

**2015-16**  
**COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATIONAL PLAN**  
**(CEP)**

**DBN: (i.e. 01M001):**

**13K492**

**School Name:**

**ACADEMY OF ARTS AND LETTERS**

**Principal:**

**JOHN OREILLY**

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**Section 1: School Information Page**

**School Information**

School Name: Academy of Arts & Letters School Number (DBN): 13K492  
Grades Served: K-8  
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Principal: John O'Reilly  
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Parents' Association President: Ayanna Behin, Carla Licavoli  
SLT Chairperson: Ayanna Behin  
Title I Parent Representative (or  
Parent Advisory Council  
Chairperson): \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Representative(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Section 2: School Leadership Team (SLT) Signature Page

All SLT members are expected to sign this page to confirm their participation in the development of this Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) and that they have been consulted with regarding the alignment of funding to support this school’s educational program, which includes annual goals and action plans, Academic Intervention Services (AIS), Parent Involvement Policy (PIP) and School-Parent Compact (SPC). The SLT must include an equal number of parents and staff and have a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 17 members, in accordance with [Chancellor’s Regulation A-655](#), available on the [New York City Department of Education \(NYCDOE\)](#) website.

**Directions:**

1. List the names of each SLT member in the first column on the chart below.
2. Specify the constituent group represented, e.g., parent, staff, student, Community Based Organization (CBO), and any position held by the team member. Core mandatory SLT members are indicated by an asterisk\*.
3. SLT members should review this document and sign in the right-hand column in **blue ink**. If an SLT member does not wish to sign this plan, the member may attach a written explanation in lieu of his/her signature, which must be maintained on file at the school with the original SLT signature page. Note: Signature of SLT member indicates participation in the development of the CEP, not approval.
4. The original signed copy, along with any written communications pertaining to this page, is to remain on file in the principal’s office and be made available upon written request.

Name	Position and Constituent Group Represented	Signature (Blue Ink)
John O’Reilly	*Principal or Designee	
John Allgood	*UFT Chapter Leader or Designee	
Ayanna Behin	*PA/PTA President or Designated Co-President	
	DC 37 Representative (staff), if applicable	
	Title I Parent Representative (or Parent Advisory Council Chairperson)	
	Student Representative <i>(optional for elementary and middle schools; a minimum of two members required for high schools)</i>	
	Student Representative <i>(optional for elementary and middle schools; a minimum of two members required for high schools)</i>	
Ariana Bass	UFT	
Jackie Boyle	UFT	
Cameron Johnson	UFT	
Mollita Muhammad	Parent	
Rachel Schwartz	Parent	
Deepa Purohit	Parent	
Jessica Blatt	Parent	

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position and Constituent Group Represented</b>	<b>Signature (Blue Ink)</b>
	Member/	

### Section 3: Directions and Guidance for Developing the Comprehensive Educational Plan

The Comprehensive Educational Plan is meant as a tool to facilitate continuous improvement planning – to support schools in engaging their staff, parents, students, and community partners in assessing and prioritizing school needs, setting measurable improvement goals, selecting appropriate strategies to improve student outcomes, monitoring progress toward meeting annual goals, and communicating these efforts to the broader school community. This section will provide School Leadership Teams (SLTs) with guidance regarding CEP development informed by the new [Strong Schools, Strong Communities](#) initiative and [Framework for Great Schools](#).

#### **Strong Schools, Strong Communities**

The New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE) is committed to working collaboratively with parents, families, educators, and communities to improve student achievement and ensure that every child graduates from high school prepared for college, a career, and a future as a productive, critically-thinking adult.

The Department is establishing programs to strengthen ties between schools and communities, and is giving teachers and students the support they need to reach higher standards. These programs and supports are building a system of schools centered on student learning. Along with strengthened partnerships between parents, teachers, students, school leaders, and communities, these initiatives will ensure Strong Schools, Strong Communities, so that all students succeed. Additional information is available in a [report](#), entitled *Strong Schools, Strong Communities: A New Approach to Supporting New York City's Public Schools and All of Our Students*.

#### **The Framework for Great Schools and CEP Development**



The [Framework for Great Schools](#) encourages parents, educators, school communities, and external stakeholders to work together to improve student achievement and increase learning opportunities. This collaborative focus will ensure that every child is consistently ready for the next grade, level, and set of challenges. The Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) will reflect this focus and should serve as the blueprint that engages a school community in a systematic, ongoing review and analysis of student needs to identify and address root causes and implement activities and strategies that improve outcomes for students.

Based on robust research, the six elements of the Framework identify the areas that we must improve to accomplish high student achievement. By focusing attention and resources on what it takes for schools to function well, the Framework for Great Schools identifies the underlying strengths and weaknesses of a school and shows community members concrete ways to improve.

In accordance with the requirements of [Chancellor's Regulations A-655](#), all SLTs are to develop an educational plan in consultation with parents, school staff, and students, to provide a meaningful opportunity for stakeholders to participate in shared decision making and school improvement. The expectation is that SLTs will engage in a comprehensive educational planning process to inform the development of two (2) to five (5) goals and action plans that align with the first five elements of the Framework for Great Schools (listed below). The sixth element, *Trust*, is foundational to all the other elements. A goal that reflects a holistic approach will often address more than one element, as the elements work together to support student achievement. Place your goal in the section of the template where it fits best, knowing that it likely addresses other elements as well.

<b>The Six Elements of the Framework for Great Schools</b>
<b>Rigorous Instruction:</b> Instruction is customized, inclusive, motivating, and aligned to the Common Core. High standards are set in every classroom. Students are actively engaged in ambitious intellectual activity and developing critical thinking skills.
<b>Supportive Environment:</b> The school establishes a classroom and school culture where students feel safe, supported, and challenged by their teachers and peers.

**Collaborative Teachers:** Teachers are committed to the success and improvement of their classrooms and schools. They have the opportunity to participate in professional development within a culture of respect and continuous improvement.

**Effective School Leadership:** Principals lead by example and nurture the professional growth of teachers and staff, developing and delivering the instructional and social-emotional support that drives student achievement.

**Strong Family-Community Ties:** School leadership brings resources from the community into the school building by welcoming, encouraging, and developing partnerships with families, businesses, and community-based organizations.

**Trust:** Everyone works toward the shared goal of improving student outcomes, preparing students for success in school and beyond. Across the school community, there is respect. School staff, parents, students and administrators value each other.

## The Quality Review and the Framework for Great Schools

In order to address the six elements of the Framework for Great Schools, school communities should engage in improvement planning that is also informed by the NYCDOE's Quality Review Indicators and other quantitative and qualitative data.

### NYCDOE's Quality Review (QR)

The Office of School Quality (OSQ) supports school improvement across the NYC Department of Education (DOE) by coordinating qualitative assessments of principals and school communities. All of the qualitative assessments are rooted in the Quality Review rubric and drive improvements to principal and school practice, with the ultimate goal of impacting student achievement. The 2015-16 Quality Review (QR) Rubric has ten indicators within three categories as outlined below:

- I. Instructional Core Across Classrooms: Curriculum (1.1), Pedagogy (1.2), Assessment (2.2)
- II. School Culture: Positive Learning Environment (1.4), High Expectations (3.4)
- III. Structures for Improvement: Leveraging Resources (1.3), Goals and Action Plans (3.1), Teacher Support and Supervision (4.1), Teacher Teams and Leadership Development (4.2), Monitoring and Revising Systems (5.1)

### Title I Requirements and Strengthening Title I Parent Involvement

Title I schools are subject to ESEA/NCLB requirements regarding school accountability, highly qualified teachers, professional development, and parent involvement.

To strengthen parent leadership in Title I schools, and increase the involvement of all parents of Title I eligible children in improving students' academic outcomes, all Title I schools will be expected to form a Title I Parent Advisory Council (PAC) during the 2015-16 school year. Each Title I PAC will have a minimum of three members, including a Chairperson and an alternate representative. The Title I PAC Chairperson (or alternate representative) shall be required to attend all regular meetings of the School Leadership Team (SLT). Guidance to support schools in forming their Title I PACs will be provided in September 2015.

### Next Steps for CEP Development

School Leadership Teams should engage in the following steps:

- **Step 1:** Ensure that a fully formed and functional School Leadership Team (SLT) exists and meets all the requirements of [Chancellor's Regulations A-655](#).
- **Step 2:** Conduct a comprehensive needs assessment informed by the school's updated NYSED accountability status and most current quantitative and qualitative data. Prioritize areas of focus for this school year.
- **Step 3:** Revisit your school's current goals, modify existing goals, and/or strategically create new goals informed by the needs assessment and aligned with the Framework for Great Schools. Ensure the annual goals are SMART—Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound. Writing your goals as SMART will help you monitor progress against the qualitative or quantitative measures you've identified, and will help your school community know when you've reached your goal.

- **Step 4:** Build consensus around strategies, activities, and programs to address students' needs in each action plan. Create action plans that translate into observable, effective strategies to improve student achievement.
- **Step 5:** Update your school's AIS section. Title I schools must also update the Parent Involvement Policy (PIP) and School-Parent Compact (SPC).
- **Step 6:** Establish a process for engaging in progress monitoring throughout the school year as part of an overall cycle of continuous improvement planning to assess whether activities and strategies outlined in the action plans are resulting in improved student performance. Adjust practices, when necessary.

Treat the plan as a living document. Adjust the plan along the way as your experiences and the evidence justify. Careful implementation of your ideas, follow-through, and continuous evidence-based monitoring of progress are the keys to accomplishing desired results.

## Section 4: CEP Overview

Develop a narrative summary that includes:

1. Contextual information about your school's community and its unique/important characteristics, including your school's mission statement and a description of strategic collaborations/partnerships and/or special initiatives being implemented.
2. Any special student populations and what their specific needs are.
3. The elements of the Framework for Great Schools in which your school made the most progress over the past year, and your key areas of focus for this school year.

Arts & Letters is a small, child-centered public school in Brooklyn encompassing Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. With only two classes at each grade level, we provide our children with a caring and intimate learning environment. At Arts & Letters we believe that the purpose of public education is to work in partnership with parents and communities to raise young people who are strong and flexible thinkers, and caring, responsible stewards and leaders of a vibrant, democratic society.

In the spirit of this purpose, we at Arts & Letters promise to cultivate joy, rigor, and meaning in each child's education; an education built on a belief that through a rich and challenging questioning of the world, we can and will develop creative, confident, and courageous people who will make our world more just, enriched, and compassionate.

A school is an articulation of a community's hopes and dreams for its children. In order to cultivate our young people into the powerful citizens our community needs, Arts & Letters must create and maintain a culture of excellence.

Therefore, in order:

**To develop strong and flexible thinkers**, our classrooms will be places where students pursue essential questions, big ideas, and the world's history, traditions, and discoveries. Alongside their classmates and teachers, they will explore great literature, big and small mathematical challenges, the disciplines and creative purposes of the arts, and exciting scientific ideas. Classrooms will be rich with purpose, the quality of the work built on feedback and revision. They will learn to read and read to learn, become curious and confident about problems, make specific observations, make sense of data and confidently handle numbers and calculations. They will develop a keen and critical eye to interpret what they see through multiple lenses.

**To develop the caring, responsible stewards and leaders** that our community needs to nurture a vibrant democracy, our young people will have the opportunity to learn from older and younger students, from those of other cultures and neighborhoods, and to spend time hearing one another out. Each project they complete individually and together will take time, require multiple drafts, feedback, and revision. Each piece of work will be celebrated and shared with others in our community. In our school, students will be asked to persevere in the face of difficulty, to celebrate success, and to learn from failure. They will be asked to listen carefully, to take a stand, to defend a new idea, and to take risks.

**To make our world just, enriched and compassionate**, our young people must develop their compassion "muscles," requiring the practices of respect for others, focused and quiet reflection, the search for understanding, and a commitment to responsibility for one's self and for others. In our classrooms, our students will undertake projects that connect our school with our community, and with our past.

**To create a community of adults-both teachers and family members- that helps develop such powerful young people**, the adults must be willing to work together and share their practices with one another. Just as students need multiple experiences with success, failure, and revision, so too do the adults in our community. Schools and communities teach values intentionally and unintentionally; our adults must not only strive to model our values, but also the reflective ability to learn from challenges when they fall short.

Throughout our nine years with each child and family, Arts & Letters is committed to cultivating young people who will fulfill these hopes.

### **Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion**

Arts & Letters strives to create a welcoming community of multi-talented, diverse individuals in which every member knows that he or she is valued and appreciated for his or her unique experience.

We recognize and embrace the valuable offering of each person's race, cultural tradition, religion, gender, nationality, socio-economic position, age, sexual orientation, and physical ability.

We believe that by making each student's learning visible we are better able to truly see each student and her unique gifts. Our school is committed to nurturing in each of us a better appreciation of our own distinctive voice, of our common humanity and of a sense of ownership in the school community. We believe that participation in an inclusive school culture supports self-esteem and plants the seeds for positive contributions to the world. Every grade at Arts & Letters has a class with

*We are committed to:*

- Teaching our students the skills and sensibilities necessary to live in a richly diverse and increasingly global world. To that end, our curriculum explores culture in a spirit of admiration for its infinite variety while supporting a multi-sensory approach to learning and teaching.
- The constant vigilance, revision and patience required in creating and maintaining a welcoming community. We will need training, renewal and a willingness to change normed practices as well as an openness to creating new traditions.
- Ensuring that our community has a significant level of racial and economic diversity in the student body, the faculty, and the administration.
- Having at least one inclusion class at every grade level with a significant number of students with special strengths and needs.
- Providing the resources and support to achieve these goals.

