

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

**DBN: (i.e. 01M001):**                   **27Q334**

**School Name:**                       **EPIC HIGH SCHOOL - NORTH**

**Principal:**                             **DAVID WEINBERG**

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**Section 1: School Information Page**

**School Information**

School Name: Epic High School North School Number (DBN): Q27334  
Grades Served: 9,10  
School Address: 94-25 117<sup>th</sup> Street Queens New York 11419  
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Principal: David Weinberg  
UFT Chapter Leader: Jesse Ha  
Parents' Association President: Jaime Butcher  
SLT Chairperson: Kerri Magee  
Title I Parent Representative (or  
Parent Advisory Council  
Chairperson): Jaime Butcher  
Student Representative(s): Jesseca Sutherland  
Monir Uddin

**District Information**

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent's Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**Borough Field Support Center (BFSC)**

BFSC: \_\_\_\_\_ Director: \_\_\_\_\_  
Director's Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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)
	*Principal or Designee	
	*UFT Chapter Leader or Designee	
	*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	
	Member/	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## The Quality Review and the Framework for Great Schools

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

### NYCDOE’s Quality Review (QR)

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

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

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

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

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

### Next Steps for CEP Development

School Leadership Teams should engage in the following steps:

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

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

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

## Section 4: CEP Overview

Develop a narrative summary that includes:

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

The EPIC High School model integrates a combination of design elements, practices, structures, and resources to ensure that students graduate with: (1) positive sense of self, (2) an “*I can...*” mentality, and (3) the capacity to transform the world around them having experienced a rigorous, comprehensive, coherent and supported education. Additionally, the schools promote the values of empowerment, personalization, inclusion and service, collective work, continuous growth and cultural relevance (EPIC<sup>3</sup>).

### **Mission Statement**

Borne out of the NYC Young Men's Initiative, EPIC Schools challenge all students to dream big and support them in designing their future. We recognize that each student is an individual, and therefore provide a series of learning experiences that equip young people to walk their unique paths. We honor and integrate the cultures of our communities to make learning relevant, responsive, and accessible, as we develop citizens with a positive sense of self, ready to stand for social justice.

### **Vision Statement**

All graduates of EPIC Schools will be college and career ready as we provide a meaningful pathway to lifelong learning for every student. By fostering the **boldness to dream** and by developing a commitment to inner growth and outward transformation, our graduates will be ready to **design their own futures**.

EPIC High Schools emphasize three key areas of work: practice, people and place.

#### **I. PRACTICE:** *Culturally relevant and purposeful learning experiences leading to the mastery of skills*

- **Competency-based framework** integrating academic, social-emotional, college and career-readiness learning goals.
- **Personalized learning pathways** that challenge students while providing them with targeted support.
- **Ongoing and varied assessments** that afford students multiple and diverse opportunities to achieve and demonstrate mastery.
- **Integrated technology and data use** to personalize learning and facilitate access to resources.
- **Early College and workplace learning** opportunities for students that form a “readiness bridge” into post-secondary opportunities.
- **Youth development practices and strategies** that support students through mentoring, rites of passage and restorative justice.

#### **II. PEOPLE:** *Culturally relevant staffing and development based on students' real-time needs*

- **Flexible adult roles and schedules** that accommodate students' varying needs.

- **Personalized professional learning** plans that support the continuous growth of our staff.
- **Adult competencies** based on EPIC learning priorities and students’ needs which serve as bases for staff selection and professional development.
- **Leadership pipelines** that foster professional growth, collaboration and mentorship.
- **Holistic and purposeful evaluation** that emphasizes effective teamwork and individual growth and development.

**III. PLACE:** *Culturally relevant environments that nurture growth, community and positive identity*

- **Community-based partnerships** connecting services, supports and real-world learning opportunities.
- **Advocacy and activism** that surface and address constraints that hinder student growth.
- **Family engagement** that ensures real partnership and shared leadership by the community.
- **Support services and operations** systems that remove barriers to learning for students.
- **Built environments** that are intentionally designed to support transformational learning.

**Resource/Organization List**

The development of EPIC High Schools is a product of wide research and thought partnership with numerous experts and organizations across the relevant domain areas. Additionally, EPIC is forging strategic alliances with local and national organizations that will support both the implementation of these schools as well as broader advocacy around policies related to Black and Latino youth.

