PSSA

Students with Disabilities

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

Students Considered Economically Disadvantaged

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

Data	Comments/Notable Observations
Math	There is significant evidence that the overall Economically Disadvantaged subgroup exceeded the growth standard on the Math
PSSA	PSSA
Math	There is significant evidence that Economically Disadvantaged students in grade 6 did not meet the growth standard on the
PSSA	Math PSSA
ELA PSSA	There is significant evidence that the overall Economically Disadvantaged subgroup exceeded the growth standard on the ELA
ELA PSSA	PSSA
ELA PSSA	There is significant evidence that Economically Disadvantaged students in grade 6 did not meet the growth standard on the ELA
	PSSA

Student Groups by Race/Ethnicity

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

Student Groups	Comments/Notable Observations	
American Indian/Alaskan Native	Insufficient subgroup	
Native	There is significant origins that the support Asian subgroup succeeded the grouth standard on the Mathemat FLA	
Asian	There is significant evidence that the overall Asian subgroup exceeded the growth standard on the Math and ELA PSSA	
Hawaiian/Pacific		
Islander	Insufficient subgroup	
White	There is evidence that the overall White subgroup met the growth standard on the Math and ELA PSSA	
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2 or More Races	significant evidence that they exceeded the growth standard on the Math PSSA	

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.

There is significant evidence that the overall English Learner subgroup exceeded the growth standard on the Math PSSA There is significant evidence that the overall English Learner subgroup exceeded the growth standard on the ELA PS There is significant evidence that the overall Economically Disadvantaged subgroup exceeded the growth standard on the Math PSSA

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.

There is moderate evidence that English Learners in grade 6 did not meet the growth standard on the ELA PSSA There is significant evidence that Economically Disadvantaged students in grade 6 did not meet the growth standard on the Math PSSA There is significant evidence that Economically Disadvantaged students in grade 6 did not meet the growth standard on the ELA PSSA

Designated Schools

Jackson MS

Priority Challenge	Comments and Notable Observations
Math Growth and Achievement	Middle school students continue to face difficulties with mastering grade-level math content, limiting their ability to
	meet expected growth and achievement benchmarks. This challenge highlights the need for targeted interventions,
	differentiated instruction, and innovative strategies to ensure equitable opportunities for success in mathematics.
ELA Growth and	Middle school students are struggling to demonstrate proficiency in grade-level English Language Arts (ELA) skills,
Achievement	impacting their ability to achieve critical literacy milestones. Addressing this requires focused instructional support,
Achievement	tailored interventions, and strategies to foster engagement and growth in reading and writing.

Lincoln MS

Priority Challenge	Comments and Notable Observations	
Math Growth and	Middle school students continue to face difficulties with mastering grade-level math content, limiting their ability to	
Achievement	meet expected growth and achievement benchmarks. This challenge highlights the need for targeted interventions,	
Achievement	differentiated instruction, and innovative strategies to ensure equitable opportunities for success in mathematics.	
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Achievement	impacting their ability to achieve critical literacy milestones. Addressing this requires focused instructional support,	
Achievenient	tailored interventions, and strategies to foster engagement and growth in reading and writing	

McCaskey Campus

Priority Challenge	Comments and Notable Observations
ELA Growth and Achievement for Students with Disabilities	school students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) face persistent challenges in achieving proficiency in grade-level English Language Arts (ELA) skills. This gap highlights the need for specialized instructional approaches, aligned supports, and differentiated strategies to ensure these students can access the curriculum and make meaningful academic progress.
Math Growth and Achievement for Students with Disabilities	school students with IEPs are struggling to meet grade-level math standards, creating barriers to their academic growth and achievement. Addressing this issue requires intentional focus on personalized supports, effective accommodations, and evidence-based interventions to bridge gaps and promote equitable access to rigorous math content.

