

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

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

**01M364**

**School Name:**

**EARTH SCHOOL**

**Principal:**

**ABBE FUTTERMAN**

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**Section 1: School Information Page**

**School Information**

School Name: The Earth School School Number (DBN): 01M364  
Grades Served: PreK – Grade 5  
School Address: 600 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
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Principal: Abbe Futterman  
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Parents' Association President: Marco Battistella and Paulino Aboitiz  
SLT Chairperson: Jessica Smith and Marnie Ann Joyce  
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)
Abbe Futterman	*Principal or Designee	
Jia Lee	*UFT Chapter Leader or Designee	
Marco Battistella	*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>	
	CBO Representative, if applicable	
Paulino Aboitiz	Member/Parent, PA Co-President	
Alexander Kopelman	Member/Parent	
Marnie Ann Joyce	Member/ Parent (Co-chair)	
Jim Naurekas	Member/ Parent	
Sandy Hirshowitz	Member/ Parent	
Carole Scott	Member/ Teacher	

Name	Position and Constituent Group Represented	Signature (Blue Ink)
Jessica Smith	Member/ Teacher (Co-Chair)	
Colin Schumacher	Member/ Teacher (Secretary)	
Emmy Matias	Member/ Teacher	
Tim Lammers	Member/ Teacher	
Sue Jaye Johnson	Member/ Parent	
	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.

### **1. Contextual Information about The Earth School**

In 1992, teachers in Manhattan's East Village founded the Earth School on a dream: to create a peaceful, nurturing place to stimulate learning in all realms of child development— intellectual, social, emotional and physical. Visit The Earth School today and see how that dream has flourished. Today it is a thriving community of over 300 children in pre-kindergarten through grade 5 with a teaching staff dedicated to the founding values of hands-on exploration, an arts-rich curriculum, responsible stewardship of the Earth's resources, harmonious resolution of conflict, and parent-teacher partnership.

The Earth School is a collaborative community with an actively involved parent base. It has a clearly-articulated progressive philosophy that is enacted through child-centered curricula and pedagogy. The teaching staff is hard-working and committed. It has a long history of collaborative inquiry focused on carefully collected qualitative data and student work. The teachers write individual narrative reports for students twice yearly. The school's mission includes a focus on sustainability and conservation. To this end, it has a school garden, a full-time cooking teacher, and a rooftop farm. The school has been selected as a PROSE innovative school for its pursuit of using authentic assessment practices in teacher evaluation.

Earth School children come from a diverse array of cultural, ethnic and economic backgrounds. Most classrooms combine two grades. There majority of classrooms are ICT environments.

### **Mission Statement of The Earth School**

The staff, families, and support agencies that constitute the Earth School community nurture the development of our students through our ongoing collaboration and our deep commitment to knowing each child through her unique strengths and interests. We work to be a place where children and adults from diverse backgrounds come together to celebrate our differences, to appreciate our common humanity, and to contribute to our community. Our mission is to support children's inherent love of learning through curriculum that is active, playful, socially-conscious, and rigorous. The Earth School's educational program is designed to support children's academic achievement and to encourage their commitment to the peaceful resolution of conflict and the preservation of the Earth's resources.

### **Strategic Partnerships and Special Initiatives**

The Earth School is a Cohort 1 PROSE school in collaboration with six other progressive elementary schools: Neighborhood School, Brooklyn New School, Central Park East 1, Central Park East 2, Ella Baker, Castle Bridge. Our PROSE innovation is to redesign the MoSL portion of the APPR in order to base it on the authentic assessment practices already being used in these schools.

### **2. Any special student populations and what their specific needs are.**

The Earth School has a widely diverse population necessitating highly differentiated entry points and supports for students and families. Teachers and administration need to be culturally responsive to the varying needs of children and families with far-ranging backgrounds. Diverse student needs require staff to be well-versed in myriad pedagogical strategies and resources. Similarly, the school is continuously challenged to stimulate parent involvement through diverse offerings and approaches.

**Needs of Students from Economically Disadvantaged Families** Free and Reduced Lunch Eligible (aka Title 1) families often need free after school programming and benefit most from “wrap around” services, such as on-site clinics and weekend and vacation programming, assistance with benefit paperwork, job trainings, etc. These families historically are less involved in formal Parent Association meetings at our school. We have identified the need for “Third Space” parent involvement activities as an alternative to the Parent Association and fundraising events that will have greater appeal to these families.