Our commitment to create a diverse and inclusive community is a vital expression of the vision of Arts & Letters.

## 13K492 School Information Sheet

School Configuration (2014-15)				
Grade Configuration	0K,01, 02,03, 04,06, 07,08	Total Enrollment	495	SIG Recipient
				N/A
Types and Number of English Language Learner Classes (2014-15)				
# Transitional Bilingual	N/A	# Dual Language	N/A	# Self-Contained English as a Second Language
				N/A
Types and Number of Special Education Classes (2014-15)				
# Special Classes	N/A	# SETSS	4	# Integrated Collaborative Teaching
				8
Types and Number of Special Classes (2014-15)				
# Visual Arts	3	# Music	8	# Drama
# Foreign Language	N/A	# Dance	3	# CTE
				N/A
				N/A
School Composition (2013-14)				
% Title I Population		1.6%	% Attendance Rate	94.0%
% Free Lunch		35.5%	% Reduced Lunch	6.3%
% Limited English Proficient		0.6%	% Students with Disabilities	17.1%
Racial/Ethnic Origin (2013-14)				
% American Indian or Alaska Native		1.0%	% Black or African American	51.6%
% Hispanic or Latino		15.1%	% Asian or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	6.3%
% White		22.7%	% Multi-Racial	3.3%
Personnel (2014-15)				
Years Principal Assigned to School (2014-15)		2.34	# of Assistant Principals (2014-15)	N/A
# of Deans (2014-15)		N/A	# of Counselors/Social Workers (2014-15)	1
Personnel (2013-14)				
% of Teachers with No Valid Teaching Certificate (2013-14)		3.1%	% Teaching Out of Certification (2013-14)	23.1%
% Teaching with Fewer Than 3 Years of Experience (2013-14)		0.5%	Average Teacher Absences (2013-14)	7.48
Student Performance for Elementary and Middle Schools (2013-14)				
ELA Performance at levels 3 & 4		42.5%	Mathematics Performance at levels 3 & 4	30.0%
Science Performance at levels 3 & 4 (4th Grade)		N/A	Science Performance at levels 3 & 4 (8th Grade)	80.4%
Student Performance for High Schools (2012-13)				
ELA Performance at levels 3 & 4		N/A	Mathematics Performance at levels 3 & 4	71.4%
Credit Accumulation High Schools Only (2013-14)				
% of 1st year students who earned 10+ credits		N/A	% of 2nd year students who earned 10+ credits	N/A
% of 3rd year students who earned 10+ credits		N/A	4 Year Graduation Rate	N/A
6 Year Graduation Rate		N/A		
Overall NYSED Accountability Status (2014-15)				
Reward			Recognition	
In Good Standing	X		Local Assistance Plan	
Focus District	X		Focus School Identified by a Focus District	
Priority School				
Accountability Status – Elementary and Middle Schools				
Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in ELA (2012-13)				
American Indian or Alaska Native		N/A	Black or African American	YES
Hispanic or Latino		YES	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	N/A
White		YES	Multi-Racial	N/A
Students with Disabilities		N/A	Limited English Proficient	N/A
Economically Disadvantaged		YES		
Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in Mathematics (2012-13)				
American Indian or Alaska Native		N/A	Black or African American	YES
Hispanic or Latino		YES	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	N/A
White		YES	Multi-Racial	N/A
Students with Disabilities		N/A	Limited English Proficient	N/A
Economically Disadvantaged		YES		
Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in Science (2012-13)				
American Indian or Alaska Native		N/A	Black or African American	YES
Hispanic or Latino		N/A	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	N/A
White		N/A	Multi-Racial	N/A
Students with Disabilities		N/A	Limited English Proficient	N/A
Economically Disadvantaged		YES		
Accountability Status – High Schools				
Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in ELA (2012-13)				
American Indian or Alaska Native		N/A	Black or African American	N/A
Hispanic or Latino		N/A	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	N/A
White		N/A	Multi-Racial	N/A
Students with Disabilities		N/A	Limited English Proficient	N/A
Economically Disadvantaged		N/A		
Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in Mathematics (2012-13)				
American Indian or Alaska Native		N/A	Black or African American	N/A
Hispanic or Latino		N/A	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	N/A
White		N/A	Multi-Racial	N/A
Students with Disabilities		N/A	Limited English Proficient	N/A
Economically Disadvantaged		N/A		
Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in Graduation Rate (2012-13)				
American Indian or Alaska Native		N/A	Black or African American	N/A
Hispanic or Latino		N/A	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	N/A
White		N/A	Multi-Racial	N/A
Students with Disabilities		N/A	Limited English Proficient	N/A
Economically Disadvantaged		N/A		

## Section 5: Needs Assessment, Annual Goals, and Action Plans

**Section 5A – Framework for Great Schools Element – Rigorous Instruction:** Instruction is customized, inclusive, motivating, and aligned to the Common Core. High standards are set in every classroom. Students are actively engaged in ambitious intellectual activity and developing critical thinking skills.

### Part 1 – Needs Assessment

- Conduct a comprehensive assessment of your school’s academic program in response to this element of the Framework for Great Schools–Rigorous Instruction. This assessment should be informed by an analysis of student performance trends and any major findings from your Quality Review (QR) and/or other relevant data.
- Summarize your school’s strengths and needs relative to this element (in a narrative or bullet format), and identify the priority need(s) that will be addressed in the goal and action plan for this section. Cite all data trends and sources.

At Arts & Letters we believe that central to our success and the success of any school are opportunities that we create and take advantage of to make our thinking and learning more visible to outside community members. For the past seven years Arts & Letters has invited parents and educators to visit our school at least twice a year during our performance based assessment process that we call Roundtables. Roundtables happen at the end of each semester and provide time and a venue for students and teachers to reflect upon their learning and get feedback from colleagues, peers and outside guests. Vital to the success of this routine is that the thinking, feedback and reflection is public. The thinking and learning of every child and teacher is seen and heard. Whenever community members and outside educators come in to see this practice it raises the stakes. Our pedagogical practice has gotten better and better with the feedback from our visitors.

For the 2014-2015 school year Arts & Letters combined two new initiatives as a way to better make public the learning that happens here at our school. We created tri-annual benchmark assessments and implemented student led- conferences. These new initiatives took a great deal of planning and thinking. They have been well worth the work.

Starting in the fall of 2014, teachers at Arts & Letters developed and conducted our own developmentally-appropriate and Common Core aligned assessments that evaluate essential reading, writing and math skills. We call them benchmark assessments and they were and will be used across all grades. Given the large age range of our students, these assessments look different and were conducted in multiple ways across the grades. The primary expectations for all of these benchmark assessments was that our students be given a task that tests three or four vital Common Core standards, connected to their then current unit of study, and requires them to articulate their thinking.

To help us make these benchmark assessments more visible to our community and get feedback on them in 2014-2015 Arts & Letters shifted from the traditional parent/teacher conference to one where the student facilitates the group’s conversation. Core to these conferences this past year were the benchmark assessments. Students spent a good part of the twenty minute conference going through the assessments showing places of growth and areas that need improvement.

For the 2015-2016 school year we want to revisit these two initiative and make our practice with them stronger. We know that the benchmark assessments need to be:

- Better aligned with the Common Core standards
- Authentically tied to our units of study
- Truly developmentally appropriate
- Designed with clear through lines from K to 8.

We also want to develop ways to make the student led conferences more effective. The student led conferences need to:

- focus on benchmark assessments that are tied to learning targets (meaningful and kid-friendly descriptions of Common Core Standards)
- provide time to discuss student progress toward meeting standards
- provide time to discuss the social and emotional growth of students
- be a forum where adults let students take charge
- be an opportunity to support students' growth as learners

We believe that this work will help us to better make our learning visible to our community. With this transparency we will be able to get more pointed and helpful feedback as to how to make our teaching and learning better in the coming years.

## **Part 2 – Annual Goal**

Indicate your school's 2015-16 goal for improving student outcomes and school performance that addresses this element of the Framework for Great Schools–Rigorous Instruction. Your goal must be responsive to the identified priority need(s) indicated in Part 1, and be written as SMART–Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound.

By the end of this school year, 90% of teachers will show measurable progress in Danielson's Domain 3, specifically component 3C- engaging students in learning and component 3D- using assessment in instruction. We expect a 20% growth in MOTP ratings for these two components.

## **Part 3 – Action Plan**

<b>Activities/Strategies: Detail below the activities and strategies your school will implement to achieve the identified goal for this Framework for Great Schools element, including:</b>	<b>Target Group(s) Who will be targeted?</b>	<b>Timeline What is the start and end date?</b>	<b>Key Personnel Who is responsible for implementing and overseeing the activity/strategy?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Research-based instructional programs, professional development, and/or systems and structures needed to impact change.</b></li> <li>• <b>Strategies to address the needs of students with disabilities, English language learners, and other high-need student subgroups (e.g., overage/under-credited, SIFE, STH).</b></li> <li>• <b>Engaging families and supporting their understanding of Rigorous Instruction and the Common Core in order to support their children at home.</b></li> </ul>			
<p>Professional Dialogue- Every teacher will take part in a series of professional dialogues with administration throughout the year. Teachers will provide benchmark assessments and unit plans prior to the conversation, and the conversation will center on alignment with key Common Core standards and authenticity to the unit of study. The dialogue will also focus on the ways that teachers develop and maintain classroom cultures that promote student ownership and voice.</p>	All teachers K-8	September 2015 - June 2016  Year long	Administration and teachers
<p>Professional development around the creation of centers and stations to promote greater student responsibility for learning.</p>	All teachers K-8.	Fall 2015	Administration and vertical teacher teams

Development and use of conferring routines which will enable students to reflect on growth and areas in need of improvement. This work will support the level of student engagement, amplify student voice and help our teachers to better differentiate their instruction.	Special Education team	Fall 2015	Administration and special education vertical team
Post our homemade Common Core aligned 2014-2015 benchmark assessments and rubrics on our website so that parents will be able to better support their children at home. We think that this will also greatly help our community understand better what the Common Core standards are.	All teachers K-8	August	Administration and teachers

**Part 4 – Budget and Resource Alignment**

<b>Part 4a.</b> Indicate resources you will leverage to achieve this annual goal and implement this action plan, including human resources, instructional resources, schedule adjustments, etc.										
We will use some of our Fair Student Funding to pay teachers to come back at the beginning of September for three days of professional development around the use of benchmark assessments and planning for student centered learning environments. Our PTA will also support our teachers to go to professional learning opportunities outside of the school throughout the year.										
<b>Part 4b.</b> Indicate using an “X” the fund source(s) that will be utilized to support achievement of the specified goal.										
X	Tax Levy		Title I SWP		Title I TA		Title II, Part A		Title III, Part A	Title III, Immigrant
	C4E		21 <sup>st</sup> Century Grant		SIG/SIF	X	PTA Funded		In Kind	Other

**Part 5 – Progress Monitoring**

<b>Part 5a.</b> Schools are expected to engage in progress monitoring as part of an overall cycle of continuous improvement planning. Identify a mid-point benchmark(s) that will indicate school progress toward meeting the specified goal.
1. Data from the benchmarks completed in October, February and May will show the areas of student strength, growth and areas for improvement. The written goals completed in class and advisory will show individualized attention to the areas where each student is “glowing” and also needs to keep growing.
2. Monday professional learning meetings in January and February will focus on Danielson's components 3C and 3D. We will be diving into the data generated from the fall and winter benchmark assessments. We want to see a 10% increase in MOTP ratings for these components by the end of the year.
3. There will be student work and performances represented from all grades at school wide arts exhibitions.
4. In the Professional Dialogues teachers and administrators will have one-to-one goal setting conferences and look at benchmarks assessments and a collection of student led conference goal sheets.
5. Classroom notes and observations from teachers will note the quantity of student thinking minutes” and the number of minutes where there is a lack of engagement. The logs will also attempt to capture the amount of engaged student talk versus teacher talk.
<b>Part 5b.</b> In February 2016, review progress towards meeting the annual goal and make adjustments to the action plan, if applicable.

## Section 5: Needs Assessment, Annual Goals, and Action Plans

**Section 5B – Framework for Great Schools Element – Supportive Environment:** The school establishes a classroom and school culture where students feel safe, supported, and challenged by their teachers and peers.

### Part 1 – Needs Assessment

- Conduct a comprehensive assessment of your school’s academic program in response to this element of the Framework for Great Schools–Supportive Environment. This assessment should be informed by an analysis of student performance trends, attendance, suspension, school survey results and any major findings from your Quality Review (QR) or Alternate Quality Review (AQR) and/or other relevant data.
- Summarize your school’s strengths and needs relative to this element (in a narrative or bullet format), and identify the priority need(s) that will be addressed in the goal and action plan for this section. Cite all data trends and sources.