Phoenix Academy

Priority Challenge	Comments and Notable Observations	
Math Achievement	Students in alternative education placements often face compounded challenges in mastering grade-level math	

and Growth	content, stemming from factors such as interrupted learning, diverse academic needs, and social-emotional barriers. These challenges can hinder their ability to meet growth and achievement benchmarks, highlighting the need for highly individualized interventions, flexible instructional strategies, and innovative approaches to provide equitable
	opportunities for success in mathematics.
ELA Achievement and Growth	Students in alternative education placements often encounter significant obstacles in developing grade-level English Language Arts (ELA) skills due to factors such as interrupted learning, varying academic backgrounds, and social- emotional challenges. These barriers can limit their progress toward literacy benchmarks, emphasizing the need for personalized interventions, adaptive instructional strategies, and innovative approaches to support equitable opportunities for growth in reading and writing.

Wheatland MS

Priority Challenge	Comments and Notable Observations
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Achievement	differentiated instruction, and innovative strategies to ensure equitable opportunities for success in mathematics.
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Achievement	impacting their ability to achieve critical literacy milestones. Addressing this requires focused instructional support,
Achievement	tailored interventions, and strategies to foster engagement and growth in reading and writing

Systemic LEA Challenges

Middle school math achievement and growth are hindered by inconsistencies in curriculum implementation, varying levels of teacher expertise in math instruction, and insufficient access to data-driven interventions. These systemic gaps result in disparities in student outcomes, emphasizing the need for aligned instructional practices, professional development focused on effective math strategies, and equitable resources to support all learners in meeting grade-level expectations and demonstrating growth.

Supplemental LEA Plans

Programs and Plans	Comments/Notable Observations
Special Education Plan	NA
Title 1 Program	Title I schools are facing persistent challenges in achieving growth and academic proficiency, particularly among students from low-income backgrounds. Despite targeted funding, the gap in achievement continues to widen, highlighting the need for enhanced instructional strategies that increase student engagement.
Student Services	Without a robust focus on SEL, students may struggle with engagement and resilience, while educators face challenges in creating supportive, inclusive classrooms. This challenge underscores the need for comprehensive SEL integration, professional development for teachers, and an intentional focus on equity to foster an environment where all students and staff can thrive.
K-12 Guidance Plan (339 Plan)	NA
Technology Plan	Technology use increases the potential for personalized learning, collaboration, and interactive experiences, underscoring the need for targeted professional development for educators and a more intentional approach to leveraging technology to enhance student engagement and academic performance.
English Language Development Programs	NA

Strengths

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

Technology use increases the potential for personalized learning, collaboration, and interactive experiences, underscoring the need for targeted professional development for educators and a more intentional approach to leveraging technology to enhance student engagement and academic performance.

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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strategies that increase student engagement.

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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	Exemplary
Establish and maintain a focused system for continuous improvement and ensure organizational coherence	Operational
Engage in meaningful two-way communication with stakeholders to sustain shared responsibility for student learning across the district	Emerging

Focus on Continuous Improvement of Instruction

Ensure effective, standards-aligned curriculum and assessment	Emerging
Support schools in implementing evidence-based instructional strategies and programs to ensure all students have access to rigorous, standards-aligned instruction	Emerging
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	Emerging
Partner with local businesses, community organizations, and other agencies to meet the needs of the district	Emerging

Implement Data-Driven Human Capital Strategies

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

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	
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.

Foster a vision and culture of high expectations for success for all students, educators, and families *

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

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

Support the development and professional learning of central office and school-based staff in alignment with district and school mission, vision, goals, and priorities

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.

Ensure effective, standards-aligned curriculum and assessment *

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

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).

Strength	Check for Consideration	
There is significant evidence that the district exceeded the growth standard on the Math PSSA	in Plan False	
There is significant evidence that the district exceeded the growth standard on the ELA PSSA False False		
11 of 13 elementary schools demonstrated an increase in the number of students scoring proficient/advanced on the Math PSSA	False	
61% of students have demonstrated typical or above average growth as measured by the STAR ELA SGP	False	
61% of students have demonstrated typical or above average growth as measured by the STAR Math SGP	False	
93% of kindergarten students are reading at or above grade level as measured by the IRLA	False	
Multiple pathways for dual enrollment and early college exist for students attending McCaskey High School	False	
There is significant evidence that the overall English Learner subgroup exceeded the growth standard on the Math PSSA		
There is significant evidence that the overall English Learner subgroup exceeded the growth standard on the ELA PS	False	
There is significant evidence that the overall Economically Disadvantaged subgroup exceeded the growth standard on the Math PSSA	False	
There is a significant increase in the number of students earning a passing score once students transition to High School as measured by HS Common Assessments	False	
74% of K-5 students have received a rating of 3 or 4 for mastery on Science Common Assessments	False	
Technology use increases the potential for personalized learning, collaboration, and interactive experiences, underscoring the need for targeted professional development for educators and a more intentional approach to leveraging technology to enhance student engagement and academic performance.	True	
Foster a vision and culture of high expectations for success for all students, educators, and families *	True	
Establish and maintain a focused system for continuous improvement and ensure organizational coherence *	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 the development and professional learning of central office and school-based staff in alignment with district and school mission, vision, goals, and priorities	True	