**Needs of Students With Disabilities** Students in our academically-diverse classrooms enter with particular instructional needs. While the special educators and related-service providers tailor instruction during mandated periods, we find that general education partners and teachers in general education settings need to continuously adapt their practice to stay updated with techniques tailored to the wide variety of individual needs that students present. In addition, we have also identified the need for time for individual and small group instruction to provide additional targeted interventions on a flexible basis. Wilson/Orton Gillingham, Levelled Literacy Intervention, previewing and reteaching math lessons, extra support for longer research projects are some of the need areas that we have identified.

### **Needs of Students All Students within Widely Diverse Settings**

We believe that students learn best in diverse classroom settings that promote collaboration and community among students. At The Earth School students with tremendous academic and economic challenges work alongside new English Language Learners, and academically high-achieving children from economically advantaged families with high levels of educational attainment. While teachers are compelled to help the neediest students, our school strives to individualize high standards for each child. Through careful crafting of curriculum and pedagogy, teachers can provide rigorous and engaging curriculum which scaffolds each student to deepen and extend learning. Fostering inclusive collaborative learning environments where differences are expected and welcomed is a core value of the school’s mission. Structures, such as mixed-aged groupings, buddy classes, interclass work periods, and fifth grade leadership assignments, foster a sense of community and deepen the respect for differing strengths and interests.

### **Needs of Students In Crisis or Who Have Experienced Traumatic Events**

As self-contained environments become fewer, schools are challenged to integrate students who exhibit tremendous difficulties in full-sized classroom settings. These students may be experiencing the crisis of temporary housing, of the incarceration of a family member, of domestic violence, or of the psychological disturbance of a parent. These children tear at our heartstrings while they push us to find supportive ways to meet their great needs. We continue to strive to find ways of reacting to their expressions of frustration, confusion, anger, and sorrow as they navigate difficult environments and experiences.

### **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.**

**Areas of Progress** According to the 2015 School Quality Review, The Earth School made progress in several key areas, including Well Developed ratings in Instruction Core, Systems for Improvement, and School Culture.

**Stong Family-Community Ties: Expanded Opportunities for Parent Involvement** During the 2014 – 2015 school year, The Earth School strengthened and expanding programming for parent involvement. CookShop for Families, Family Dinner Parties, and Family Learning Partners workshops continued to be offered. In addition, Parent Corps, a research-based parent support group, graduated its first cohort. Run in collaboration with New York University’s School of Public Health and University Heights Settlement House, 14 Parent Corps sessions were lead by the school’s Guidance Counselor and Support Team Coordinator.

**Supportive Environment: Increased Social Emotional Learning Professional Development** The faculty grew its practice through a year-long focus on social-emotional learning through a collaboration with the Yale Center for Social Emotional Development’ R.U.L.E.R. program. After receiving a grant last summer, three teachers were trained in the program and

charged with turnkeying the curriculum with the rest of the staff. Ten professional development sessions were devoted to learning this curriculum and integrating it with our existing programs.

**Collaborative Teachers: Expanded Opportunities for Interschool Collaboration** During 2014 - 2015, through our PROSE partnerships and our Network, teachers and administration from The Earth School had opportunities to work with and visit other schools. These collaborations and visitations inspired us to try new things and offered time for formative dialogue. We became models for one another and connections were created. Such collaboration with other schools allows us to pool resources and share our strengths. Creating venues for open dialogue about teaching practice build a culture of respect and continuous dialogue. To meet the needs of our diverse population, we need to continue to find models to serve as examples for improvement.

**Effective School Leadership: Teacher Evaluation Implementation** During 2014 - 2015, The Earth School fully implemented the DOE's MoTP system for classroom observations and ratings. Additionally, the school implemented its PROSE innovation, an alternative to the MoSL system. All teachers submitted PROSE MoSL documentation to demonstrate student learning using authentic assessment measures as part of Year 1 Implementation. The school worked with the DOE's Participatory Action Research team to document its work.

### **Key Areas of Focus for the School Year**

**Developing Resources and Capacity for Meeting Wide-Ranging Student Needs** To meet the needs of its widely diverse population, The Earth School is continually challenged to hone its practice to reach the outliers. General and special educators alike need to be trained in increasingly more particularized methodologies in order to improve service to all students. Needs-based professional development in areas such as sensory integration disorders, dyslexia, spectrum disorders, and oppositional defiant disorder will help teachers increase strategies for supporting diverse learners. Teachers are also charged with responsibility for academically-strong learners. By knowing children well through their areas of strength, teachers can revise curriculum to meet the needs of a greater range of learners.