<p><b>Institutional Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Society Foundations</li> <li>• United Federation of Teachers</li> <li>• Young Men’s Initiative</li> </ul>	<p><b>Co-Designers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brotherhood/Sister Sol</li> <li>• CARA</li> <li>• Morningside Center for Teaching Social Responsibility</li> <li>• Center for Collaborative Education</li> <li>• NYC Writing Project</li> <li>• Local Schools and Teachers</li> <li>• Student Fellows – current NYC DOE high school students working to prototype and test school design elements</li> </ul>
<p><b>Implementation Partners</b></p> <p><i>Curricular Assets</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Think through Math</li> <li>• Educurious</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thought Partnership</b></p> <p><i>Relevant Learning Experiences</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forum for Youth Investment</li> <li>• Carnegie Foundation</li> </ul>

- Re-Inventing Schools Coalition

*Capacity Building*

- NYU Metro Center
- Learning to Work

- Summit Public Schools (CA)
- Virtual Learning Academy
- Show Evidence

- CompetencyWorks
- Bronx Arena Transfer HS

*Staffing*

- Good Shepherd Services
- Youth Development Institute

*Integrated Environment*

- ESI 40
- Michelle Knight
- Learning to Work

In the past year our school has done the best work in building culture and trust, as evidenced by our Quality Review results and surveys.

This year we will be focusing heavily on rigorous instruction.

**Areas of the Framework for Great Schools in which your school will focus in 2015-2016:**

**(1) Rigorous Instruction**

By June 2016, at least 75 % of the teachers will use rubrics to assess student mastery of attainments. As a result, students will be aware of the assessment criteria, will receive specific feedback from teachers for next steps for improvement, and will self-assess and monitor their own progress (QR 2.2). **The overall goal of this work is to share a common definition of mastery across content areas.**

**(2) Collaborative Teams**

By June 2016, 100% of teachers will be engaged in collaborative teams focused on analyzing student assessment data and student work for students they share to determine students’ areas of needs and develop common instructional strategies. As a result, teachers will improve their teaching practice and make progress toward goals for groups of students; and students will improve their performance by at least one mastery level. (QR 4.2)

**(3) Effective Leadership**

By June 2016, school leaders will develop and communicate clear instructional expectations to all teachers about teacher practice in Domain 3b (Questioning and Discussion) of the Danielson Framework for Teaching Domain; and will provide support and feedback to all teachers by implementing a professional development plan to address teacher

growth areas in this Domain. As a result, students' engagement in classroom will improve as evidenced by teacher observation in Advance. (QR 3.1)

## 27Q334 School Information Sheet

School Configuration (2014-15)					
Grade Configuration	09	Total Enrollment	94	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	N/A
# Foreign Language	N/A	# Dance	N/A	# CTE	N/A
School Composition (2013-14)					
% Title I Population		60.5%	% Attendance Rate		N/A
% Free Lunch		N/A	% Reduced Lunch		N/A
% Limited English Proficient		N/A	% Students with Disabilities		N/A
Racial/Ethnic Origin (2013-14)					
% American Indian or Alaska Native		N/A	% Black or African American		N/A
% Hispanic or Latino		N/A	% Asian or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander		N/A
% White		N/A	% Multi-Racial		N/A
Personnel (2014-15)					
Years Principal Assigned to School (2014-15)		0.34	# of Assistant Principals (2014-15)		N/A
# of Deans (2014-15)		N/A	# of Counselors/Social Workers (2014-15)		2
Personnel (2013-14)					
% of Teachers with No Valid Teaching Certificate (2013-14)		N/A	% Teaching Out of Certification (2013-14)		N/A
% Teaching with Fewer Than 3 Years of Experience (2013-14)		N/A	Average Teacher Absences (2013-14)		N/A
Student Performance for Elementary and Middle Schools (2013-14)					
ELA Performance at levels 3 & 4		N/A	Mathematics Performance at levels 3 & 4		N/A
Science Performance at levels 3 & 4 (4th Grade)		N/A	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		N/A
% of 3rd year students who earned 10+ credits		N/A	4 Year Graduation Rate		N/A
6 Year Graduation Rate		N/A			
Overall NYSED Accountability Status (2014-15)					
Reward			Recognition		
In Good Standing			Local Assistance Plan		
Focus District		X	Focus School Identified by a Focus District		
Priority School					
<b>Accountability Status – Elementary and Middle Schools</b>					
Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in ELA (2012-13)					
American Indian or Alaska Native		N/A	Black or African American		N/A
Hispanic or Latino		N/A	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		N/A
White		N/A	Multi-Racial		N/A
Students with Disabilities		N/A	Limited English Proficient		N/A
Economically Disadvantaged		N/A			
Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in Mathematics (2012-13)					
American Indian or Alaska Native		N/A	Black or African American		N/A
Hispanic or Latino		N/A	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		N/A
White		N/A	Multi-Racial		N/A
Students with Disabilities		N/A	Limited English Proficient		N/A
Economically Disadvantaged		N/A			
Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in Science (2012-13)					
American Indian or Alaska Native		N/A	Black or African American		N/A
Hispanic or Latino		N/A	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		N/A
White		N/A	Multi-Racial		N/A
Students with Disabilities		N/A	Limited English Proficient		N/A
Economically Disadvantaged		N/A			
<b>Accountability Status – High Schools</b>					
Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in ELA (2012-13)					
American Indian or Alaska Native		N/A	Black or African American		N/A
Hispanic or Latino		N/A	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		N/A
White		N/A	Multi-Racial		N/A
Students with Disabilities		N/A	Limited English Proficient		N/A
Economically Disadvantaged		N/A			
Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in Mathematics (2012-13)					
American Indian or Alaska Native		N/A	Black or African American		N/A
Hispanic or Latino		N/A	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		N/A
White		N/A	Multi-Racial		N/A
Students with Disabilities		N/A	Limited English Proficient		N/A
Economically Disadvantaged		N/A			
Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in Graduation Rate (2012-13)					
American Indian or Alaska Native		N/A	Black or African American		N/A
Hispanic or Latino		N/A	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		N/A
White		N/A	Multi-Racial		N/A
Students with Disabilities		N/A	Limited English Proficient		N/A
Economically Disadvantaged		N/A			