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).

Strength	Check for Consideration in Plan
There is a decrease in the number of students scoring proficient/advanced between grades 3 and 5 on the Math PSSA	False
6 of 13 elementary schools demonstrated a decrease in the number of students scoring proficient/advanced on the ELA PSSA	
There is significant evidence that students in grade 6 are not meeting the growth standard on the Math PSSA	True
There is significant evidence that students in grade 6 are not meeting the growth standard on the ELA PSSA	False
Only 40% of students completing STAR ELA are on track for grade level proficiency	False
Only 39% of students completing STAR Math are on track for grade level proficiency	False
There is a decrease of 35% in the number of students reading on grade level between grades K and 1 as measured by the IRLA	True
There is a 20% decrease in the number of students reading on grade level between grades 6 and 8 as measured by the IRLA	True
In some schools, there has been a decrease in completion of Xello lessons	False
There is moderate evidence that English Learners in grade 6 did not meet the growth standard on the ELA PSSA	False
There is significant evidence that Economically Disadvantaged students in grade 6 did not meet the growth standard on the Math PSSA	True
There is significant evidence that Economically Disadvantaged students in grade 6 did not meet the growth standard on the ELA PSSA	True
Less than 50% of students are earning a passing grade on Middle Level Math Common Assessments	True
There is a gradual decrease in the percentage of students receiving a rating of 3 or 4 on Science Common Assessments	False
Title I schools are facing persistent challenges in achieving growth and academic proficiency, particularly among students from low-income backgrounds. Despite targeted funding, the gap in achievement continues to widen, highlighting the need for enhanced instructional strategies that increase student engagement.	True
Without a robust focus on SEL, students may struggle with engagement and resilience, while educators face challenges in creating supportive, inclusive classrooms. This challenge underscores the need for comprehensive SEL integration, professional development for teachers, and an intentional focus on equity to foster an environment where all students and staff can thrive.	True

Ensure effective, standards-aligned curriculum and assessment *	True
Support schools in implementing evidence-based instructional strategies and programs to ensure all students	True
have access to rigorous, standards-aligned instruction *	inde

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.

While the district has made progress in promoting academic excellence through a culturally responsive curriculum and evidence-based strategies, there are areas that require further focus. Specifically, increased attention should be given to strengthening the integration of technology and project-based learning (PBL) to further boost student engagement, particularly in middle school math. Additionally, while there is a commitment to social-emotional learning (SEL), diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), and fostering a welcoming school environment, more consistent and intentional practices should be developed to ensure the sustained well-being and academic success of all students, staff, and families.

Analyzing (Strengths and Challenges)

Analyzing Challenges

Analyzing Challenges	Discussion Points	Check for Priority
There is significant evidence that students in grade 6 are not meeting the growth standard on the Math PSSA	It is necessary to ensure equitable access for all secondary students to a standards-aligned math curriculum, highly skilled teaching, high expectations, and the support necessary to achieve their full potential.	True
There is a decrease of 35% in the number of students reading on grade level between grades K and 1 as measured by the IRLA		False
There is a 20% decrease in the number of students reading on grade level between grades 6 and 8 as measured by the IRLA		False
There is significant evidence that Economically Disadvantaged students in grade 6 did not meet the growth standard on the Math PSSA	It is necessary to ensure equitable access for all secondary students to a standards-aligned math curriculum, highly skilled teaching, high expectations, and the support necessary to achieve their full potential.	False
There is significant evidence that Economically Disadvantaged students in grade 6 did not meet the growth standard on the ELA PSSA		False
Less than 50% of students are earning a passing grade on Middle Level Math Common Assessments	It is necessary to ensure equitable access for all secondary students to a standards-aligned math curriculum, highly skilled teaching, high expectations, and the support necessary to achieve their full potential.	False
Title I schools are facing persistent challenges in achieving growth and academic proficiency, particularly among students from low- income backgrounds. Despite targeted funding, the gap in achievement continues to widen, highlighting the need for enhanced instructional strategies that increase student engagement.	It is necessary to increase student engagement by incorporating interactive activities that give students the opportunity to express themselves and make choices about their learning	False
Without a robust focus on SEL, students may struggle with engagement and resilience, while educators face challenges in	It is necessary to implement and assess regular systems and practices that respect different cultures to	True