The Earth School has been granted an additional PreK allocation for the 2015 – 2016 School Year. This welcome additional will enable use to begin working with more students during the important Pre-Kindergarten year. In keeping with our school's belief in the benefits of multi-age classrooms, we will be transforming our existing PreK and K classes into four PreK-Kindergarten groupings. This year, these teachers will focus on developing curricula and pedagogies which support this particular multi-age range.

### **Establishing Teacher Evaluation Practices that Positively Impact Teacher and Student Learning**

The work of the highly effective teacher is an art that needs constant refreshing and revision to meet the particularities of the students at a given moment in time. What works for one student one year may be ineffective when tried at another age or within the social dynamic of another class. Teacher evaluation practices must promote and recognize a teacher's ongoing reflection on individual students' needs and the ability to respond in practice to an informed hypothesis about what will positively impact learning outcomes. Once tried, the cycle of examining new data begins again as she works to determine what it takes to support that child's progress. In the busy life of a teacher, it is essential that this recursive work is scaffolded by school structures and supports and by teacher supervision and evaluation practices. While the goal is improved learning outcomes, student progress cannot be fully attributed unless a teacher can prove that she has purposely enacted this observation-reflection-implementation cycle. Furthermore, engaging in such inquiry is itself a powerful form of professional development as a teacher gains the essential skills of observation and documentation as well as a repertoire of successful strategies and understandings about how various students come to know. In the absence of purposeful teacher evaluation practices, schools like ours have relied on hiring practices, professional development, team collaboration, and on the good intentions of teachers and principals to attract and keep excellent teachers. As new practices of teacher accountability are put in place, it is important that they are well-designed to serve the needs of teacher development while fairly and effectively insuring that unfit teachers are not retained. The Earth School and its PROSE partners are in the process of putting such a system in place.

### **Expanding "Third Space" Opportunities to Increase the Diversity and Range of Involved Parents**

Despite our student diversity, many Parent Association and fundraising activities are attended by a core base of highly involved parents. Through the analysis of attendance data at various school offerings and from input at the Annual Town Meeting, we have determined a need for developing “Third Space” parent involvement opportunities, such as class parent events and affinity groups that recognize and serve a variety of parent sub-groups (such as single parents) in order to appeal to a wider range of families. In the school survey, a need for more consistent communications from the teachers and Parent Association to the wider parent body.

## 01M364 School Information Sheet

School Configuration (2014-15)				
Grade Configuration	PK,0K,01,02,03,04,05	Total Enrollment	321	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	N/A	# Integrated Collaborative Teaching
				N/A
Types and Number of Special Classes (2014-15)				
# Visual Arts	N/A	# Music	N/A	# Drama
# Foreign Language	N/A	# Dance	N/A	# CTE
				N/A
				N/A
School Composition (2013-14)				
% Title I Population		3.0%	% Attendance Rate	
% Free Lunch		36.2%	% Reduced Lunch	
% Limited English Proficient		3.8%	% Students with Disabilities	
				20.8%
Racial/Ethnic Origin (2013-14)				
% American Indian or Alaska Native		0.3%	% Black or African American	
% Hispanic or Latino		31.8%	% Asian or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	
% White		38.7%	% Multi-Racial	
				7.9%
Personnel (2014-15)				
Years Principal Assigned to School (2014-15)		0.16	# of Assistant Principals (2014-15)	
# 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)		N/A	% Teaching Out of Certification (2013-14)	
% Teaching with Fewer Than 3 Years of Experience (2013-14)		0.2%	Average Teacher Absences (2013-14)	
				2.84
Student Performance for Elementary and Middle Schools (2013-14)				
ELA Performance at levels 3 & 4		55.7%	Mathematics Performance at levels 3 & 4	
Science Performance at levels 3 & 4 (4th Grade)		87.5%	Science Performance at levels 3 & 4 (8th Grade)	
				N/A
Student Performance for High Schools (2012-13)				
ELA Performance at levels 3 & 4		N/A	Mathematics Performance at levels 3 & 4	
				N/A
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	
% of 3rd year students who earned 10+ credits		N/A	4 Year Graduation Rate	
6 Year Graduation Rate		N/A		
				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	
Hispanic or Latino		NO	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	
White		NO	Multi-Racial	
Students with Disabilities		N/A	Limited English Proficient	
Economically Disadvantaged		NO		
Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in Mathematics (2012-13)				
American Indian or Alaska Native		N/A	Black or African American	
Hispanic or Latino		NO	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	
White		NO	Multi-Racial	
Students with Disabilities		N/A	Limited English Proficient	
Economically Disadvantaged		NO		
Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in Science (2012-13)				
American Indian or Alaska Native		N/A	Black or African American	
Hispanic or Latino		N/A	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	
White		N/A	Multi-Racial	
Students with Disabilities		N/A	Limited English Proficient	
Economically Disadvantaged		N/A		
Accountability Status – High Schools				
Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in ELA (2012-13)				
American Indian or Alaska Native		N/A	Black or African American	
Hispanic or Latino		N/A	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	
White		N/A	Multi-Racial	
Students with Disabilities		N/A	Limited English Proficient	
Economically Disadvantaged		N/A		
Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in Mathematics (2012-13)				
American Indian or Alaska Native		N/A	Black or African American	
Hispanic or Latino		N/A	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	
White		N/A	Multi-Racial	
Students with Disabilities		N/A	Limited English Proficient	
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	
Hispanic or Latino		N/A	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	
White		N/A	Multi-Racial	
Students with Disabilities		N/A	Limited English Proficient	
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.