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

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

### Part 1 – Needs Assessment

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

This year the school will be focusing on PD that ensure a common, high definition of rigor that is based upon student work. While our attainments and competencies ensure that all instruction is aligned to the common core, there is more work that needs to be done around producing a school wide college ready definition of mastery.

Strengths:

- The instructional model is competency-based and designed for students to work towards fulfillment of Common Core standards aligned learning targets.
- Learning experiences are presented in the form of performance tasks requiring students to demonstrate knowledge and skills through the completion of interrelated activities.
- Technology is used to personalize learning so that each student has access to necessary material, resources and assignments in order to work independently consistent with their individual needs.
- Teachers review and assess planned assignments against a common set of criteria that consider cultural relevance, opportunities for collaboration, and scaffolds.

Needs:

- **Teachers need support developing complex, multi-part performance tasks and challenges that are Common Core aligned and reflective of varying levels of rigor, particularly in math**

Teachers need support providing actionable feedback linked to specific competencies and attainments that are Common Core aligned (how to revise, enhance, deepen work, etc.)

### Part 2 – Annual Goal

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

By the end of 2016, EPIC high school North will have produced a common definition of mastery for all 66 attainments that are linked to rubrics and normed with all staff.

**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>• 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)</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>Norming around what mastery looks like for each attainment in common planning times and PD</p>	<p>All Staff</p>	<p>September 2105 – December 2015</p>	
<p>Develop a rubric for each of the attainments (skills) in order to measure student progress toward mastery.</p> <p>Provide professional develop for rubric development and norming</p>	<p>Teachers and Administrative team</p>	<p>July 2015- October 31, 2015</p>	<p>School leaders and ESI Network</p>
<p>Revisions and adjustments</p>	<p>Teachers and Administration</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Teachers and Administrative Team</p>
<p>Implementation: teachers using rubrics in classes with students, teaches using rubrics to assess task and challenges. Use rubrics to further develop and modify curricula</p>	<p>Whole Staff</p>	<p>November 1 2015-June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016</p>	<p>Teachers and Administrative team</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>ESI Network</p> <p>Staff</p> <p>Use of per-session funds/Budget</p> <p>Other ESI Schools.</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><b>Tax Levy</b></p>		<p><b>Title I SWP</b></p>		<p><b>Title I TA</b></p>		<p><b>Title II, Part A</b></p>	<p><b>Title III, Part A</b></p>	<p><b>Title III, Immigrant</b></p>	

	C4E		21 <sup>st</sup> Century Grant		SIG/SIF		PTA Funded		In Kind		Other
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**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.

By November 1, 2015 rubrics for each of the attainments will be completed.

By April 1, 2016 first round of revision to the rubrics will have been made.

By June 15, 2016 final round of revisions to the rubrics will have been achieved.

**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 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.

**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.

According to PPO and QR feedback teachers at Epic North have been aligning course based challenges and task to CCLS and the EPIC/Mandela Model standards and integrating the instructional shift as part of their planning. However, task/curricula do not consistently reflect planning based on student work products so that the diversity of learners have access to the curricula and task and are fully cognitively engaged .

