

The district is committed to assessing progress in a consistent, accurate, and timely manner and will use the assessment results to identify needs, guide changes in instruction, and inform conversations about needs and goals of both students and staff.

Components:

- A. Define a district framework for assessment of student learning and develop an associated measurement tool.
- B. Train staff in the creation and calibration of rubrics to ensure consistency.
- C. Utilize data regularly and appropriately to enhance instructional practice.
- D. Develop a stronger alignment between district goals and the teacher/administrator evaluation process.



Component A:

Define a district framework for assessment of student learning and develop an associated measurement tool.

Present State:

- A multitude of assessments are used regularly in the district, with no clearly defined district-wide framework of assessment.
- Rubrics exist for some skill and content areas, but may not be district-wide.

Beginning:

- Consensus and understanding of a district-wide framework of assessment is emerging.
- Examine existing rubrics and identify gaps and assess district-wide alignment with our mission and academic expectations.

Progressing:

- A district-wide framework has been developed and faculty is learning how to use the framework to guide classroom practice.
- Develop rubrics for all gap areas and scale them in age appropriate ways for use across the district.

Accomplishing:

- There is a well-defined and clearly understood district-wide framework of assessment that guides classroom practice.
- There are rubrics in use that measure all academic expectations. These rubrics are scaled in age-appropriate ways for use across all grade levels.



Component B:

Train staff in the creation and calibration of rubrics to ensure consistency.

Present State:

• Calibration of rubrics is done at some levels but is not consistent across the district.

Beginning:

• Teachers are being trained in the use and calibration of rubrics and a timeline for that process is being developed.

Progressing:

• Grades and departments are required to calibrate their rubric usage on an ongoing basis.

Accomplishing:

• Teachers consistently use appropriate rubrics and participate in calibration activities with enough frequency to ensure consistent assessment of student work across the district.



Component C:

Utilize data regularly and appropriately to enhance instructional practice.

Present State:

- A variety of assessment tools are in use in different ways at different levels and departments.
- Assessment results are stored in a variety of locations that may or may not be transferred from level to level.

Beginning:

- A clear plan is being developed to determine which assessment tools we want to use and how best to use them.
- Data is being compiled about where and how assessment results are stored. Research is being done on the most effective, user friendly options for data storage.

Progressing:

- Teachers are trained in the use of assessment tools and there is a clear plan developed for their use.
- Assessment results are being stored in a central location and faculty are being trained in how to input and access information.

Accomplishing:

- Faculty members adhere to a clear plan for the use of the results of various formative and summative assessments to guide instruction.
- There is a central, easily accessible, user friendly location which all stakeholders can access assessment results.



Component D:

Develop a stronger alignment between district goals and the teacher/administrator evaluation process.

Present State:

• Consistent protocols or training in how to use data to improve practice or give student feedback does not currently exist.

Beginning:

• Protocols for using data to improve practice and give student feedback are being developed.

Progressing:

• Staff has been trained and understands how to use data to provide feedback and to improve practice.

Accomplishing:

• Faculty members know how and why to use assessment data and consistently use it to guide instruction and to give feedback to students.