#### **Rigorous Instruction :**

**School Strengths:** The Earth School’s mission and philosophy is focused on embracing student diversity. The school has ICT classes on each grade and most grade levels have multi-age classrooms (PreK/K, first/second grade, fourth/fifth). Furthermore, the school places an emphasis on knowing children well, through their strengths and interests. Teachers regularly modify assignments to meet student needs supported by special educators and an active Support Team, a multi-disciplinary group that meets weekly to design customized learning plans, academic interventions, and classroom modifications for children for whom teachers have concerns. The progressive ideology emphasizes purposeful and engaging extended studies which invite critical thinking and problem-solving. The school also provides opportunities for students to make choices about activities during the school day, another practice that encourages engagement and the customization of learning activities.

Our most recent Quality Review (2015) found us Well Developed and Proficient in this area. The curricula is aligned with the Common Core Learning Standards and modified as needed to meet individual learning needs. Our internal surveys and self-assessments have identified the need for developing our capacity to implement more specifically targeted interventions in order to meet particular student needs and to further support high performers working in highly diverse classroom settings.

**Needs:** Our internal surveys and self-assessments have identified the need for developing our capacity to implement more specifically targeted interventions in order to meet particular student needs and to further support high performers working in highly diverse classroom settings. Our Quality Review indicated the need to provide more specific differentiation for Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners.

The Earth School has been granted an additional PreK allocation for the 2015 – 2016 School Year. This welcome additional will enable use to begin working with more students during the important Pre-Kindergarten year. In keeping with our school’s belief in the benefits of multi-age classrooms, we will be transforming our existing PreK and K classes into four PreK-Kindergarten groupings. This year, these teachers will focus on developing curricula and pedagogies which support this multi-age range.

**Priority Need(s):** We are currently lacking support for individual or very small group targeted interventions for students who need consistent one-on-one or very small group attention due to highly particular learning needs and/or behaviors which make learning in other groupings very difficult. We aim to increase the school’s capacity to provide academic support in targeted areas to small groups and individuals in general education and special education placements.

### 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.

The school will design and implement individual and small group academic and social-emotional intervention opportunities based on student need for ten percent of our students beyond what is offered through their ICT and Gen Ed placements by May 2016.

**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>• Engaging families and supporting their understanding of Rigorous Instruction and the Common Core in order to support their children at home.</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>Professional development in specific intervention strategies, such as Wilson, Orton Gillingham, LLI, crisis intervention, restorative circles, sensory integration disorders, autism spectrum disorders, etc.</p>	<p>SPED and Gen Ed teachers PK - 5</p>	<p>October – May</p>	<p>Principal, PD committee</p>
<p>Continued implementation of Support Team model to address individual learning needs of students and to support teachers through a part or fulltime Support Team coordinator.</p>	<p>Pre K - 5</p>	<p>Sept - June</p>	<p>Support team coordinator, Principal</p>
<p>Development of “extended day” and/or tutoring opportunities for students, including increased collaboration with after school programs and a volunteer tutoring program</p>	<p>Grades 1 – 5</p>	<p>Oct – Dec  Mar - May</p>	<p>Shirley Soares, Guidance  Principal</p>
<p>Professional Development time for reflection on current practices related to the scheduling and designing student groupings in order to maximize this resource</p>	<p>All teachers</p>	<p>Sept – Nov</p>	<p>Principal, PD Committee</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.

Professional Development resources, schedule adjustments, human resources

<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		PTA Funded		In Kind		Other

**Part 5 – Progress Monitoring**

<p><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.</p> <p>The school will design and implement individual and small group academic and social-emotional intervention opportunities based on student need for five percent of our students beyond what is offered through their ICT and Gen Ed placements by February 2016.</p>
<p><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.</p>

**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.

**Strengths and Needs**

**Priority Need(s)**

**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.

**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>• Engaging families and supporting their understanding of Supportive Environment in order to support their children at home.</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.