For the 2014-2015 school year Arts & Letters was honored to be a Showcase school. We had a great experience with this program. Over a hundred people came to visit us this past year for Showcase visits. Being a Showcase school has enabled us to share some of our practices around developing student voice and helping students take more responsibility for their learning. Being a part of this program has really helped us solidify a number of practices (conferring, whole class and group feedback routines and the use of engaging and elegant thinking routines from Project Zero) that are used from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

For the 2015-2016 school year we have joined the Learning Partners program as a way to collaborate with more schools and to learn about systems and strategies to better develop feedback routines and structures that will make everyone in our community feel seen and heard. We want to continue to share our practice as we have as a Showcase school but also have opportunities to visit other schools and learn more about how to better meet the learning needs of the heterogeneous learners in our inclusion school. We believe that being a part of the Learning Partners program a group of schools will give Arts & Letters a lot of ways to deepen our practice.

We have also joined the Middle School Quality Initiative (MSQI) as a way to further develop our Learning Partners work in learning ways to talk about reading with students and other teachers. We need support with small group and individual reading instruction. This is particularly the case with our science teachers. They need and want more guidance in choosing appropriate level texts for the diverse learning needs of our students. We also need more methods for teachers to efficiently confer with students, develop and track goals for each student. We also need support in looking at assessment data and making groupings that provide more tailored reading and writing instruction for students.

We believe that our year long focus on student to student, teacher to student, teacher to teacher, administrator to teacher and teacher to administrator feedback routines will help us to establish a supporting and challenging culture in which we will all grow and learn.

For the 2015-2016 school year Arts & Letters has partnered with the Ackerman Family Institute’s Gender and Family Project to create a needs assessment for our school as well as the development of a K-8 curricular scope and sequence that will help us to better address gender identity and sexuality. We think that this work with Ackerman will make our community more safe and inclusive.

### Part 2 – Annual Goal

Indicate your school’s 2015-16 goal for improving student outcomes and school performance that addresses this element of the Framework for Great Schools–Supportive Environment. Your goal must be responsive to the identified priority need(s) indicated in Part 1, and be written as SMART–Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound.

The percentage of Arts & Letters middle school students who agree and strongly agree to the prompt “Most of the teaching staff at my school make me excited about learning” will increase to 80% during the 2015-2016 school year.

**Part 3 – Action Plan**

<p><b>Activities/Strategies: Detail below the activities and strategies your school will implement to achieve the identified goal for this Framework for Great Schools element, including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Research-based instructional programs, professional development, and/or systems and structures needed to impact change.</b></li> <li>• <b>Strategies to address the needs of students with disabilities, English language learners, and other high-need student subgroups (e.g., overage/under-credited, SIFE, STH).</b></li> <li>• <b>Engaging families and supporting their understanding of Supportive Environment in order to support their children at home.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Target Group(s) Who will be targeted?</b></p>	<p><b>Timeline What is the start and end date?</b></p>	<p><b>Key Personnel Who is responsible for implementing and overseeing the activity/strategy?</b></p>
<p>Work with our Learning Partners schools to observe, document and build on strong feedback practices found in classrooms. This will happen in the preparation for visits and during the school visits.</p>	<p>K-8 teachers</p>	<p>Year long</p>	<p>Administration and model teachers.</p>
<p>With MSQI deepen our reading instruction of non-fiction texts particularly with our special education and science teachers. We also hope that we will learn from MSQI ways to implement stronger individual and small group conferences that allow us to better see, hear and understand the thinking and learning going on with our students.</p>	<p>6-8 grade teachers and special needs students</p>	<p>Year long</p>	<p>Administration and middle grade model teacher.</p>
<p>Over a course of four workshops run by Ackerman’s Gender and Family Project develop a K-8 scope and sequence that includes gender and sexual identity. We will also create the Arts &amp; Letters Gender and Sexual Identity Committee with representation from teachers, parents, administration and an Ackerman staff member. We plan to meet four times during the 2015-2016 school year to develop parent workshops about gender and sexual identity.</p>	<p>All faculty, parents and students</p>	<p>Year long</p>	<p>Administration, Ackerman staff and School Leadership Team</p>
<p>During the professional dialogue meetings between administrators and teachers will be a routine that tracks an estimated number of minutes in a typical classroom lesson in which students are invited to think. The lesson step that has the lowest percentage of thinking minutes will an area of focus throughout the year.</p>	<p>K-8 teachers</p>	<p>Year long</p>	<p>Administration and teachers</p>

**Part 4 – Budget and Resource Alignment**

<b>Part 4a.</b> Indicate resources you will leverage to achieve this annual goal and implement this action plan, including human resources, instructional resources, schedule adjustments, etc.											
We will use some of the funding connected with the Learning Partners and MSQI programs to pay for substitutes so that teachers can go visit other schools. Our PTA has been raising money to fund our partnership with Ackerman Family Institute’s Gender and Family Project.											
<b>Part 4b.</b> Indicate using an “X” the fund source(s) that will be utilized to support achievement of the specified goal.											
X	Tax Levy		Title I SWP		Title I TA		Title II, Part A		Title III, Part A		Title III, Immigrant
	C4E		21 <sup>st</sup> Century Grant		SIG/SIF	X	PTA Funded		In Kind		Other

**Part 5 – Progress Monitoring**

<b>Part 5a.</b> Schools are expected to engage in progress monitoring as part of an overall cycle of continuous improvement planning. Identify a mid-point benchmark(s) that will indicate school progress toward meeting the specified goal.										
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The use of feedback routines that we gain from our Learning Partners work by teachers and students will lead to gains in skill mastery as shown in benchmark assessment data, exhibitions of learning and culminating projects.</li> <li>• From the beginning to the end of the year we expect to see at least five points of growth in our lowest percent of readers as shown from the DRP assessment.</li> <li>• To estimate the level of student engagement we will use the thinking minute tracking routine during the professional dialogues. This is with the belief that the more minutes of thinking the greater the level of student engagement.</li> <li>• We will be monitoring the number of behavioral referrals connected to bullying. We hope to see a downturn in the data as compared to last year</li> <li>• We also expect to see a more prominent use of texts that are inclusive to gender expansive people.</li> </ul>										
<b>Part 5b.</b> In <b>February 2016</b> , review progress towards meeting the annual goal and make adjustments to the action plan, if applicable.										

**Section 5: Needs Assessment, Annual Goals, and Action Plans**

**Section 5C – Framework for Great Schools Element – Collaborative Teachers:** Teachers are committed to the success and improvement of their classrooms and schools. They have the opportunity to participate in professional development within a culture of respect and continuous improvement.

**Part 1 – Needs Assessment**

- Conduct a comprehensive assessment of your school’s academic program in response to this element of the Framework for Great Schools–Collaborative Teachers. This assessment should be informed by an analysis of student performance trends, teacher performance and any major findings from your Quality Review (QR) and/or other relevant data.
- Summarize your school’s strengths and needs relative to this element (in a narrative or bullet format), and identify the priority need(s) that will be addressed in the goal and action plan for this section. Cite all data trends and sources.

**Part 2 – Annual Goal**

Indicate your school’s 2015-16 goal for improving student outcomes and school performance that addresses this element of the Framework for Great Schools–Collaborative Teachers. Your goal must be responsive to the identified priority need(s) indicated in Part 1, and be written as SMART–Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound.

**Part 3 – Action Plan**

<p><b>Activities/Strategies: Detail below the activities and strategies your school will implement to achieve the identified goal for this Framework for Great Schools element, including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Research-based instructional programs, professional development, and/or systems and structures needed to impact change.</b></li> <li>• <b>Strategies to address the needs of students with disabilities, English language learners, and other high-need student subgroups (e.g., overage/under-credited, SIFE, STH).</b></li> <li>• <b>Strategies to promote teacher-parent collaborations to improve student achievement.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Target Group(s)</b> <i>Who will be targeted?</i></p>	<p><b>Timeline</b> <i>What is the start and end date?</i></p>	<p><b>Key Personnel</b> <i>Who is responsible for implementing and overseeing the activity/strategy?</i></p>

**Part 4 – Budget and Resource Alignment**

<b>Part 4a.</b> Indicate resources you will leverage to achieve this annual goal and implement this action plan, including human resources, instructional resources, schedule adjustments, etc.											
<b>Part 4b.</b> Indicate using an “X” the fund source(s) that will be utilized to support achievement of the specified goal.											
	<b>Tax Levy</b>		<b>Title I SWP</b>		<b>Title I TA</b>		<b>Title II, Part A</b>		<b>Title III, Part A</b>		<b>Title III, Immigrant</b>
	<b>C4E</b>		<b>21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant</b>		<b>SIG/SIF</b>		<b>PTA Funded</b>		<b>In Kind</b>		<b>Other</b>

**Part 5 – Progress Monitoring**

<b>Part 5a.</b> Schools are expected to engage in progress monitoring as part of an overall cycle of continuous improvement planning. Identify a mid-point benchmark(s) that will indicate school progress toward meeting the specified goal.										
<b>Part 5b.</b> In <b>February 2016</b> , review progress towards meeting the annual goal and make adjustments to the action plan, if applicable.										

**Section 5: Needs Assessment, Annual Goals, and Action Plans**

**Section 5D – Framework for Great Schools Element – Effective School Leadership:** Principals lead by example and nurture the professional growth of teachers and staff, developing and delivering the instructional and social-emotional support that drives student achievement.

**Part 1 – Needs Assessment**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct a comprehensive assessment of your school’s academic program in response to this element of the Framework for Great Schools–Effective School Leadership. This assessment should be informed by an analysis of student performance trends, teacher performance, school survey results and any major findings from your Quality Review (QR), and/or other relevant data.</li> <li>• Summarize your school’s strengths and needs relative to this element (in a narrative or bullet format), and identify the priority need(s) that will be addressed in the goal and action plan for this section. Cite all data trends and sources.</li> </ul>

**Part 2 – Annual Goal**

<p>Indicate your school’s 2015-16 goal for improving student outcomes and school performance that addresses this element of the Framework for Great Schools–Effective School Leadership. Your goal must be responsive to the identified priority need(s) indicated in Part 1, and be written as SMART–<u>S</u>pecific, <u>M</u>easurable, <u>A</u>chievable, <u>R</u>elevant, and <u>T</u>ime-bound.</p>

**Part 3 – Action Plan**

<p><b>Activities/Strategies: Detail below the activities and strategies your school will implement to achieve the identified goal for this Framework for Great Schools element, including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research-based instructional programs, professional development, and/or systems and structures needed to impact change.</li> <li>• Strategies to address the needs of students with disabilities, English language learners, and other high-need student subgroups (e.g., overage/under-credited, SIFE, STH).</li> <li>• Strategies to promote parent leadership and engagement as a key lever for school improvement.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Target Group(s)</b> <i>Who will be targeted?</i></p>	<p><b>Timeline</b> <i>What is the start and end date?</i></p>	<p><b>Key Personnel</b> <i>Who is responsible for implementing and overseeing the activity/strategy?</i></p>

**Part 4 – Budget and Resource Alignment**

**Part 4a.** Indicate resources you will leverage to achieve this annual goal and implement this action plan, including human resources, instructional resources, schedule adjustments, etc.

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**Part 4b.** Indicate using an “X” the fund source(s) that will be utilized to support achievement of the specified goal.

	Tax Levy		Title I SWP		Title I TA		Title II, Part A		Title III, Part A		Title III, Immigrant
	C4E		21 <sup>st</sup> Century Grant		SIG/SIF		PTA Funded		In Kind		Other

**Part 5 – Progress Monitoring**

**Part 5a.** Schools are expected to engage in progress monitoring as part of an overall cycle of continuous improvement planning. Identify a mid-point benchmark(s) that will indicate school progress toward meeting the specified goal.

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**Part 5b.** In **February 2016**, review progress towards meeting the annual goal and make adjustments to the action plan, if applicable.

**Section 5: Needs Assessment, Annual Goals, and Action Plans**

**Section 5E – Framework for Great Schools Element – Strong Family and Community Ties:** The school creates a welcoming environment for families and takes advantage of community resources to enrich the civic life of the school.

**Part 1 – Needs Assessment**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct a comprehensive assessment of your school’s academic program in response to this element of the Framework for Great Schools–Strong Family and Community Ties. This assessment should be informed by an analysis of student performance trends, student attendance, suspension, school survey results, parent attendance and any major findings from your Quality Review (QR), and/or other relevant data.</li> <li>• Summarize your school’s strengths and needs relative to this element (in a narrative or bullet format), and identify the priority need(s) that will be addressed in the goal and action plan for this section. Cite all data trends and sources.</li> </ul>

**Part 2 – Annual Goal**

<p>Indicate your school’s 2015-16 goal for improving student outcomes and school performance that addresses this element of the Framework for Great Schools–Strong Family and Community Ties. Your goal must be responsive to the identified priority need(s) indicated in Part 1, and be written as SMART–<u>S</u>pecific, <u>M</u>easurable, <u>A</u>chievable, <u>R</u>elevant, and <u>T</u>ime-bound.</p>

**Part 3 – Action Plan**

<p><b>Activities/Strategies: Detail below the activities and strategies your school will implement to achieve the identified goal for this Framework for Great Schools element, including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Research-based instructional programs, professional development, and/or systems and structures needed to impact change.</b></li> <li>• <b>Strategies to address the needs of students with disabilities, English language learners, and other high-need student subgroups (e.g., overage/under-credited, SIFE, STH).</b></li> <li>• <b>Strategies to promote stronger family and community ties and to increase parent involvement in support of improved student outcomes.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Target Group(s)</b> <i>Who will be targeted?</i></p>	<p><b>Timeline</b> <i>What is the start and end date?</i></p>	<p><b>Key Personnel</b> <i>Who is responsible for implementing and overseeing the activity/strategy?</i></p>

**Part 4 – Budget and Resource Alignment**

**Part 4a.** Indicate resources you will leverage to achieve this annual goal and implement this action plan, including human resources, instructional resources, schedule adjustments, etc.