creating supportive, inclusive classrooms. This challenge underscores the need for comprehensive SEL integration, professional development for teachers, and an intentional focus on equity to foster an environment where all students and staff can thrive.	help students and staff feel comfortable, cared for, and secure in school in all aspects: socially, emotionally, intellectually, and physically.	
Ensure effective, standards-aligned curriculum and assessment *	It is necessary to promote academic excellence by implementing a culturally responsive curriculum, evidence-based instructional strategies, and individualized support for struggling students.	False
Support schools in implementing evidence-based instructional strategies and programs to ensure all students have access to rigorous, standards-aligned instruction *	It is necessary to promote academic excellence by implementing a culturally responsive curriculum, evidence-based instructional strategies, and individualized support for struggling students.	True

Analyzing Strengths

Analyzing Strengths	Discussion Points
Technology use increases the potential for personalized learning, collaboration, and interactive experiences, underscoring the need for targeted professional development for educators and a more intentional approach to leveraging technology to enhance student engagement and academic performance.	Integrating technology into instruction enhances student engagement and persistence by providing interactive, personalized learning experiences that cater to diverse learning styles and keep students actively involved in their education.
Foster a vision and culture of high expectations for success for all students, educators, and families *	Fostering a vision and culture of high expectations benefits students by creating an environment where they are consistently encouraged to excel, supported in reaching their full potential, and empowered to believe in their ability to succeed through effort and perseverance.
Support the development and professional learning of central office and school-based staff in alignment with district and school mission, vision, goals, and priorities	Supporting the development and professional learning of central office and school-based staff directly benefits students by ensuring they receive high-quality instruction and support from well-trained, knowledgeable educators who are aligned with the district's mission, vision, goals, and priorities.

Priority Challenges

Analyzing Priority	Priority Statements	
Challenges	Thomy Statements	

If all secondary students have equal access to a standards-aligned math curriculum, skilled teaching, high expectations, and the necessary support, then they will be empowered to reach their full potential and achieve academic success.
If regular systems and practices that respect different cultures are implemented and assessed, then students and staff will feel comfortable, cared for, and secure in all aspects—socially, emotionally, intellectually, and physically— enhancing their overall school experience and well-being.
If a culturally responsive curriculum, evidence-based instructional strategies, and individualized support for struggling students are promoted, then academic excellence will be fostered, ensuring all students have the opportunity to succeed and thrive.

Goal Setting

Priority: If all secondary students have equal access to a standards-aligned math curriculum, skilled teaching, high expectations,

and the necessary support, then they will be empowered to reach their full potential and achieve academic success.

Outcome Category			
Mathematics			
Measurable Goal Statement (Sma	art Goal)		
Decrease the number of students scoring below basic in math by 3 percentage points each year for the next five years, with a final goal of			
reducing the percentage to 38.3% I	reducing the percentage to 38.3% by the end of the fifth year, as measured by state assessments.		
Measurable Goal Nickname (35 Character Max)			
Secondary Math			
Target Year 1	Target Year 2	Target Year 3	
Decrease the number of students	Decrease the number of students	Decrease the number of students scoring below basic in math by 3	
scoring below basic by 3% each	scoring below basic by 3% each	percentage points each year for the next five years, with a final goal	
year, achieving a goal of 44.3%, in	year, achieving a goal of 41.3%, in	of reducing the percentage to 38.3% by the end of the fifth year, as	
year 1	year 2	measured by state assessments.	