**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.

**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 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**

<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> <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 teacher-parent collaborations to improve student achievement.</li> </ul>	<b>Target Group(s) <i>Who will be targeted?</i></b>	<b>Timeline <i>What is the start and end date?</i></b>	<b>Key Personnel <i>Who is responsible for implementing and overseeing the activity/strategy?</i></b>
Opportunities for teachers to participate in collaborative Descriptive Inquiry to develop strategies for improving student progress and teaching practice			

**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.										

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**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**

- 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.
- 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.

#### **Strengths and Needs**

For the first time this year, The Earth School fully implemented the DOE’s MoTP system for classroom observations and ratings. Additionally, the school implemented its PROSE innovation, an alternative to the current MoSL system. All teachers submitted PROSE MoSL Documentaion to demonstrate student learning using authentic assessment measures as part of Year 1 Implementation. The school worked with the DOE’s Participatory Action Research team to document its work. 100% of all teachers completed their PROSE MoSL documentation. The principal completed 100% of MoTP observations and APPRs, two goals from our previous S/CEP.

Developing a teacher evaluation system that accurately and fairly measures teachers’ effects on authentic student learning outcomes while supporting teacher growth is of paramount importance to insuring that the school is staffed with the very best teachers. Protecting effective and highly effective teachers from the unintended effects of an inaccurate system of evaluation will ensure that they are not deterred from the profession or from working in public schools. We need to retain and grow our capable teachers while weeding out those who are not a match for our schools. Teachers need high-quality, fair feedback regarding how well they have impacted the progress of individual children. Through the ongoing collection and review of student data and work samples, teachers get direct feedback to tailor instruction in order to better impact learning outcomes.

The PROSE MoSL format was piloted this year. Teachers need ongoing support in developing this important area of their practice. The Guideline themselves need revision to make them more accessible to teachers to understand and carry out.

#### **Priority Need(s)**

To improve student learning outcomes through providing teachers with valuable feedback about their use of data and documentation to guide and individualize instruction.

### **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–Effective School Leadership. 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.

100% of teachers will demonstrate improvement on one or more areas of the PROSE MoSL Rubric by June 2016.

**Part 3 – Action Plan**

<p><b>Activities/Strategies:</b> Detail below the activities and strategies your school will implement to achieve the identified goal for this Framework for Great Schools element, including:</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>
<p>Collaboratively review and revise the Guidelines and Rubric with input from Year 1 teachers and administration and critical friends</p>	<p>PROSE Committee</p>	<p>Sept – Dec</p>	<p>Abbe Futterman, Principal</p>
<p>Work with other schools to strengthen practice around student documentation and assessment and the use of data to inform teaching practice</p>	<p>All staff</p>	<p>Nov – Mar</p>	<p>Principal</p>
<p>Begin formal research and evaluation of effectiveness as a tool for teacher evaluation and professional development</p>	<p>PROSE Committee</p>	<p>Sept – June</p>	<p>Principal with PROSE team</p>
<p>Continue to support our community to understand and fulfil PROSE MoSL documentation requirements and purposes</p>	<p>All staff, parent body</p>	<p>Sept – June</p>	<p>PD Committee, Parent Outreach Committee</p>

**Part 4 – Budget and Resource Alignment**

<p><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.</p>										
<p>Professional Development time and resources, human resources</p>										
<p><b>Part 4b.</b> Indicate using an “X” the fund source(s) that will be utilized to support achievement of the specified goal.</p>										
<p>X</p>	<p>Tax Levy</p>		<p>Title I SWP</p>		<p>Title I TA</p>		<p>Title II, Part A</p>		<p>Title III, Part A</p>	<p>Title III, Immigrant</p>
	<p>C4E</p>		<p>21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant</p>		<p>SIG/SIF</p>		<p>PTA Funded</p>		<p>In Kind</p>	<p>Other</p>

**Part 5 – Progress Monitoring**

<p><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.</p>
<p>100% of teachers will receive their revised PROSE MoSL Guidelines, Rubric, and folders by February 2016.</p>

**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

- 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.
- 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.

#### **Strengths and Needs**

During the 2014 – 2015 school year, The Earth School strengthened and expanding programming for parent involvement. CookShop for Families, Family Dinner Parties, and Family Learning Partners workshops continued to be offered. In addition, Parent Corps, a research-based parent support group, graduated its first cohort. Run in collaboration with New York University’s School of Public Health and University Heights Settlement House, 14 Parent Corps sessions were lead by the school’s Guidance Counselor and Support Team Coordinator.