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**Part 4b.** Indicate using an “X” the fund source(s) that will be utilized to support achievement of the specified goal.

	<b>Tax Levy</b>		<b>Title I SWP</b>		<b>Title I TA</b>		<b>Title II, Part A</b>		<b>Title III, Part A</b>		<b>Title III, Immigrant</b>
	C4E		21 <sup>st</sup> Century Grant		SIG/SIF		PTA Funded		In Kind		Other

**Part 5 – Progress Monitoring**

**Part 5a.** Schools are expected to engage in progress monitoring as part of an overall cycle of continuous improvement planning. Identify a mid-point benchmark(s) that will indicate school progress toward meeting the specified goal.

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**Part 5b.** In **February 2016**, review progress towards meeting the annual goal and make adjustments to the action plan, if applicable.

**Section 6: Academic Intervention Services (AIS)**

***(Required for All Schools)***

**Directions:** Schools need to maintain accurate records of students who are receiving Academic Intervention Services (AIS) to ensure that students who are not achieving proficiency receive effective and timely assistance. These records need to be made available upon request and indicate the total number of students receiving AIS in each subject area listed below and for each applicable grade in your school.

<b>Type of Academic Intervention Service (AIS)</b>	<b>Criteria for determining AIS services</b>	<b>Type of Program or strategy (e.g. repeated readings, interactive writings, etc.)</b>	<b>Method for delivery of service (e.g. small group, one-to-one, tutoring, etc.)</b>	<b>When the service is provided (e.g. during the school day, before or after school, etc.)</b>
<b>English Language Arts (ELA)</b>	Wilson reading -30 students Leveled book clubs-55 students	Small group- four or five students	Small group- four or five students	Before,during and after the school day
<b>Mathematics</b>	Skill development- 40 students	Small group- two to three students	Small group-three or four	During and after school
<b>Science</b>	Academic support	Small group- focused on non-fiction reading	Small group- no bigger than 7	During and after school
<b>Social Studies</b>	Academic support	Small group- focused on non-fiction reading and research	Small group- no bigger than 7	During and after school
<b>At-risk services (e.g. provided by the Guidance Counselor, School Psychologist, Social Worker, etc.)</b>	5-10 "At risk" students 35 mandated students		One on one and groups of two or three	Before and during school

## Section 7: Title I Program Information

### Directions:

- All Schools must indicate their Title I status in Part 1.
- All elements of the *All Title I Schools* section must be completed in Part 2.
- All Targeted Assistance (TA) Schools must also complete the *TA Schools Only* section in Part 3.
- All Schoolwide Program (SWP) Schools must also complete the *SWP Schools Only* section in Part 4.
- If a required component is addressed elsewhere in this plan, you may refer to the section where the response can be found [for example, Section 5A-Part 4].
- For additional information, visit the [Title I Intranet webpage](#).

### Part 1: Title I Status

Indicate with an "X" your school's Title I Status.					
	<b>Schoolwide Program (SWP)</b>		<b>Targeted Assistance (TA) Schools</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Non-Title I</b>

### Part 2: All Title I Schools

#### **2a. Highly Qualified Teachers (HQT)**

Describe the strategies and activities including strategies for recruitment, retention, assignments, and support including high quality professional development that ensures staff is highly qualified.

#### **2b. High Quality and Ongoing Professional Development**

Describe the activities and strategies for high quality professional development for teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, and staff that enable all students to meet Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

### Part 3: TA Schools Only

#### **3a. Use of Program Resources**

Describe how the TA program resources will assist participating children to meet proficiency.

#### **3b. TA Coordination with the Regular Program**

Describe the planning, coordination and support of the TA program with the regular educational program (i.e., providing ELT, accelerated, high-quality curriculum, including applied learning; and minimize removing children from the regular classroom during regular school day).

**Part 4: SWP Schools Only**

**4a. Transition Plans to Assist Preschool Children (Elementary Schools Only)**

Describe the transition plans used to assist preschool children from early childhood programs to the elementary school program (e.g. aligned curriculum, joint PD & parent involvement activities, sharing of records/info, early intervention services, etc.).

**4b. Measures to Include Teachers in Decisions Regarding Assessments**

Describe the decision making process that teachers participate in regarding the use and selection of appropriate multiple assessment measures and the professional development provided regarding the use of assessment results to improve instruction.

**4c. "Conceptual" Consolidation of Funds in SWP Schools**

**Directions:** All Schoolwide Program (SWP) schools in NYC are conceptually consolidating their Federal, State, and Local funds, even though the Galaxy system reports the allocations in separate accounting codes<sup>1</sup>. To be eligible for the flexibility consolidation of Federal funds, a Schoolwide Program school must identify in its Schoolwide plan (CEP) which programs are included in its consolidation and the amount each program contributes to the consolidated Schoolwide pool. Additionally, the school plan must document that it has met the intent and purposes of each program whose funds are consolidated<sup>2</sup>. **On the chart below**, indicate which Federal, State, and/or local Tax Levy program funds that are consolidated in your school’s Schoolwide Program, the amount each program contributes to the consolidated Schoolwide pool, and verification that the school has met the intent and purposes of each program whose funds are consolidated.

Program Name	Fund Source (i.e. Federal, State or Local)	Funding Amount Indicate the amount contributed to Schoolwide pool. (Refer to Galaxy for FY '16 school allocation amounts)	Place an (X) in <u>Column A</u> below to verify that the school has met the intent and purposes of each program whose funds are consolidated. Indicate in <u>Column B</u> , section references where a related program activity has been described in this plan.	
			Column A Verify with an (X)	Column B Section Reference(s)
Title I Part A (Basic)	Federal			
Title II, Part A	Federal			
Title III, Part A	Federal			
Title III, Immigrant	Federal			
Tax Levy (FSF)	Local			

**<sup>1</sup>Explanation/Background:**

Title I Schoolwide Program schools are expected to use the flexibility available to them to integrate services and programs with the aim of enhancing the entire educational program and helping all students reach proficient and advanced levels of achievement. In addition to coordinating and integrating services, Schoolwide Program schools may combine most Federal, State and local funds to provide those services. By consolidating funds from Federal, State, and local sources, a Schoolwide Program school can address its needs using *all* its available resources. This gives a school more flexibility in how it uses available resources to meet the identified needs of all its students.

Consolidating funds in a Schoolwide Program means that a school treats the funds it is consolidating like they are a single “pool” of funds. In other words, the funds from the contributing programs in the school lose their individual identity and the school has one flexible pool of funds. The school uses funds from this consolidated Schoolwide pool to support any activity of the Schoolwide Program without regard to which program contributed the specific funds used for a particular activity. To consolidate funding in a Schoolwide Program, the school does not literally need to combine funds in a single account or pool with its own accounting code. Rather, the word “pool” is used **conceptually** to convey that a Schoolwide Program school has the use of all consolidated funds available to it for the dedicated function of operating a Schoolwide Program without regard to the identity of those funds.

Consolidating Federal funds in a Schoolwide Program has the following additional advantages:

- Consolidating Federal funds eases the requirements for accounting for funds from each specific program separately, because a Schoolwide school is not required to distinguish among funds received from different sources when accounting for their use.
- A school that consolidates Federal funds in its Schoolwide Program is not required to meet most of the statutory and regulatory requirements of the specific Federal programs included in the consolidation (e.g., semi-annual time and effort reporting for Title I). However, the school must ensure that it meets the **intent and purposes of the Federal programs** included in the consolidation so that the needs of the intended beneficiaries are met.

<sup>2</sup>The **intent and purposes** of the Federal programs indicated on the chart above (Part 4c of this section) are as follows:

- **Title I, Part A – Schoolwide Programs:** To upgrade the entire educational program in the school in order to improve the academic achievement of all students, particularly the lowest-achieving students. This includes provision of services for Students in Temporary Housing (STH).
- **Title I Priority and Focus School Improvement Funding:** Support implementation of school improvement plans that aims to improve instruction and address the identified needs
- **Title II, Part A:** Supplementary funding to improve student academic achievement by reducing class size in grades K, 1, 2, and 3, with an emphasis on grades with an average register greater than 20. If space is not available to form additional classes, funds may support push-in teacher(s) to supplement the instructional program.
- **Title III, Part A:** To help ensure that children with limited English proficiency become proficient in English, develop high academic attainment in English, and meet the same challenging State academic content and achievement standards in the core academic subjects that all other children are expected to meet. Another purpose of this program is to increase the capacity of schools to establish, implement and sustain high-quality language instruction programs and English language development programs that assist schools in effectively teaching students with limited English proficiency. Title III, Part A is also designed to promote the participation of parents and communities of limited English proficient children in English language instruction programs.
- **Title III Immigrant:** Supplementary and enhanced services to LEP/ELL immigrant students, in the areas of English language acquisition and content area achievement.

**Important Note:** The following funds may not be consolidated:

- **Title I Parent Involvement Set-aside:** Title I, Part A funds must support parent involvement activities and programs. Chancellor’s Regulation A-655 requires School Leadership Teams to consult with Title I parent representatives regarding the Title I program and the use of these funds. Parent involvement activities funded through Title I must be included in the Parent Involvement Policy and aligned with student achievement goals in the school comprehensive educational plan.
- **IDEA:** To ensure that all children with disabilities have available to them a free appropriate public education designed to meet their individual needs.
- **Grant funds awarded via a competitive process:** These funds must be used for the purposes specified by the Grantor, as described in the school’s approved grant application.

**Section 9: Parent Involvement Policy (PIP) and School-Parent Compact (SPC)**  
***(Required for All Title I Schools)***

**Directions:** All Title I schools are required to have a Title I Parent Advisory Council (PAC) that develops a **Parent Involvement Policy (PIP)** in collaboration with the School Leadership Team that meets the parental involvement requirements of Title I. The PIP should describe how your school will plan and implement effective parent involvement activities and/or strategies to improve student academic achievement and school performance. The **School-Parent Compact (SPC)** is a component of the PIP that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share this responsibility.

The activities and/or strategies included in your school's PIP should align with current CEP goals for improving student achievement. Schools are encouraged to include feedback from the Parent Coordinator when updating the policy. In addition, if the school community will be engaged this year in central parent involvement initiatives, such as Parent Academy, which will provide training for school communities to help strengthen family-school partnerships, please be sure to include these activities in the school's policy.

Your school's Title I Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is encouraged to use the sample PIP and SPC templates below (which meet federal Title I parental involvement requirements) as guidance for updating the school's current policy.

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**Parent Involvement Policy (PIP)**

Educational research shows a positive correlation between effective parental involvement and student achievement. The overall aim of this policy is to develop a parent involvement program that will ensure effective involvement of parents and community in the school. , in compliance with the Section 1118 of Title I, Part A of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, is responsible for creating and implementing a parent involvement policy to strengthen the connection and support of student achievement between the school and the families. The school's policy is designed to keep parents informed by actively involving them in planning and decision-making in support of the education of their children. Parents are encouraged to actively participate on the School Leadership Team, Parent Association, and Title I Parent Committee as trained volunteers and welcomed members of the school community. **[School name]** will support parents and families of Title I students by:

- providing materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their achievement level, e.g., literacy, math, and use of technology;
- providing parents with the information and training needed to effectively become involved in planning and decision making in support of the education of their children;
- fostering a caring and effective home-school partnership to ensure that parents can effectively support and monitor their child's progress;
- providing assistance to parents in understanding City, State and Federal standards and assessments;
- sharing information about school and parent related programs, meetings and other activities in a format, and in languages that parents can understand;
- providing professional development opportunities for school staff with the assistance of parents to improve outreach, communication skills and cultural competency in order to build stronger ties between parents and other members of the school community;

The school's Parent Involvement Policy was designed based upon a careful assessment of the needs of all parents/guardians, including parents/guardians of English Language Learners and students with disabilities. The school community will conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parent involvement policy with Title I parents to improve the academic quality of the school. The findings of the evaluation through school surveys and feedback forms will be used to design strategies to more effectively meet the needs of parents, and enhance the school's Title I program. This information will be maintained by the school.