Priority: If regular systems and practices that respect different cultures are implemented and assessed, then students and staff will

feel comfortable, cared for, and secure in all aspects—socially, emotionally, intellectually, and physically—enhancing their overall

school experience and well-being.

Outcome Category		
School climate and culture		
Measurable Goal Statement (Smart Goa	nl)	
Improve the school climate index each ye	ar for the next three years, reaching a final g	oal of 8.4 by the end of the third year.
Measurable Goal Nickname (35 Charact	ter Max)	
School Climate Index		
Target Year 1	Target Year 2	Target Year 3
Increase the score on the School	Increase the score on the School	Improve the school climate index each year for the
Climate Index annually, achieving a goal	Climate Index annually, achieving a goal	next three years, reaching a final goal of 8.4 by the
of 8.1, in year 1	of 8.3, in year 1	end of the third year.

Outcome Category		

Regular Attendance

Measurable Goal Statement (Smart Goal)

Decrease chronic absenteeism by 1% each year for the next three years, with a final goal of reducing the rate to 25.9% by the end of the third year.

Measurable Goal Nickname (35 Character Max)

Chronic Absenteeism

achieving a goal of 26.6%, in year 1

Target Year 1	Target Year 2	Target Year 3
Decrease chronic absenteeism by 1%	Decrease chronic absenteeism by 1%	Decrease chronic absenteeism by 1% each year for the
each year, achieving a goal of 27.9%,	each year, achieving a goal of 26.9%,	next three years, with a final goal of reducing the rate to
in year 1	in year 2	25.9% by the end of the third year.

Priority: If a culturally responsive curriculum, evidence-based instructional strategies, and individualized support for struggling students are promoted, then academic excellence will be fostered, ensuring all students have the opportunity to succeed and

achieving a goal of 29.6%, in year 2

thrive.

Outcome Category		
Essential Practices 1: Focus on Co	ontinuous Improvement of Instruction	
Measurable Goal Statement (Sm	art Goal)	
Increase math proficiency by 3 per	centage points each year for the next t	three years, achieving a goal of 32.6% proficiency as measured by
state assessments by the end of th	ne third year	
Measurable Goal Nickname (35 (Character Max)	
Math		
Target Year 1	Target Year 2	Target Year 3
Increase math proficiency by 3 percentage points each year,	Increase math proficiency by 3 percentage points each year,	Increase math proficiency by 3 percentage points each year for the next three years, achieving a goal of 32.6% proficiency as

Outcome Category	
Essential Practices 1: Focus on Continuous Improvement of Instruction	
Measurable Goal Statement (Smart Goal)	
Increase ELA proficiency by 3 percentage points each year for the next three years, achieving a goal of 45.1% proficiency as measured by state assessments by the end of the third year	
Measurable Goal Nickname (35 Character Max)	
ELA	

measured by state assessments by the end of the third year

Target Year 1	Target Year 2	Target Year 3
Increase math proficiency by 3	Increase math proficiency by 3	Increase ELA proficiency by 3 percentage points each year for
percentage points each year,	percentage points each year,	the next three years, achieving a goal of 45.1% proficiency as
achieving a goal of 39.1%, in year 1	achieving a goal of 42.1%, in year 2	measured by state assessments by the end of the third year

Action Plan

Measurable Goals

Secondary Math	School Climate Index
Chronic Absenteeism	Math
ELA	

Action Plan For: Differentiated Instruction - Tier 1

Measurable Goals: Increase ELA proficiency by 3 percentage points each year for the next three years, achieving a goal of 45.1% proficiency as measured by state assessments by the end of the third year Increase math proficiency by 3 percentage points each year for the next three years, achieving a goal of 32.6% proficiency as measured

by state assessments by the end of the third year

Action Step		Anticipated Start/Completion Date	
Provide professional development on culturally responsive teach where all students feel welcome and ready to learn	ning to assist educators in creating classrooms	2025-08-12	2026-02-17
Lead Person/Position	Material/Resources/Supports Needed	PD Step?	Com Step?
Director of Diversity, Equity, Belonging, and Inclusion Assistant Directors of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment	Common Ground Framework	Yes	No
Action Step	•	Anticipated Start/Compl	letion Date
Provide professional development on Structured Literacy		2025-08-12	2028-06-30
Lead Person/Position	Material/Resources/Supports Needed	PD Step?	Com Step?
Assistant Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, PreK-12, ELA	Structured Literacy Resources	Yes	No
Action Stor		Anticipated	
Action Step		Start/Completion Date	
Strengthen the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) framework for struggling students	k by implementing advanced tier interventions	2025-08-19	2028-05-26
Lead Person/Position	Material/Resources/Supports Needed	PD Step?	Com Step?
Assistant Directors of Curriculum, Instruction, and	Sondays System Math Expression	No	No