Improve communications and outreach

#### **Priority Need(s)**

To reach sub-groups of parents who attend few of the traditional venues for parent involvement through the development of “third space” venues.

### 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–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–Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound.

100% of classrooms will have class parents, class and inter-class communication systems, and hold at least six class events by June 2016.

### Part 3 – Action Plan

<p><b>Activities/Strategies:</b> Detail below the activities and strategies your school will implement to achieve the identified goal for this Framework for Great Schools element, including:</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 stronger family and community ties and to increase parent involvement in support of improved student outcomes.</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>
<p>Establishment of Class Parent coordinator position to carry out Class Parent trainings</p>	<p>All parents</p>	<p>Sept – June</p>	<p>PA Presidents, Parent SLT Reps</p>
<p>Monthly class parent meetings and class breakfasts with outreach from PA, SLT, Principal</p>	<p>All parents</p>	<p>Sept – June</p>	<p>Class Parents</p>
<p>Family Learning Partners Meetings</p>	<p>All parents</p>	<p>Sept – June</p>	<p>SLT</p>

**Part 4 – Budget and Resource Alignment**

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

<p><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.</p>
<p>100% of classrooms will have class parents, class and inter-class communication systems, and hold at least one class event by November 2015.</p>
<p><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.</p>

**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>	(35 students)  Teacher presents the child to Support Team (group of teachers, specialists and service providers). As a group we come up with a plan for the student	Guided reading groups, Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI), FUNdations, linguistic phonics, creative writing groups, writing groups focusing on developing correct sentence structure, using correct grammar and organizing ideas	All are used-- individual support, small group support, modification of the curriculum, support at home through helping the family support the child/ getting the child into afterschool programs/ tutors	During the school day ; if funding permits before the school day
<b>Mathematics</b>	(10 students)  Teacher presents the child to Support Team (group of teachers, specialists and service providers). As a group we come up with a plan for the student.	Small group math instruction focused on building number sense, small group math skill instruction focused on direct teaching of calculation strategies and repetition	Individual support	During the school day ; if funding permits before the school day
<b>Science</b>	5 students)  Teacher presents the child to Support Team (group of teachers, specialists and service providers). As a group we come up with a plan for the student.	Guided reading groups around science topics	Small group	During the school day
<b>Social Studies</b>	(5 students)  Teacher presents the child to Support	Guided reading groups around social studies topics	small group	During the school day

	Team (group of teachers, specialists and service providers). As a group we come up with a plan for the student.			
<b>At-risk services</b> (e.g. provided by the Guidance Counselor, School Psychologist, Social Worker, etc.)	(Speech: 10 students; Guidance: 30 students; OT: 10 students)  Guidance Counselor and Related Service Providers provide	Social groups, friendship groups, groups to welcome new students into the school	Individual and group support, as well as classroom push-in	During the school day

## 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) Template**

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. **[School name]**, 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	Borough <b>select one</b>	School Number
School Name		

**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	Assistant Principal
Coach	Coach
ENL (English as a New Language)/Bilingual Teacher	School Counselor
Teacher/Subject Area	Parent
Teacher/Subject Area	Parent Coordinator
Related-Service Provider	Borough Field Support Center Staff Member
Superintendent	Other (Name and Title)

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

**D. Student Demographics**

Total number of students in school (excluding pre-K)	Total number of ELLs	ELLs as share of total student population (%)	<b>0.00%</b>
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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 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 type="checkbox"/>	9 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/>	11 <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Transitional bilingual education program (TBE)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, indicate language(s):
Dual language program (DL)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input 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
<b>Dual Language</b>														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>		<b>Newcomers</b> (ELLs receiving service 0-3 years)		<b>ELL Students with Disabilities</b>
<b>SIFE</b>		<b>Developing ELLs</b> (ELLs receiving service 4-6 years)		<b>Long-Term</b> (ELLs receiving service 7 or more years)

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>										0
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Number of ELLs who have an alternate placement paraprofessional:

## 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	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										
SELECT ONE										
SELECT ONE										
<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														0
Chinese														0
Russian														0
Bengali														0
Urdu														0
Arabic														0
Haitian														0
French														0
Korean														0
Punjabi														0
Polish														0
Albanian														0
Other														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)														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					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									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									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				

New York State Regents Exam				
	Number of ELLs Taking Test		Number of ELLs Passing Test	
	English	Home Language	English	Home Language
Physics				
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.
- What is revealed by the data patterns across performance levels (on the NYSITELL and NYSESLAT) and grades?
- How does your school use information about Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives? What does the data reveal? (see [SED memo](#) and [AMAO tool](#))
- 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?
- 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](#).]
- How do you make sure that a student's new language development is considered in instructional decisions?
- 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?

c. How are EPs performing on State and other assessments?