In developing the Title I Parent Involvement Policy, parents of Title I participating students, parent members of the school's Parent Association (or Parent-Teacher Association), as well as parent members of the School Leadership Team, were consulted on the proposed Title I Parent Involvement Policy and asked to survey their members for additional input. To increase and improve parent involvement and school quality, the school will:

- actively involve and engage parents in the planning, review and evaluation of the effectiveness of the school's Title I program as outlined in the School Comprehensive Educational Plan, including the implementation of the school's Title I Parent Involvement Policy and School-Parent Compact;
- engage parents in discussion and decisions regarding the required Title I set-aside funds, which are allocated directly to the school to promote parent involvement, including family literacy and parenting skills;
- ensure that the Title I funds allocated for parent involvement are utilized to implement activities and strategies as described in the school's Parent Involvement Policy and the School-Parent Compact;
- support school-level committees that include parents who are members of the School Leadership Team, the Parent Association (or Parent-Teacher Association) and Title I Parent Committee. This includes providing technical support and ongoing professional development, especially in developing leadership skills;
- maintain a Parent Coordinator (or a dedicated staff person) to serve as a liaison between the school and families. The Parent Coordinator or a dedicated staff person will provide parent workshops based on the assessed needs of the parents of children who attend the school and will work to ensure that the school environment is welcoming and inviting to all parents. The Parent Coordinator will also maintain a log of events and activities planned for parents each month and file a report with the central office.;
- conduct parent workshops with topics that may include: parenting skills, understanding educational accountability, grade-level curriculum, and assessment expectations; literacy, accessing community and support services; and technology training to build parents' capacity to help their children at home;
- provide opportunities for parents to help them understand the accountability system, e.g., NCLB/State accountability system, student proficiency levels, Annual School Report Card, School Quality Report, Quality Review Report, Learning Environment Survey Report;
- host the required Annual Title I Parent Meeting on or before December 1<sup>st</sup> of each school year to advise parents of children participating in the Title I program about the school's Title I funded program(s), their right to be involved in the program and the parent involvement requirements under Title I, Part A, Section 1118 and other applicable sections under the No Child Left Behind Act;
- schedule additional parent meetings, e.g., quarterly meetings with flexible times, such as meetings in the morning or evening, to share information about the school's educational program and other initiatives of the Chancellor and allow parents to provide suggestions;
- translate all critical school documents and provide interpretation during meetings and events as needed;
- conduct an Annual Title I Parent Fair/Event where all parents are invited to attend formal presentations and workshops that address their student academic skill needs and what parents can do to help;

The school will further encourage school-level parental involvement by:

- holding an annual Title I Parent Curriculum Conference;
- hosting educational family events/activities during Parent-Teacher Conferences and throughout the school year;
- encouraging meaningful parent participation on School Leadership Teams, Parent Association (or Parent-Teacher Association) and Title I Parent Committee;
- supporting or hosting Family Day events;
- establishing a Parent Resource Center/Area or lending library; instructional materials for parents;
- encouraging more parents to become trained school volunteers;
- providing written and verbal progress reports that are periodically given to keep parents informed of their children's progress;
- developing and distributing a school newsletter or web publication designed to keep parents informed about school activities and student progress;
- providing school planners/folders for regular written communication between teacher and the home in a format, and to the extent practicable in the languages that parents can understand.

#### **School-Parent Compact (SPC) Template**

**[School name]** , in compliance with the Section 1118 of Title I, Part A of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, is implementing a School-Parent Compact to strengthen the connection and support of student achievement between the school and the families. Staff and parents of students participating in activities and programs funded by Title I, agree that this Compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff and students will share responsibility for

improved academic achievement and the means by which a school-parent partnership will be developed to ensure that all children achieve State Standards on assessments.

### **I. School Responsibilities:**

Provide high quality curriculum and instruction consistent with Common Core State Standards to enable participating children to meet the State's Standards and Assessments by:

- using academic learning time efficiently;
- respecting cultural, racial and ethnic differences;
- implementing a curriculum aligned to the Common Core State Learning Standards;
- offering high quality instruction in all content areas;
- providing instruction by highly qualified teachers and when this does not occur, notifying parents as required by the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act;

Support home-school relationships and improve communication by:

- conducting parent-teacher conferences each semester during which the individual child's achievement will be discussed as well as how this Compact is related;
- convening an Annual Title I Parent Meeting prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> of each school year for parents of students participating in the Title I program to inform them of the school's Title I status and funded programs and their right to be involved;
- arranging additional meetings at other flexible times, e.g., morning, evening and providing (if necessary and funds are available) transportation or child care for those parents who cannot attend a regular meeting;
- respecting the rights of limited English proficient families to receive translated documents and interpretation services in order to ensure participation in the child's education;
- providing information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities is sent to parents of participating children in a format and to the extent practicable in a language that parents can understand;
- involving parents in the planning process to review, evaluate and improve the existing Title I programs, Parent Involvement Policy and this Compact;
- providing parents with timely information regarding performance profiles and individual student assessment results for each child and other pertinent individual school information;
- ensuring that the Parent Involvement Policy and School-Parent Compact are distributed and discussed with parents each year;

Provide parents reasonable access to staff by:

- ensuring that staff will have access to interpretation services in order to effectively communicate with limited English speaking parents;
- notifying parents of the procedures to arrange an appointment with their child's teacher or other school staff member;
- arranging opportunities for parents to receive training to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities;
- planning activities for parents during the school year, e.g., Parent-Teacher Conferences;

Provide general support to parents by:

- creating a safe, supportive and effective learning community for students and a welcoming respectful environment for parents and guardians;
- assisting parents in understanding academic achievement standards and assessments and how to monitor their child's progress by providing professional development opportunities (times will be scheduled so that the majority of parents can attend);
- sharing and communicating best practices for effective communication, collaboration and partnering with all members of the school community;
- supporting parental involvement activities as requested by parents;
- ensuring that the Title I funds allocated for parent involvement are utilized to implement activities as described in this Compact and the Parent Involvement Policy;
- advising parents of their right to file a complaint under the Department's General Complaint Procedures and consistent with the No Child Left Behind Title I requirement for Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and Title I programs;

## **II. Parent/Guardian Responsibilities:**

- monitor my child's attendance and ensure that my child arrives to school on time as well as follow the appropriate procedures to inform the school when my child is absent;
- ensure that my child comes to school rested by setting a schedule for bedtime based on the needs of my child and his/her age;
- check and assist my child in completing homework tasks, when necessary;
- read to my child and/or discuss what my child is reading each day (for a minimum of 15 minutes);
- set limits to the amount of time my child watches television or plays video games;
- promote positive use of extracurricular time such as, extended day learning opportunities, clubs, team sports and/or quality family time;
- encourage my child to follow school rules and regulations and discuss this Compact with my child;
- volunteer in my child's school or assist from my home as time permits;
- participate, as appropriate, in the decisions relating to my child's education;
- communicate with my child's teacher about educational needs and stay informed about their education by prompting reading and responding to all notices received from the school or district;
- respond to surveys, feedback forms and notices when requested;
- become involved in the development, implementation, evaluation and revision to the Parent Involvement Policy and this Compact;
- participate in or request training offered by the school, district, central and/or State Education Department to learn more about teaching and learning strategies whenever possible;
- take part in the school's Parent Association or Parent-Teacher Association or serve to the extent possible on advisory groups, e.g., Title I Parent Committees, School or District Leadership Teams;
- share responsibility for the improved academic achievement of my child;

## **III. Student Responsibilities:**

- attend school regularly and arrive on time;
- complete my homework and submit all assignments on time;
- follow the school rules and be responsible for my actions;
- show respect for myself, other people and property;
- try to resolve disagreements or conflicts peacefully;
- always try my best to learn.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS AND STUDENT SUPPORT**  
**GRADES K-12 LANGUAGE ALLOCATION POLICY**  
**SUBMISSION FORM**  
**2015-16 AND 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR**

DIRECTIONS: This submission form assists schools with gathering and organizing the quantitative and qualitative information necessary for a well-conceived school-based Language Allocation Policy (LAP) that describes high quality programs for English language learners (ELL). This is a two-year plan on how schools will support ELLs' linguistic and academic needs. This LAP form is a part of the school's Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP). Note: this is a living document; any schoolwide changes involving serving ELLs, such as the addition or expansion of a transitional bilingual education (TBE) or dual language (DL) program should be updated in this form. Note new terminology based on CR Part 154.2 and 154.3. Agendas and minutes of LAP meetings should be kept readily available on file in the school. When preparing your school's submission, provide extended responses in the green spaces. Spell-check has been disabled in this file, so consider typing responses to these questions in a separate file before copying them into the submission form. For additional information, refer to the *English Language Learner Policy & Reference Guide*.

**Part I: School ELL Profile**

**A. School Information**

District <b>13</b>	Borough <b>Brooklyn</b>	School Number <b>492</b>
School Name <b>Academy of Arts &amp; Letters</b>		

**B. Language Allocation Policy Team Composition** NOTE: The following staff members should be on the LAP team: principal, assistant principal (where applicable), at least one bilingual teacher from each subject area (where there is a bilingual program), at least one ENL teacher, and one parent.

Principal <b>John O'Reilly</b>	Assistant Principal <b>Meg Crouch</b>
Coach <b>N/A</b>	Coach <b>N/A</b>
ENL (English as a New Language)/Bilingual Teacher <b>N/A</b>	School Counselor <b>RJ Weaver</b>
Teacher/Subject Area <b>Meredith Jacks</b>	Parent <b>Rebecca Ballantine</b>
Teacher/Subject Area <b>Meghan Casey</b>	Parent Coordinator <b>Jeff Rivera</b>
Related-Service Provider <b>Do not have one</b>	Borough Field Support Center Staff Member <b>Camila Holmes</b>
Superintendent <b>Barbara Freeman</b>	Other (Name and Title) <b>type here</b>

**C. Teacher Qualifications**

Provide a report of all staff members' certifications referred to in this section. Press TAB after each number entered to calculate sums and percentages.

Number of certified ENL teachers currently teaching in the ENL program	0	Number of certified bilingual teachers <b>not</b> currently teaching in a bilingual program	0	Number of teachers who hold both content area/common branch and TESOL certification	0
Number of certified bilingual teachers currently teaching in a bilingual program	0	Number of certified foreign language/world language teachers providing home language arts (HLA) to students in bilingual programs [applicable to grades 7–12]	0	Number of teachers who hold both a bilingual extension and TESOL certification	0
Number of certified ENL teachers <b>not</b> currently teaching in the ENL program	0	Number of teachers currently teaching a self-contained ENL class who hold both a common branch license and TESOL certification [applicable to grades K–6]	0	Number of special education teachers with bilingual extensions	0

**D. Student Demographics**

Total number of students in school (excluding pre-K)	514	Total number of ELLs	3	ELLs as share of total student population (%)	0.00%
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# Part II: ELL Demographics

## A. ELL Programs

<b>This school serves the following grades (includes ELLs and non-ELLs)</b> Check all that apply	K <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/>
	6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7 <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12 <input type="checkbox"/>

### This school offers (check all that apply):

Transitional bilingual education program (TBE)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, indicate language(s):
Dual language program (DL)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, indicate language(s):
Freestanding ENL	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Provide the number of bilingual programs for each grade at your school. Each language within the bilingual program is considered a separate program. Count ICT bilingual classes, bilingual special classes, and general education bilingual classes within one grade as separate programs;

Bilingual Program Breakdown														
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Tot #
<b>Transitional Bilingual Education</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
<b>Dual Language</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## B. ELL Years of Service and Programs

Number of ELLs by Subgroups					
<b>All ELLs</b>	3	<b>Newcomers</b> (ELLs receiving service 0-3 years)	1	<b>ELL Students with Disabilities</b>	1
<b>SIFE</b>		<b>Developing ELLs</b> (ELLs receiving service 4-6 years)	1	<b>Long-Term</b> (ELLs receiving service 7 or more years)	1

Enter the number of ELLs by years of identification and program model in each box. Enter the number of ELLs within a subgroup who are also SIFE or SWD.

	ELLs by Subgroups									Total
	Newcomer ELLs (0-3 years of service)			Developing ELLs (4-6 years of service)			Long-Term ELLs (receiving 7 or more years of service)			
	All	SIFE	SWD	All	SIFE	SWD	All	SIFE	SWD	
<b>TBE</b>										0
<b>DL</b>										0
<b>ENL</b>	1			1			1			0
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Number of ELLs who have an alternate placement paraprofessional: 0

## C. Home Language Breakdown and ELL Programs

**Transitional Bilingual Education**

**Number of ELLs by Grade in Each Language Group**

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
SELECT ONE _____														0
SELECT ONE _____														0
SELECT ONE _____														0
<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Dual Language (ELLs/EPs\*)  
K-8**

**Number of ELLs by Grade in Each Language Group**

	K		1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		TOTAL	
	ELL	EP	ELL	EP																
SELECT ONE _____																			0	0
SELECT ONE _____																			0	0
SELECT ONE _____																			0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

\* EP=English proficient student

**Dual Language (ELLs/EPs)  
9-12**

**Number of ELLs by Grade in Each Language Group**

	9		10		11		12		TOTAL	
	ELL	EP	ELL	EP	ELL	EP	ELL	EP	ELL	EP
SELECT ONE _____									0	0
SELECT ONE _____									0	0
SELECT ONE _____									0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**This Section is for Dual Language Programs Only**

Number of students (students fluent in both languages): _____	Number of students who speak three or more languages: _____
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### Freestanding English as a New Language

#### Number of ELLs by Grade in Each Language Group

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Spanish									2					0
Chinese														0
Russian														0
Bengali														0
Urdu														0
Arabic														0
Haitian														0
French														0
Korean														0
Punjabi														0
Polish														0
Albanian														0
Other Italian		1												0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>													

## Part III: Assessment Analysis

### Assessment Breakdown

Enter the number of ELLs for each test, category, and modality. Data should reflect latest results of your school.