### **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.

By June 2016, 100% of teachers will be engaged in collaborative teams focused on analyzing student assessment data and student work for students they share to determine students’ areas of needs and develop common instructional strategies. As a result, teachers will improve their teaching practice and make progress toward goals for groups of students; and students will improve their performance by at least one mastery level. (QR 4.2)

### **Part 3 – Action Plan**

<p><b>Activities/Strategies: Detail below the activities and strategies your school will implement to achieve the identified goal for this Framework for Great Schools element, including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research-based instructional programs, professional development, and/or systems and structures needed to impact change.</li> <li>• Strategies to address the needs of students with disabilities, English language learners, and other high-need student subgroups (e.g., overage/under-credited, SIFE, STH).</li> <li>• Strategies to promote teacher-parent collaborations to improve student achievement.</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>Meet with Scheduling Subcommittee to develop a schedule that incorporates common planning time for teachers.</p>	<p>Scheduling team: Administration team and Teacher team</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Administration team</p>
<p>Create grade and department teams to begin the collaborative process of looking at student work.</p>	<p>Whole School</p>	<p>August 2016-September 2016</p>	<p>Administration</p>
<p>Weekly meetings using a protocol/tool for looking at student work</p>	<p>Whole School</p>	<p>September 2015-June 2016</p>	<p>Administration and teacher leaders</p>
<p>Provide Professional Development opportunities around how to look at student work and how to make data based decisions</p>	<p>Whole School</p>	<p>September 2015-June 2016</p>	<p>Administration, ESI Network and PD providers</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>School budget</p> <p>PD Provider(s)</p> <p>Staff</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><b>Tax Levy</b></p>		<p><b>Title I SWP</b></p>		<p><b>Title I TA</b></p>		<p><b>Title II, Part A</b></p>		<p><b>Title III, Part A</b></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>By October 1 2015 All staff will be using the same tools/protocol for looking at student work.</p>

By January 2016 notes, agendas, etc. from team meetings will reflect a rhythm of conversations around looking at student's work to modify instruction.

**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 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.

According to PPO and QR feedback teachers at EPIC are currently using teaching strategies, including questioning and discussion and scaffolds, that provide multiple entry points into the curriculum. However, there need to be clearly articulated strategies for SWD and ELL students.

### **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.

By June 2016, school leaders will develop and communicate clear instructional expectations to all teachers about teacher practice in Domain 3b (Questioning and Discussion) of the Danielson Framework for Teaching Domain; and will provide support and feedback to all teachers by implementing a professional development plan to address teacher growth areas in this Domain. As a result, students’ engagement in classroom will improve as evidenced by teacher observation in Advance. (QR 3.1 and 1.2)

### **Part 3 – Action Plan**

<b>Activities/Strategies: Detail below the activities and strategies your school will implement to achieve the identified goal for this Framework for Great Schools element, including:</b>	<b>Target Group(s) <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>
<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>	Whole Staff	October 2015- June 2016	Administrative team

Frequent observation with timely feedback with a particular focus on Danielson 3b		October 2015-June 2016	Administrative team
Teachers use DOK and sentence stems when developing lessons, task and challenges.	Whole Staff	October 2015-June 2016	Administrative team and teacher leaders
Inter-visitations among staff with a particular focus on Danielson 3b	Whole Staff	November 2015-June 2016	whole Staff

**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.											
ESI funding											
PD time											
<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>
	C4E		21 <sup>st</sup> Century Grant		SIG/SIF		PTA Funded		In Kind		Other

**Part 5 – Progress Monitoring**

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

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

**Section 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.

**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.

**Part 3 – Action Plan**

<p><b>Activities/Strategies: Detail below the activities and strategies your school will implement to achieve the identified goal for this Framework for Great Schools element, including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research-based instructional programs, professional development, and/or systems and structures needed to impact change.</li> <li>• Strategies to address the needs of students with disabilities, English language learners, and other high-need student subgroups (e.g., overage/under-credited, SIFE, STH).</li> <li>• Strategies to promote 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>

**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 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>	Lexile level testing, teacher observations, Scaled diagnostics, credit accumulation, performance on regents	Targeted support  Achieve 3000	Small Group	During the school day, before and after school
<b>Mathematics</b>	Think Through Math Diagnostics, credit accumulation, performance on regents	Targeted support and Regents Prep  Achieve 3000	Small Group	During the school day, before and after school
<b>Science</b>	Student progress on attainments, teacher observations, credit accumulation, performance on regents	Targeted support and Regents Prep  Achieve 3000	Small Group	During the school day, before and after school
<b>Social Studies</b>	Student progress on attainments, credit accumulation, performance on regents	Targeted support and Regents Prep  Achieve 3000	Small Group	During the school day, before and after school
<b>At-risk services (e.g. provided by the Guidance Counselor, School Psychologist, Social Worker, etc.)</b>	IEPs, Guidance Counselor and teacher assessments, credit accumulation, performance on regents	Therapeutic counseling, goal setting, work on SEL attainments, Rites Of Passage Program	Small Group, one on one counseling	During the school day, before and after school

## Section 7: Title I Program Information

### Directions:

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

### Part 1: Title I Status

Indicate with an "X" your school's Title I Status.		
<b>Schoolwide Program (SWP)</b>	<b>Targeted Assistance (TA) Schools</b>	<b>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. [ 27Q334 ] , 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**

[ 27Q334 ] , 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.