8. Describe how you evaluate the success of your programs for ELLs (e.g., meeting AYP for ELLs).

## Part IV: ELL Identification Process

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

1. 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.
2. 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).
3. 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).
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.
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).
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.
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.
8. Describe how your school monitors the *Parent Survey and Program Selection* forms that have not been completed and returned.
9. Describe how your school ensures that placement parent notification letters are distributed.
10. Describe how your school retains all ELL documentation for each child (i.e., HLIS, non-entitlement, and entitlement letters).
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.
12. Describe how your school ensures that continued entitlement and transitional support parent notification letters are distributed.
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).

# 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.
  - b. TBE program. *If applicable.*
  - c. DL program. *If applicable.*
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)?
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.
4. How do you ensure that ELLs are appropriately evaluated in their home languages throughout the year?
5. How do you ensure that ELLs are appropriately evaluated in all four modalities of English acquisition throughout the year?
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
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.
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?
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?

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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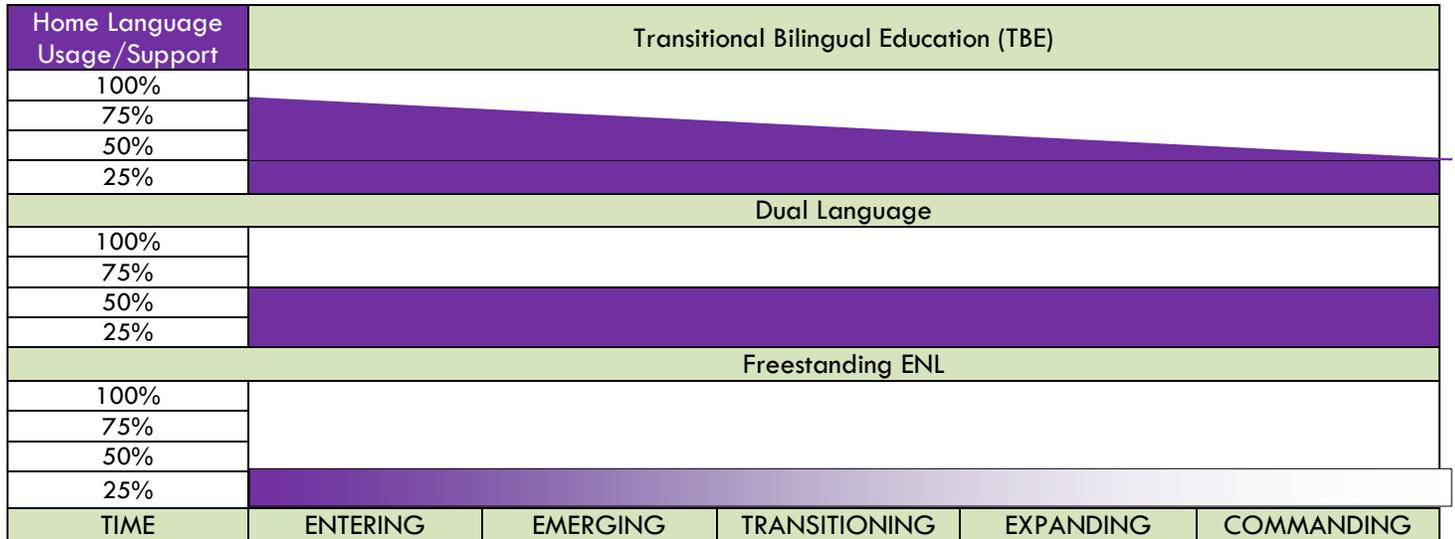


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Chart 5.3

### 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.
11. Describe the effectiveness of your current program and how it is meeting the needs of your ELLs in both content and language development.
12. What new programs or improvements will be considered for the upcoming school year?
13. What programs/services for ELLs will be discontinued and why?
14. How are ELLs afforded equal access to all school programs? Describe after school and supplemental services offered to ELLs in your building.
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.
16. How is home language support delivered in each program model (DL, TBE, and ENL)?
17. Explain how the school ensures all required services/resources support and correspond to ELLs' ages and grade levels.
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).
19. What language electives are offered to ELLs?
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)?

## 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.)
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?
3. What support do you provide staff to assist ELLs as they transition from elementary to middle and/or middle to high school?
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.