#### OVERALL NYSESLAT\* PROFICIENCY RESULTS (\*NYSITELL FOR NEW ADMITS)

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
<b>Entering</b> (Beginning)														0
<b>Emerging</b> (Low Intermediate)														0
<b>Transitioning</b> (High Intermediate)														0
<b>Expanding</b> (Advanced)									2					0
<b>Commanding</b> (Proficient)														0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### FORMER ELLS BASED ON REVISED EXITING CRITERIA

GRADES 3-8: EXPANDING ON NYSESLAT AND TEST AT LEVEL 3 OR 4 ON THE ELA  
 GRADES 9-12: EXPANDING ON THE NYSESLAT AND TEST 65 OR HIGHER ON THE ENGLISH REGENTS

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Total														0

#### FORMER ELLS THAT TESTED OUT WITHIN PREVIOUS TWO YEARS AND CONTINUE TO REMAIN ENTITLED TO ENGLISH AS A NEW LANGUAGE

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Total														0

NYS ELA					
Grade	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Total
3					0
4					0
5					0
6					0
7	1	1			0
8					0
NYSAA					0

NYS Math									
Grade	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4		Total
	English	HL	English	HL	English	HL	English	HL	
3									0
4									0
5									0
6									0
7	1		1						0
8									0
NYSAA									0

NYS Science									
	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4		Total
	English	HL	English	HL	English	HL	English	HL	
4			1						0
8									0
NYSAA Bilingual (SWD)									0

New York State Regents Exam				
	Number of ELLs Taking Test		Number of ELLs Passing Test	
	English	Home Language	English	Home Language
Comprehensive English/Common Core ELA				
Integrated Algebra/CC Algebra				
Geometry/CC Algebra				
Algebra 2/Trigonometry Math _____				
Chemistry				
Earth Science				
Living Environment				
Physics				

New York State Regents Exam				
	Number of ELLs Taking Test		Number of ELLs Passing Test	
	English	Home Language	English	Home Language
Global History and Geography				
Geography				
US History and Government				
LOTE				
Government				
Other _____				
Other _____				
NYSAA ELA				
NYSAA Mathematics				
NYSAA Social Studies				
NYSAA Science				

Home Language Assessments								
	# of ELLs scoring at each quartile (based on percentiles)				# of EPs (DL only) scoring at each quartile (based on percentiles)			
	Q1 1-25 percentile	Q2 26-50 percentile	Q3 51-75 percentile	Q4 76-99 percentile	Q1 1-25 percentile	Q2 26-50 percentile	Q3 51-75 percentile	Q4 76-99 percentile
ELE (Spanish Reading Test)								
Chinese Reading Test								

**After reviewing and analyzing the assessment data, answer the following:**

- Describe what assessment tool your school uses to assess the early literacy skills of your ELLs (e.g., EL SOL, Estrellita, Fountas and Pinnell, DRA, TCRWP, teacher-created assessments). What insights does the data provide about your ELLs? How will this data help inform your school's instructional plan? Provide any quantitative data available to support your response.  
We currently use Fountas & Pinnell and the Gray Silent Reading Test to routinely assess the early literacy skills of our ELLs. Data shows that these students are reading below grade level, not unlike our other high need populations. Understanding this data has allowed us to imbed more language intensive supports into our unit plans. Additionally, these students receive ongoing supports during one-on-one conferencing time with our instructional team. Our three ELLs are also a part of our reading intervention program.
- What is revealed by the data patterns across performance levels (on the NYSITELL and NYSESLAT) and grades?  
Currently, the two ELLs who are in 8th grade are at an advanced proficiency level. These students have plateaued in their English proficiency having achieved an at an advanced level on the NYSESLAT for the last 3 years.
- How does your school use information about Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives? What does the data reveal? (see [SED memo](#) and [AMAO tool](#))  
The two ELLs in our 8th grade receive extra support during a grant funded afterschool program in literacy and writing. We use the state test data and school grades to track the progress of these two students. We do not use AMAO.
- For each program, answer the following:
  - What are the patterns across performance levels and grades? How are ELLs faring in tests taken in English as compared to the home language?
  - Describe how the school leadership and teachers are using the results of the ELL periodic assessments.
  - What is the school learning about ELLs from the periodic assessments? How is the home language used?
    - Given that we have only two ELLs in the 8th grade and our other ELL was a Kindergartener last year it is difficult to find patterns across grades and proficiencies. All of the tests that we give to the two 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are the same as what all of the 8th graders get. We have not given assessments to the students in their home language.
    - We are not using the results of the ELL Periodic Assessments in our planning.
    - Currently the school is not using the ELL Periodic Assessments. Their native language is supported by the use of bilingual glossaries as needed by the students. Additionally, translation support is provided by the teachers or their bilingual peers when necessary.

5. Describe how your school uses data to guide instruction for ELLs within the Response to Intervention (RtI) framework (for grades K-5). [Refer to [ELL Policy and Reference Guide, Support Services for ELLs \(RTI and AIS\)](#) section and [RtI Guide for Teachers of ELLs](#).]
- Our school has many systems in place to assess, track, and remediate for students not making adequate progress at any point during the year. First, units are designed with assessment in mind. Teachers use Fountas and Pinnell and the DRP reading assessment to track formal reading levels. In addition they regularly assess and track students' progress during reading and writing conferences and administer assessments at the beginning and end of each unit. Detailed records are kept of each of weekly conference. Mid and end of unit math assessments, as well as daily formative assessments, inform teachers as to which students met the objective for the day, and this information is used to create groups as well as additional interventions. In writing, teachers plan conferences across the unit to collect and assess student drafts, and they grade end of unit writing products as well as "on-demand" writing across the year and across subjects. Assessment results are shared with grade-level teams on a quarterly basis.
- At our school, we identify students at each tier at regular intervals across the year using benchmark assessments; October, February , and May. At this time, teachers develop formal at-risk plans with the input of all appropriate service providers for students at risk of not meeting promotional standards as well as students at risk of not meeting grade level standards. Teachers continually assess all students but especially those at risk to see that interventions are working and if not they are adjusted. Coaches meet on a regular basis with teachers to discuss the progress of these students, and are an integral part of developing the at-risk plans across the year.
6. How do you make sure that a student's new language development is considered in instructional decisions?
- The children's English proficiency is examined from the use of the NYSESLAT scores, as well as data collected from our Fountas and Pinnell assessments. This data informs the instruction of our ELLs and additional supports, such as graphic organizers and use of visuals are provided as needed.
7. For dual language programs, answer the following:
- How are the English-proficient students (EPs) assessed in the target language?
  - What is the level of language proficiency in the target language for EPs?
  - How are EPs performing on State and other assessments?
- N/A
8. Describe how you evaluate the success of your programs for ELLs (e.g., meeting AYP for ELLs).
- We evaluate the success of our programs for ELLs by measuring their progress on State examinations, such as the ELA and NYSESLAT. In addition, we monitor their progress in their reading levels through the use of Fountas & Pinnell running record. We are also using the DRP reading assessment.

## Part IV: ELL Identification Process

Describe how you identify English language learners (ELLs) in your school.

- Describe the steps followed for the initial identification of ELLs. These steps must include administering the K–12 Home Language Identification Survey (HLIS) which includes the student and parent interviews in English and/or the parent's preferred language of communication, and the formal initial assessments (i.e., NYSITELL, Spanish LAB, and LENS). Identify the person(s) responsible, including their qualifications. Refer to [ELL Policy and Reference Guide, ELL Identification](#) section.

Parents are given a Home Language Survey (HLIS) to identify the child's language proficiency. If the child is identified as an eligible candidate for Bilingual instructional services, an informal interview is given to the candidate by a pedagogue and the Language Battery Assessment (LAB-R) is given to identify the child as an English Language Learner or English Proficient. An entitlement letter is provided to parents to inform them about the child's identification and the child is enrolled in the appropriate program within ten days.

- Describe how assessments are used to identify SIFE (Students with Interrupted/Inconsistent Formal Education) within 30 days of enrollment (e.g., LENS, SIFE questionnaire, student work).

Our school has many systems in place to assess, track, and remediate for students not making adequate progress at any point during the year. First, units are designed with assessment in mind. Teachers use Fountas and Pinnell and the DRP reading assessment to track formal reading levels. In addition they regularly assess and track students' progress during reading and writing conferences and administer assessments at the beginning and end of each unit. Detailed records are kept of each of weekly conference. Mid and end of unit math assessments, as well as daily formative assessments, inform teachers as to which students met the objective for the day, and this information is used to create groups as well as additional interventions. In writing, teachers plan conferences across the unit to collect and assess student drafts, and they grade end of unit writing products as well as "on-demand" writing across the year and across subjects. Assessment results are shared with grade-level teams on a quarterly basis.

- Describe the identification for newly enrolled students with IEPs. Include titles of the Language Proficiency Team (LPT) members

(refer to *ELL Policy and Reference Guide, ELL Identification* section).

Entitlement Letter is provided for the parents during their orientation. Yanira Negron (early childhood special education coordinator) and Meghan Crouch (assistant principal and testing coordinator) support the parents during the orientation. The entitlement letter addresses ESL placement or non-placement based on LAB-R results. The form is duplicated and kept on file

4. Describe how your school ensures that entitlement and non-entitlement parent notification letters are distributed within five school days after the NYSITELL is scanned and score is determined.  
Our parent coordinator, guidance counselor and/or ESL Coordinator review the parent choice video with new parents to the NYC Department of Education. Parents are given opportunities to ask questions about the three program models (TBE, DL, and ESL) offered in New York City. Parents may ask any additional questions after reviewing the video. Additionally, parents are given the opportunity to select a program model after viewing the video and asking questions about the three program models. Our school only offers free-standing ESL services. Therefore, if a family selects another program of service, we will provide accommodations for the student. If a parent chooses an alternative program, we will contact the Office of ELLS via their email address (ELLProgramTransfers@schools.nyc.gov) and attempt to find an alternative placement. After the LAB-R is administered, it is hand-scored and the appropriate ESL level is determined for the student.
5. Describe how parents are informed that they have the right to appeal ELL status within 45 days of enrollment (refer to *ELL Policy and Reference Guide, Re-Identification of ELL Status* section).  
Parents are informed of their right to appeal ELL status within 45 days during the orientation process.
6. What structures are in place at your school to ensure that parents understand all three program choices (transitional bilingual education, dual language, and freestanding ENL) through the mandated parent orientation within the specified timeframe? Describe the process, outreach plan, and timelines.  
Our parent coordinator, guidance counselor and/or ESL Coordinator review the parent choice video with new parents to the NYC Department of Education. Parents are given opportunities to ask questions about the three program models (TBE, DL, and ESL) offered in New York City. Parents may ask any additional questions after reviewing the video. Additionally, parents are given the opportunity to select a program model after viewing the video and asking questions about the three program models. Our school only offers free-standing ESL services. Therefore, if a family selects another program of service, we will provide accommodations for the student. If a parent chooses an alternative program, we will contact the Office of ELLS via their email address (ELLProgramTransfers@schools.nyc.gov) and attempt to find an alternative placement. After the LAB-R is administered, it is hand-scored and the appropriate ESL level is determined for the student.
7. Include how your school reaches out to parents to ensure Parent Surveys and Program Selection forms are returned in a timely manner and how your school monitors parent program choice. As per CR Part154.2, if a form is not returned, the default program for ELLs is bilingual education.  
We make phone calls to remind families that the Parent Surveys and Program Selection forms are returned in a timely manner. We also try to get families to complete all of the forms during the orientation meeting.
8. Describe how your school monitors the *Parent Survey and Program Selection* forms that have not been completed and returned.  
In our weekly Administration team meeting we discuss completed and returned Parent Survey and Program Selection forms.
9. Describe how your school ensures that placement parent notification letters are distributed.  
The placement parent notification letters are distributed to classroom teachers who then backpack the letters home to students. We also send the letters through the mail.
10. Describe how your school retains all ELL documentation for each child (i.e., HLIS, non-entitlement, and entitlement letters).  
We have portfolios for each student- projects, test results and attendance information.
11. Describe the steps taken to administer all sections of the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) to all ELLs each year.  
Students eligible to take the NYSESLAT are identified by using the RLAT and RLER reports on ATS. Once students are identified, their daily programs are examined to determine a suitable schedule for the four sections of the NYSESLAT. Additionally, the testing coordinators along with the administration identify the qualified teachers for administering all parts of the exam. Generally, students are pulled out from their classes by the ESL teachers for the speaking section of the NYSESLAT. A separate testing schedule is created to test eligible students for the listening, reading and writing sections. Over a three-day span, students are given a different section of the test each day. Meghan Crouch is our testing coordinator and assistant principal.
12. Describe how your school ensures that continued entitlement and transitional support parent notification letters are distributed.  
The continued entitlement and transitional support parent notification letters are distributed to classroom teachers who then backpack the letters home to students. We also send the letters through the mail.
13. After reviewing the Parent Survey and Program Selection forms for the past few years, what is the trend in program choices that parents have requested? Provide numbers. Are the program models offered at your school aligned with parent requests? If no, why not? How will you build alignment between parent choice and program offerings as per Aspira Consent Decree? Describe specific steps underway. (Refer to question six).