Assessment, PreK-12	Intervention Kit ARC Toolkit		
Action Step		Anticipated Start/Compl	letion Date
Enhance advanced tier intervention for students in grades K-2 support, fostering comprehensive literacy skills development		2025-08-19	2026-05-29
Lead Person/Position	Material/Resources/Supports Needed	PD Step?	Com Step?
Academic Interventionists	Sondays System ARC Toolkit	No	No
Action Step		Anticipated Start/Completion Date	
Reimagine how academic interventions are provided in middle	e school	2025-07-01	2025-08-11
Lead Person/Position	Material/Resources/Supports Needed	PD Step?	Com Step?
Instructional Program Manager of Secondary STEM Instructional Program Manager of ELA/SS and Advanced Courses	Intervention Resources Restructured Schedule and Staffing	No	No

Anticipated Output	Monitoring/Evaluation (People, Frequency, and Method)		
Strategies to meet students' diverse needs, including professional			
development on the Common Ground Framework and Structured	People: Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Director of		
Literacy and strengthening MTSS and tiered interventions, will support	Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, and School Leaders		
teachers in personalizing instruction for all learners. As a result, student	Frequency: Quarterly Method: Instructional Walkthroughs,		
achievement and growth will increase, as measured by improved PSSA	Tracking of Formative and Summative Assessment Data		
and Keystone assessment scores.			

Action Plan For: Provide systematic instruction during intervention to develop student understanding of mathematical ideas.- Tier 1

Measurable Goals:

• Decrease the number of students scoring below basic in math by 3 percentage points each year for the next five years, with a final goal of reducing the percentage to 38.3% by the end of the fifth year, as measured by state assessments.

Action Step		Anticipated
Action Step	s	Start/Completion

		Date		
Introduce dedicated Math Interventionists at the middle sch		2025-07-	2025-08-	
		01	12	
Lead Person/Position	Material/Resources/Supports Needed	PD Step?	Com Step?	
Instructional Program Manager of Secondary STEM	Job Description Onboarding	No	No	
Action Step		-	Anticipated Start/Completion Date	
Identify and Assess Student Needs: Use data from STAR Ma recommendations to identify students who need intervention prioritize interventions based on the greatest needs.		2025-09- 02	2028-05- 15	
Lead Person/Position	Material/Resources/Supports Needed	PD Step?	Com Step?	
Classroom Teacher Math Interventionist	PSSA PVAAS STAR Math Formative Assessments Common Assessments	No	No	
Action Step		-	Anticipated Start/Completion Date	
Develop and Implement Targeted Interventions: Collaborate classroom instruction and curriculum standards. Use evide foundational skills, conceptual understanding, and problem and real-world applications to enhance engagement and un	nce-based intervention strategies focused on n-solving. Incorporate manipulatives, technology tools	, 2025-09- , 02	2028-05- 15	
Lead Person/Position	Material/Resources/Supports Needed	PD Step?	Com Step?	
Classroom Teacher Math Interventionist	Evidence-based intervention strategies IXL Student Schedules	No	No	
Action Step		Anticipate Start/Com Date		
Monitor and Adjust Instruction: Set specific, measurable go using formative assessments. Analyze assessment data to a interventions if progress stalls.		2025-09-	2028-05- 15	
Lead Person/Position	Material/Resources/Supports Needed	PD Step?	Com	