### 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?
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.
3. Describe ELL parent involvement in your school. Include specific activities that foster parental involvement for parents of ELLs.
4. Does the school partner with other agencies or Community Based Organizations to provide workshops or services to ELL parents?
5. How do you evaluate the needs of the parents?
6. How do your parental involvement activities address the needs of the parents?

### 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.

## 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: **364** School Name: **Earth School**  
Superintendent:

### 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.learn DOE.org/tiu/lac](http://www.learn DOE.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

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.

Most of the new students at the Earth school are kindergartners, so parents come to registration prior to the beginning of the school year. At this time, parents are interviewed by the licensed ESL pedagogue. There is one certified ESL teacher at The Earth School, Rachel Levinsky, who administers the Home Language Survey. The teacher's license and certification is on file at the school. Interviews are conducted in the native language when possible for filling out the Home Language Survey. The school has copies of the Home Language Survey in all the high incidence languages made available by the NYC DOE. The Earth School's parent coordinator, Joceyln Walsh, speaks Spanish, as does the ESL teacher, Rachel Levinsky. We also have another parent coordinator in the building that speaks Cantonese who is always available to help with interviews. While giving the Home Language Survey, the ESL teacher is giving an informal survey with the family to determine how much English or a different language is spoken at home. These steps are also taken at any point in the school year when a new student comes to school. The results of the home language survey are collected in the Earth School database so that we can keep track of languages spoken at home and send home letters in the correct language. We repeat the same process for any families that join our school during the school year for any grade level if they are coming from outside of the NYC school system.

If a new student comes from within the NYC school system, we use ATS and informal family interviews during registration to find out about home language and preferences for communication with the school. These reports, along with the emergency cards, help us track the languages of students who have transferred to our school from within NYC and therefore don't need another HLIS.

The certified ESL teacher collects ATS reports to determine student scores on standardized testing in order to properly group students according to their proficiency level based on the NYSESLAT and NYSITELL tests. The RLAT, the RLER, the RYOS, ROPB, and student assessment history reports are

all used to determine not only the overall score achieved on the NYSESLAT exam, but also the modalities in which students scored the highest and lowest. Students are given running records, comprehension checks, and informal and formal assessments that help to determine their early literacy skills at young ages.

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.

Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Bengali, Polish, Hebrew, Italian, Russian, French, Tibetan, Arabic, Kirundi, Danish

## 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.)

Earth school handbook, Parents Association letters, lunch forms, class and cluster newsletters, student narrative report cards, school calendar, class field trips, class celebrations, parent teacher conference announcements, after school programs, and state testing information.

Our in person events are: Families as Learning Partners workshops (almost every Friday morning), Parent Corps (every Monday morning), Annual Town Meeting, Fall Fair (Oct 17), Open Mic Night

Parent Teacher Conferences are the weeks of Nov-2-6, and February 28-March 4.

We use the interpretation hotline whenever a parent needs support in understanding a meeting or school event.

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.

We have parent teacher conferences two times a year (Nov-2-6, and February 28-March 4), IEP meetings for students with special needs, and meetings with parents whenever they request them. Parents pick up and drop off their children to the classroom so we see, and communicate with, the

parents every day. We use the interpretation hotline whenever a parent needs support in understanding a meeting or school event.

## **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.

The Parents Association is currently collecting all the flyers and letters that we send home on a yearly basis and we are sending them to the translation unit. We are still waiting for many of these documents to be returned from the translation unit even though it has been more than two weeks. In addition, the parent coordinator translates all papers that are sent home to Spanish and communicates directly with the parents to make sure they understand. If parents are unable to understand a written communication, we call the interpretation hotline and have an interpreter explain what the letter or document says.

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.

The staff uses the Interpretation hotline during face to face meetings. In addition the school guidance counselor, ENL teacher, or parent coordinator attends meetings in which Spanish translation is needed.

## **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 whole staff has been trained in, and has access to, a google doc that provides the phone numbers, documents, and procedures for translations and interpretation services.

## **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 Parents' Association recently sent a poster to the translation unit about a welcome poster for the security desk about showing IDs, but we have not heard back from them. The Parents' Guide to language access is posted in the main office, the security desk, and the Language Access Coordinator's office. The Parents' Bill of Rights is sent home in all high incidence languages.

## **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)

The Earth School informally surveys parents daily at drop off and pick up, so issues with communication or access to information are dealt with immediately. In addition, we have internal parent surveys that we review every year. If parents are unable to complete the survey we call an interpreter to translate over the phone and try to ensure the parent's confidentiality to the best of our ability.