Over the past few years, our school has admitted only one English Language Learner. There is not enough ELL data from the Parent Survey to see trends in parent choice

## Part V: ELL Programming

### A. Programming and Scheduling Information

1. How is instruction for ELLs delivered in the following programs? Include how integrated and standalone ENL are implemented as per CR Part 154.2 as well as how students are grouped (e.g., block [class travels together as a group], ungraded [all students regardless of grade are in one class], heterogeneous [mixed proficiency levels], homogeneous [proficiency level is the same in one class]).
  - a. Freestanding ENL program.  
Currently, Arts & Letters implements an inclusion English as a Second Language (ESL) Program. The primary goal of the program is to assist students in achieving English Language proficiency as soon as possible. Because we have so few ELLs, and they are on the same grade and proficiency level, these students travel together as part of a larger heterogeneous block of students.
  - b. TBE program. *If applicable.*  
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  - c. DL program. *If applicable.*  
Paste response to questions here:
2. How does the school ensure the mandated number of instructional minutes is provided according to proficiency levels in each program model?
  - a. How are explicit ENL, ELA, and HLA instructional minutes delivered in each program model (see charts 5.1 and 5.2 below)?  
Currently, we do not have a licensed ESL teacher on staff; however, weekly interventions are provided by our AIS teacher to ensure that the mandated number of instructional minutes are being fulfilled. The goal of our ESL program is to foster full English proficiency in a supportive classroom environment. Specifically, we utilize the following practices:
    - Collaborative planning between teachers.
    - Scaffolding is an essential part of the instructional delivery, and we use the “gradual release of responsibility modeling, following the trajectory: “I do it—we do it—you do it together—you do it alone!”
    - Assisting students during work periods, conferencing with students in and out of class, informal assessments, and running records.
    - Additional small group AIS sessions for each grade prior to all state assessments, to focus on literacy and academic language.As a small school, our grade teams take extra time to look at the needs of individual students and discuss their needs. In particular, were we to have ELL students, we would need to make sure that these students received extra time for focus, inclusive of the presence of the ESL certified individual.  
In addition, we ensure that all ESL students are enrolled in our extended-day program, which focuses on reading intervention utilizing small group and individualized instruction.
3. Describe how core content is delivered in each program model. Specify language, and the instructional approaches and methods used to make content comprehensible to foster language development and meet the demands of the Common Core Learning Standards.  
Goals of the program include:
  - To amplify the literacy and academic skills of ELLs who participate in our program
  - To incorporate recognized and researched based ESL instructional strategies across content subject areas.
  - To give students the skills to perform at city and state grade level in all subject areas
4. How do you ensure that ELLs are appropriately evaluated in their home languages throughout the year?  
Because our students are English dominant, we currently do not have a system to evaluate their native language throughout the year. Should our school's population of ELLs increase, then native language assessments such as Fountas & Pinnel or the DRA would be explored for use with our students.
5. How do you ensure that ELLs are appropriately evaluated in all four modalities of English acquisition throughout the year?  
Teacher-generated summative and formative assessments are designed to address the four modalities in English throughout the year. Additionally, Fountas & Pinnel running records are used to continually assess the students reading and comprehension levels
6. How do you differentiate instruction for each of the following ELL subgroups?
  - a. SIFE

- b. Newcomer
- c. Developing
- d. Long Term
- e. Former ELLs up to two years after exiting ELL status

Students arriving as SIFE or newcomers would receive additional intervention, such as word work with phonics and phonemic awareness, vocabulary development and explicit teaching of conventions and mechanics. These students would also receive social and emotional support through advisories and our student life office to help aid in their transition to a new country. ELLs who have been receiving services for 4 or more years would receive vocabulary development and explicit teaching of conventions and mechanics to support what they are learning in the content areas. Close-reading and decoding strategies would also be utilized to help them improve their reading proficiency. The progress of former ELLs would be closely monitored and interventions would be provided for these students as indicated from their formative and summative assessments.

7. For students re-identified as ELL or non-ELL, based on an approved re-identification appeal within 45 days of student enrollment, describe how the school ensures the student’s academic progress has not been adversely affected by the re-identification (within 6–12 months after the re-identification has been established). Refer to [ELL Policy and Reference Guide, Re-Identification of ELL Status](#) section.

Teachers use Fountas and Pinnell and the DRP reading assessment to track formal reading levels. We conduct these assessments by mid October. We believe that these will tell us whether or not a student’s academic progress has been adversely affected by the re-identification.

8. What instructional strategies and grade-level materials do teachers of ELL-SWDs use that both provide access to academic content areas and accelerate English language development?

Teachers would have access to a variety of materials that specifically address the multi-sensory needs of ELL-SWD’s. Grade level materials would be created as a by-product of our monthly grade level teams curricula mapping work. Charts, handouts or any curriculum related material could be transcribed and/or translated for students as part of their reading/writing toolkit.

9. How does your school use curricular, instructional, and scheduling flexibility to enable ELL-SWDs to achieve their IEP goals and attain English proficiency within the least restrictive environment?

Students would be provided with differentiated instruction based on their individual needs as detailed in their IEP or intervention plans. Intervention and classroom teachers would work collaboratively with related service providers to effectively plan for each student and to incorporate goals and objectives for the student that are reflective of their disability and their needs as English Language Learners.

Chart

**Part 154-2 (K-8) English as New Language (ENL) Units of Study and Staffing Requirements**

All ENL classes, including Integrated and Stand-alone offer home language support.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY LEVEL	ENTERING (Beginning)	EMERGING (Low Intermediate)	TRANSITIONING (Intermediate)	EXPANDING (Advanced)	COMMANDING (Proficient)
ENL INSTRUCTIONAL TIME (MINIMUM)	2 units of study <i>per week</i> (360 min.)	2 units of study <i>per week</i> (360 min.)	1 unit of study <i>per week</i> (180 min.)	1 unit of study <i>per week</i> (180 min.)	Former ELLs must continue to receive services for an additional two years
STAND-ALONE ENL	1 unit of study in ENL (180 min.)	.5 unit of study in ENL (90 min.)			
INTEGRATED ENL	1 unit of study in ENL/ELA (180 min.)	1 unit of study in ENL/ELA (180 min.)	.5 unit of study in ENL/ELA (90 min.)	1 unit of study in ENL/ELA or other Content Area (180 min.)	
FLEXIBILITY		.5 unit of study can be STAND-ALONE ENL <i>or</i> INTEGRATED ENL/Content Area (90 min.)	.5 unit of study can be STAND-ALONE ENL <i>or</i> INTEGRATED ENL/Content Area (90 min.)		.5 unit of study per week of INTEGRATED ENL in ELA <i>or</i> Content Area, <i>or</i> other approved services*
TOTAL	360 minutes per week	360 minutes per week	180 minutes per week	180 minutes per week	
STAFFING/ PERSONNEL	<u>STAND-ALONE ENL</u> K-12 Certified ESOL teacher		<u>INTEGRATED ENL – 1 DUALY CERTIFIED TEACHER</u> ESOL and Common Branch (K-6) or Content Area (7-8) teacher who holds both certifications <u>INTEGRATED ENL – 2 INDIVIDUALLY CERTIFIED TEACHERS (CO-TEACHING)</u> A certified ESOL teacher and a K-6 certified elementary school teacher A certified ESOL teacher and a 7-8 certified content area teacher (ELA, Math, Science, or Social Studies)		
The maximum allowable grade span for grouping instruction in grades K-12 English as a New Language or Bilingual Education classes is two contiguous grades, except for English Language Learners in a special education class, as defined by section 200.1(uu) of this Title. All programs must be provided during the school day.					

\*Other services that are approved by the NYS Commissioner, that monitor and support the student’s language development and academic progress. Core Content Area shall mean ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies. One unit of study = 180 minutes of instruction per week per year.



\*Note “other approved services” does not apply to New York City at this time.

Chart

**CR Part 154-2 (9-12) English as New Language (ENL) Units of Study and Staffing Requirements**

All ENL classes, including Integrated and Stand-alone offer home language support.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY LEVEL	ENTERING (Beginning)	EMERGING (Low Intermediate)	TRANSITIONING (Intermediate)	EXPANDING (Advanced)	COMMANDING (Proficient)
ENL INSTRUCTIONAL TIME (MINIMUM)	3 units of study <i>per week</i> (540 min.)	2 units of study <i>per week</i> (360 min.)	1 unit of study <i>per week</i> (180 min.)	1 unit of study <i>per week</i> (180 min.)	Former ELLs must continue to receive services for an additional two years
STAND-ALONE ENL	1 unit of study in ENL (180 min.)	.5 unit of study in ENL (90 min.)			
INTEGRATED ENL	1 unit of study in ENL/ELA (180 min.)	1 unit of study in ENL/ELA (180 min.)	.5 unit of study in ENL/Content Area (90 min.)	1 unit of study in ENL/Content Area (180 min.)	
FLEXIBILITY	1 unit of study can be STAND-ALONE ENL instruction <i>or</i> INTEGRATED ENL in Content Area (180 min.)	.5 unit of study can be STAND-ALONE ENL <i>or</i> INTEGRATED ENL/Content Area (90 min.)	.5 unit of study can be STAND-ALONE ENL <i>or</i> INTEGRATED ENL/Content Area (90 min.)		.5 unit of study per week of INTEGRATED ENL in ELA/Content Area, <i>or</i> other approved services*
TOTAL	540 minutes per week	360 minutes per week	180 minutes per week	180 minutes per week	
AWARDING CREDITS	<u>STAND-ALONE ENL</u> Elective credit is awarded upon passing each corresponding STAND-ALONE ENL unit of study		<u>INTEGRATED ENL</u> Content Area credit is awarded upon passing each corresponding ENL unit of study in ELA, Math, Science, or Social Studies		
STAFFING/ PERSONNEL	<u>STAND-ALONE ENL</u> K-12 Certified ESOL Teacher		<u>INTEGRATED ENL – 1 DUALY CERTIFIED TEACHER</u> ESOL or Content Area (7-12) teacher who holds both certifications <u>INTEGRATED ENL – 2 INDIVIDUALLY CERTIFIED TEACHERS (CO-TEACHING)</u> A certified ESOL teacher and a 7-12 certified Content Area teacher		
The maximum allowable grade span for grouping instruction in grades K-12 English as a New Language or Bilingual Education classes is two contiguous grades, except for English Language Learners in a special class, as defined by section 200.1(uu) of this Title. All programs must be provided during the school day.					

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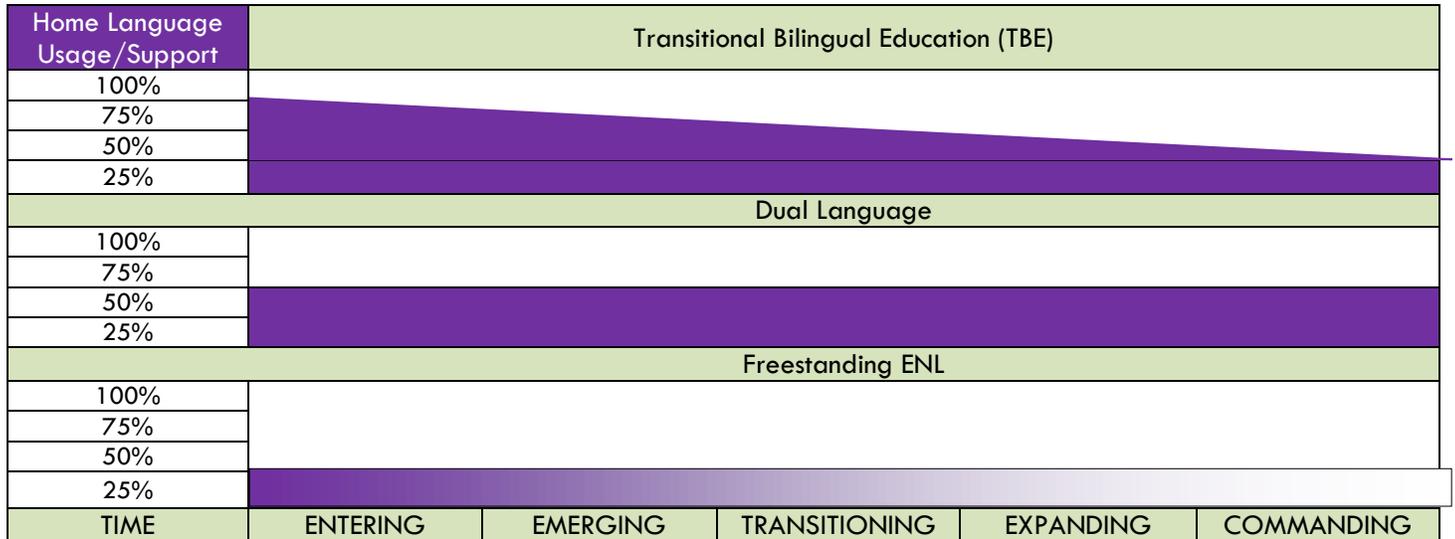


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Chart 5.3

### Home Language Usage and Supports

The chart below is a visual representation designed to show the variation of home language usage and supports across the program models. Note that home language support is never zero. TBE and dual language programs have both home language arts and subject areas taught in the home language; ENL has home language supports.