			Step?
Classroom Teacher Math Interventionist	PSSA PVAAS STAR Math Formative Assessments Common Assessments	No	No
Action Step		Anticipate Start/Com Date	
Create a roadmap for learning math from Grade 5 to Algebra II that ensures alignment between grades to ensure learning gaps are not driven by curriculum deficiencies		2025-07- 14	2025-12- 19
Lead Person/Position	Material/Resources/Supports Needed	PD Step?	Com Step?
Assistant Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, STEM Instructional Program Manager of Elementary STEM Instructional Program Manager of Secondary STEM	PA Core Standards Grade Level Curriculum Math Resources	No	No

Anticipated Output	Monitoring/Evaluation (People, Frequency, and Method)
The implementation of dedicated math interventionists will provide	People: Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Director of Curriculum,
targeted support to students struggling with grade-level core	Instruction, and Assessment, and School Leaders Frequency:
content, leading to increased student growth and achievement as	Quarterly Method: Instructional Walkthroughs, Tracking of Formative
measured by PSSA results and PVAAS growth data.	and Summative Assessment Data

Action Plan For: School-wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports - Tier 2

Measurable Goals:

- Improve the school climate index each year for the next three years, reaching a final goal of 8.4 by the end of the third year.
- Decrease chronic absenteeism by 1% each year for the next three years, with a final goal of reducing the rate to 25.9% by the end of the third year.

Action Step	Anticipated Start/Comp	
Assess and enhance support for students related to behavior, attendance, and social-emotional learning	2025-08-19	2028-05- 26

Lead Person/Position	Material/Resources/Supports Needed	PD Step?	Com Step?
Assistant Director of School Climate	RULER curriculum PBIS implementation resources and incentives	No	No
Action Step		Anticipated Start/Comp	
Increase social and emotional learning (SEL) practices in school district-wide programs	ols through the implementation and integration of	2025-08-19	2028-05- 26
Lead Person/Position	Material/Resources/Supports Needed	PD Step?	Com Step?
Assistant Director of School Climate PBIS Teams - School Level Teachers and Support Staff	RULER curriculum PBIS implementation resources and incentives	No	Yes
Action Step		Anticipated Start/Completion Date	
Improve school climate through consistent implementation and Expectations Handbook	d refinement of the district Standards and	2025-08-19	2028-05- 26
Lead Person/Position	Material/Resources/Supports Needed	PD Step?	Com Step?
Assistant Superintendent of Student Services	School Board Policies Standards and Expectations Handbook	No	No
Action Step		Anticipated Start/Comp	
Support all students through consistent implementation of stud practices	dent progressive discipline and restorative	2025-08-19	2028-05- 26
Lead Person/Position	Material/Resources/Supports Needed	PD Step?	Com Step?
Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Assistant Director of School Climate Principal/Assistant Principal Dean Teachers and Support Staff	RULER curriculum Progressive Discipline protocol Restorative Practice resources	No	No
Action Step		Anticipated Start/Comp	
Enhance transitions between schools at all levels through and	after graduation	2026-03-16	2028-03- 13
Lead Person/Position	Material/Resources/Supports Needed	PD Step?	Com

			Step?
Assistant Director of Counseling	Academic, Behavioral, and Data Tracking tools	No	No

Anticipated Output	Monitoring/Evaluation (People, Frequency, and Method)
The implementation of targeted supports for students in the areas	People: Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Assistant
of behavior, attendance, and social-emotional learning will lead to	Director of School Climate, Assistant Director of Counseling, School
a decrease in chronic absenteeism and an improvement in the	Leaders Frequency: Quarterly Method: Instructional Walkthroughs,
school climate index score, fostering a more positive and	Tracking of Chronic Absenteeism Data, and School Climate Index
supportive learning environment.	Results

Professional Development

Professional Development Action Steps

Evidence-based Strategy	Action Steps
Differentiated Instruction - Tier 1	Provide professional development on culturally responsive teaching to assist educators in creating classrooms where all students feel welcome and ready to learn
Differentiated Instruction - Tier 1	Provide professional development on Structured Literacy