## A. Programming and Scheduling Information--Continued

10. Describe your targeted intervention programs for ELLs in ELA, math, and other core content areas (specify ELL subgroups targeted). List the range of intervention services offered in your school for the above areas as well as the language(s) in which they are offered.  
**Paste response to question here:**
11. Describe the effectiveness of your current program and how it is meeting the needs of your ELLs in both content and language development.  
**Paste response to question here:**
12. What new programs or improvements will be considered for the upcoming school year?  
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13. What programs/services for ELLs will be discontinued and why?  
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14. How are ELLs afforded equal access to all school programs? Describe after school and supplemental services offered to ELLs in your building.  
**Paste response to question here:**
15. What instructional materials, including technology, are used to support ELLs? Include core content area as well as language materials; list ELL subgroups if necessary.  
**Paste response to question here:**
16. How is home language support delivered in each program model (DL, TBE, and ENL)?  
**Paste response to question here:**
17. Explain how the school ensures all required services/resources support and correspond to ELLs' ages and grade levels.  
**Paste response to question here:**
18. Describe activities in your school that assist newly enrolled ELLs before the beginning of the school year. Include activities for new ELLs who enroll throughout the school year. Include titles of school staff involved in such activities (e.g., school counselor, parent coordinator).  
**Paste response to question here:**
19. What language electives are offered to ELLs?  
**Paste response to question here:**
20. For schools with dual language programs:
  - a. What dual language model is used (e.g., side-by-side, self-contained)? Explain how much of the instructional day (percentage) EPs and ELLs are integrated.
  - b. In which language(s) is each core content area taught?
  - c. How is each language separated for instruction?
  - d. Is emergent literacy taught in the child's home language first (sequential), or are both languages taught at the same time (simultaneous)?

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## B. Professional Development and Support for School Staff

1. Describe the professional development plan for all ELL personnel at the school. (Include all teachers of ELLs.)  
**Paste response to question here:**
2. What professional development is offered to teachers of ELLs (including ENL and bilingual teachers) in supporting ELLs as they engage in the Common Core Learning Standards?  
**Paste response to question here:**
3. What support do you provide staff to assist ELLs as they transition from elementary to middle and/or middle to high school?  
**Paste response to question here:**
4. Describe how your school meets the professional development requirements as per CR Part 154.2: 15% of total hours for all teachers and 50% of total hours for bilingual education/ENL teachers receive ELL-specific professional development. Include how records are kept for professional development activities (e.g. agendas, attendance). Refer to [\*ELL Policy and Reference Guide, Professional Development\*](#) section.

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### C. Parental Involvement

1. How does the school provide annual individual meetings with parents of ELLs to discuss goals of the program, language development progress, language proficiency assessment results, and language development needs in all content areas? Include provisions for interpretation and translation as needed. Note these meetings do not include mandated parent orientation meetings and DOE-scheduled parent-teacher conferences?

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2. Include how records are kept for annual individual meetings with ELL parents as well as outreach to ensure parent needs are accommodated (e.g., in person meetings, phone calls, letters). Refer to [ELL Policy Reference Guide, Parent Selection and Program Placement](#) section.

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3. Describe ELL parent involvement in your school. Include specific activities that foster parental involvement for parents of ELLs.

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4. Does the school partner with other agencies or Community Based Organizations to provide workshops or services to ELL parents?

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5. How do you evaluate the needs of the parents?

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6. How do your parental involvement activities address the needs of the parents?

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### D. Additional Information

Include any additional information that would be relevant to your LAP and would further explain and highlight your program for ELLs. You may attach/submit charts. This form does not allow graphics and charts to be pasted.

**Paste response here:**

# Part VI: LAP Assurances

School Name: _		School DBN: _	
Signatures of LAP team members certify that the information provided is accurate. Names listed in Part A, should align with this section.			
Name (PRINT)	Title	Signature	Date (mm/dd/yy)
	Principal		1/1/01
	Assistant Principal		1/1/01
	Parent Coordinator		1/1/01
	ENL/Bilingual Teacher		1/1/01
	Parent		1/1/01
	Teacher/Subject Area		1/1/01
	Teacher/Subject Area		1/1/01
	Coach		1/1/01
	Coach		1/1/01
	School Counselor		1/1/01
	Superintendent		1/1/01
	Borough Field Support Center Staff Member _____		1/1/01
	Other _____		1/1/01
	Other _____		1/1/01
	Other _____		1/1/01

## 2015-2016 LANGUAGE TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION PLAN

*Requirement under Chancellor's Regulations – for all schools*

DBN:            **School Name: Academy of Arts & Letters**  
                  **Superintendent: Barbara Freeman**

### Before you begin, please check the following:

- Principal has designated a Language Access Coordinator (LAC) in Galaxy**
- The LAC has attended an in-person or online training ([www.learnndoe.org/tiu/lac](http://www.learnndoe.org/tiu/lac)) by the Translation and Interpretation Unit**
- The LAC is involved in the development of this Translation and Interpretation Plan**

**School Goal:** To ensure that parents whose preferred language is other than English are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in and have access to programs and services critical to their child's education ([Chancellor's Regulation A-663](#)).

By developing each of the following components, your school will have a comprehensive plan to provide translation and interpretation services for all parents who require such services.

### Part A: Identification and Assessment of Limited-English-Proficient Parents

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1. Describe the data and methodologies used to assess language preferences of the parent community for both written and oral communication. Include pertinent information culled from Part III of the Home Language Identification Survey (HLIS), ATS reports, Student Emergency Contact cards, and any surveys conducted by your school.

All parents/guardians of newly enrolled students fill out a Home Language Survey when enrolling their child. This form is maintained as part of the student's record. If the parent/guardian indicates on the HLIS that they would like to receive information from the school in their home language, forms being sent home are translated either in written form or orally to the parent/guardian. Information from teachers is translated to parents by staff members who speak the home language. There are currently 3 ELLs at the Academy of Arts & Letters. No parent has requested information to be sent home in a language other than English. However, the DOE Translation and Interpretation Unit will be utilized if a parent/guardian should request these services. This was indicated on the HLIS as well as confirmed orally by a pedagogue who speaks the parents' home language. During parent orientation, the parents provide requests for language preference and they document their language preference on the emergency contact cards. Parent surveys are distributed in Bengali, the language requested, as well as English which has been requested by the parents. The ATS Report of Preferred Languages is updated regularly in order to maintain accurate information on parent language choices ( RAPO ATS Report). Parent Blue Cards are also updated regularly to keep parent language choices current. Parent surveys are given out by the parent coordinator in order to maintain accurate data on parent language choices. Teachers also send home surveys by backpack or during parent conferences in order to collect parent data by class/grade. A report is generated using a variety of data sets in order to regularly update the languages that parents speak by class and/or grade.

2. List parents' preferred languages for both written and oral communication. Include all languages, even if only a limited number of parents indicate a language.

More than 99 percent of the school's population reports English as the primary language. The remaining fraction of a percent speak Spanish and Italian. The school's demographic is made available on the school's official DOE website and is periodically reported in our school's newsletter. Teachers whose parents have elected to receive information in their home language have had this information communicated to them by the ENL teacher/coordinator. All parents have requested information to be sent in English. This was indicated on the HLIS. Language needs are met through the utilization of the DOE Translation and Interpretation Unit.

## **Part B: Creating a Communications Calendar**

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1. List the documents your school typically disseminates every year that require translation and when they will be distributed to families. (The following contain critical information about educational programs and services and must be translated – annual handbooks, newsletters, calendars, parent-teacher conference announcements, after-school program information, New York State testing dates, general overview of student curriculum, letters from the school leadership.)

Documents which are distributed to parents/guardians and require translations are: annual handbooks, parent-teacher conference announcements, ELL parent orientation information letters, NYSESLAT testing notification and calendar, other NYS testing dates, curriculum overview, ELL entitlement and non-entitlement letters, as well as letters from the school leadership. Curriculum information is sent at the beginning of the school year. Testing dates and calendars are provided as soon as they become available in order to allow parent/guardians to prepare themselves as well as their children for upcoming events. Parent's Bill of Rights are distributed as they become available to the school. School announcements, after school program information, general overview of student curriculum and letters from school leadership is translated in order to keep all parents aware and engaged on all school matters.

2. List the formal face-to-face meetings your school will typically have with parents throughout the school year, such as parent-teacher conferences or curriculum nights, and when they will occur. As much as possible, also indicate any anticipated informal interactions, such as attendance teacher or guidance counselor calls to parents.

The Academy of Arts & Letters holds four parent conferences throughout the school year. The first, in September, introduces parents to their children's new grade and provides curriculum information. The next three, held in November, March and June are focused on student progress and grades. Our conferences are all student led. The ENL teacher holds a parent orientation for any newly enrolled ELL parent/guradian as well as separate meetings for individual ELL parent/guardians throughout the year. Teachers communicate with parents throughout the year in order to address questions/concerns ad well as any possible issues in or outside of the classroom. If necessary, the guidance counselor and administration will be present during such meetings. If parents want to schedule other meetings than these, we make time for them.

## **Part C: Providing Language Assistance Services**

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1. Describe how your school will meet identified translation needs indicated in Part B. Include procedures to ensure timely provision of translated documents to parents. Indicate whether written translation services will be provided by the Translation & Interpretation Unit, an outside vendor or in-house by school staff.

If a parent indicates on the HLIS or communicates to a staff member that they would like to receive any forms from the school in their home language, the Academy of Arts & Letters tries to meet these needs. The school will provide translation through the Department of Education for documents that relate specifically to the Chancellor's Regulation. The translation of the documents will be completed by the Translation and Interpretation Unit. A designated staff member will obtain documents and contact the Translation and Interpretation Unit to provide timely written translation services for designated parents. The services will be documented to ensure timely provision of translated documents to parents.

2. Describe how your school will meet identified interpretation needs indicated in Part B. Indicate whether interpretation services will be provided by over-the-phone interpreters via the Translation and Interpretation Unit, on-site interpreters provided by an outside vendor or in-house by school staff.

If a parent who has requested translation services visits or calls the school, a teacher who is proficient in the home language will be made available to translate between school staff and the parent. If a staff member who speak the parent's home language is not available, the DOE Translation and Interpretation Unit will be contacted and asked to take part in the meeting via telephone. There are currently school staff members that are proficient in Spanish and a parent volunteer who is fluent in Italian. They are able to support translation and interpretation services for the parents.

## **Part D: Training Staff on Policies and Procedures**

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Describe how your school will ensure that all staff members are aware of how to use translation services and the over-the-phone interpretation service. (e.g., T&I Brochure, Language ID Guide, Language Palm Card distributed at staff meetings, via email, etc.)

The Language Access Coordinator (LAC) has created articulation sheets informing teachers about the Translation and Interpretation Unit's services. Staff has been made aware of the LAC's role in the coordination of parent language needs and has been notified to contact the LAC and document the language needs of parents regularly, should any such needs occur. Staff members are provided with information on the use of translation services and over the phone interpretation services at faculty conferences twice a year. The Translation and Interpretation Language ID Guide and Language Palm Card are distributed at these sessions. These professional development sessions exclusively target translation and interpretation services for parents of English Language Learners. All teachers and school staff members are given copies of the "I Speak...." card which includes the phone number for over-the-phone interpretation.

## **Part E: Providing Notice of Language Assistance Services**

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Describe how your school will fulfill parental notification requirements for translation and interpretation services, as per Section VII of Chancellor's Regulation A-663. Note: The full text of Chancellor's Regulations A-663 (Translations) is available at <http://schools.nyc.gov/RulesPolicies/ChancellorsRegulations>

### Checklist of Notification Requirements

- Welcome Poster
- Parents' Bill of Rights
- Parents' Guide to Language Access
- Language ID Guide at security desk and main office

The Academy of Arts & Letters has a multilingual welcome poster hanging in the main entrance to the school building so that everyone that enters the building is aware of language assistance services. Language I.D. guides are kept in at the security office as well as the main office. Information for parents on the N.Y.C.D.O. E.'s translation and interpretation services are available in 10 languages, and is kept at the security desk and main office. Parents' Bill of Rights are sent to the school in a variety of languages and they are distributed upon arrival to all parents who have indicated a preferred language other than English. Here at the Academy of Arts & Letters the school staff are aware of language assistance services provided by the school by using data ( ATS Reports, Blue Cards and Surveys), updated roster of bilingual staff and The Translation and Interpretation Unit Services.

## **Part F: Monitoring and Quality Control**

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Describe mechanisms your school will use to gather feedback from parents on the quality and availability of services. (e.g., parent survey)

Parent surveys are distributed at the beginning of the year which gather feedback from parents on the quality and availability of services. The ENL teacher also meets individually with all parents/guardians of ELLs and can then also ascertain the needs and concerns that they may have. After such meetings, the ENL teacher confers with the parent coordinator and/or the classroom teachers in order to discuss the needs of the parents/guardians and students. In order to gather feedback from parents, we are creating a focus group of multilingual and multicultural parents to discuss their needs and the needs of their children. We can obtain information to inform our practices in order to improve the quality and availability of services we provide to parents and students.