CRSE - Common Ground Framework

Action Step
• Provide professional development on culturally responsive teaching to assist educators in creating classrooms where all students feel welcome and ready to learn
Audience
Instructional Leadership and Teachers and Support Staff
Topics to be Included
This training will explore Pennsylvania's Common Ground Framework, which focuses on promoting equity, engagement, and academic achievement for all students, through Cultural Awareness, Trauma-Aware, Mental Health and Wellness, and Technological and Virtual Engagement. Participants will learn about evidence-based strategies, data-driven decision-making, and building local capacity to drive sustainable school improvement. The training will emphasize the importance of collaboration among educators, families, and communities to create inclusive, supportive learning environments. By aligning resources and support systems, the framework aims to close achievement gaps and ensure success for every student.
Evidence of Learning

Increase in School Climate Index Score Reduction in Discipline Referrals

Lead Person/Position	Anticipated Start	Anticipated Completion
Director of Diversity, Equity, Belonging, and Inclusion	2025-07-10	2028-05-11

Learning Format

Type of Activities	Frequency	
Inservice day	Bi-annually - Instructional Leadership	
Observation and Practice Framework Met in this Plan		
1d: Demonstrating Knowledge of Resources		
3d: Using Assessment in Instruction		

- 2d: Managing Student Behavior
- 1b: Demonstrating Knowledge of Students
- 3c: Engaging Students in Learning
- 2b: Establishing a Culture for Learning
- 4a: Reflecting on Teaching
- 2c: Managing Classroom Procedures
- 2a: Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport
- 3e: Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness

This Step Meets the Requirements of State Required Trainings

Common Ground: Culturally Relevant Sustaining Education

Learning Format

Type of Activities	Frequency		
Inservice day	Annually - Teachers and Support Staff		
Observation and Practice Framework Met in this Plan			
• 1b: Demonstrating Knowledge of S	tudents		
• 3c: Engaging Students in Learning	3c: Engaging Students in Learning		
• 1d: Demonstrating Knowledge of R	esources		
• 3d: Using Assessment in Instruction	3d: Using Assessment in Instruction		
2a: Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport			
• 3e: Demonstrating Flexibility and F	3e: Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness		
2b: Establishing a Culture for Learning			
4a: Reflecting on Teaching			
2c: Managing Classroom Procedures			
2d: Managing Student Behavior			
This Step Meets the Requirements of	State Required Trainings		
Common Ground: Culturally Relevant	Sustaining Education		

Structured Literacy

Action Step
Provide professional development on Structured Literacy
Audience
Instructional Leadership, Teachers, Support Staff
Topics to be Included

This training will provide an in-depth overview of Pennsylvania's Structured Literacy requirement, focusing on the essential components and best practices for effective implementation. Participants will gain an understanding of how structured literacy supports all students, particularly those with reading difficulties, by emphasizing explicit, systematic, and multisensory instruction in phonology, orthography, morphology, syntax, and semantics. The session will cover evidence-based strategies for teaching reading and writing, including assessment and progress monitoring tools to ensure student success. By the end of the training, educators will be equipped to apply these principles in their classrooms to improve literacy outcomes for all students.

Evidence of Learning

Increase in the number of students reading on grade level

Lead Person/Position	Anticipated Start	Anticipated Completion
Assistant Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, for ELA	2025-10-24	2027-10-22

Learning Format

Type of Activities	Frequency		
Workshop(s) Annually			
Observation and Practice Framework Met in this Plan			
3c: Engaging Students in Learning			
3d: Using Assessment in Instruction			
3e: Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness			
1a: Demonstrating Knowledge of Content and Pedagogy			
3b: Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques			
1b: Demonstrating Knowledge of Students			
This Step Meets the Requirements of State Required Trainings			
Structured Literacy			

Communications Activities

Fostering Growth: Promo	oting Social-En	notional Learning in Our Schools and Communi	ty		
Action Step	Audience	Topics to be Included	Type of Communication	Anticipated Timeline Start Date	Anticipated Timeline Completion Date
 Increase social and emotional learning (SEL) practices in schools through the implementation and integration of district-wide programs 	District employees, students and families, community	This communication will focus on the implementation of the RULER framework, highlighting classroom and school- wide incentives that recognize successful integration of SEL. Additionally, it will emphasize the importance of community partnerships that support and enhance these efforts, fostering a collaborative approach to SEL in schools.	Director of Strategic Communications	09/22/2025	05/15/2028
Communications					·
Type of Communication		Frequency			
Posting on district website		Bimonthly			
Newsletter		Quarterly			

Approvals & Signatures

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