

University City High School

Improvement/Accountability Plan Template

	Improveme	nt/Accountability Plan				
Focus of Plan (check	Name of LEA: School District of	Check if appropriate				
the appropriate box):	University City	Comprehensive School				
LEA		***Requires a Regional School Improvement Team				
School or		Targeted School				
Charter	Name of School or Charter:	At-Risk				
	University City High School	Other				
Date:						
Purpose: To develop a	plan for improving the top 3 needs ide	ntified in the needs assessment.				
Title I.A Scho Title I.C Educa	One plan may meet the needs of a number of different programs. Please check all that apply. Title I.A School Improvement Title I.C Education of Migratory Children Title I.D Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth who are Neglected, Delinquent or At-Risk					
Title II.A Lang	guage Instruction for English Learners a	nd Immigrant Children				
Title IV 21 st C	Century Schools					
Title V Flexib	ility and Accountability					
Individuals wi	th Disability Education Act					

Workforce Innovation Head Start Act McKinney Vento Hom Adult Education and F MSIP	Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act Head Start Act McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act Adult Education and Family Literacy Act MSIP					
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What are the key issues identified from the needs	 Students are not consistently receiving access to college and career-ready teaching and learning. Attuned Site Review Feedback:
assessment?	-Lack of adult understanding of grade level standards and college and career readiness expectations. -Gap in expectations and standard alignment between AP and non-AP courses.
	-Few planned tasks and objectives align to the rigor of the standards and/or college and career readiness expectation.
	-Lessons in text-centered subjects are not planned to be text-centered, nor are teachers consistently observed asking text-dependent questions. As a result, lessons are not aligned with the standard's demands around
	regular practice with complex text as well as writing and speaking grounded in evidence from text.
	-Gap in expectations and standards alignment between AP and non-AP courses.
	-Both parents and students identify a "school within a school" model as it relates to AP and non-AP course sequences
	-Lack of students of color in AP courses
	-Discrepancy in student vs. teacher-centered instructional methods and depth-of-knowledge questions
	-According to parent and students, students in non-AP courses are not prepared for the rigors of college
	2. Teachers are not consistently being observed and/or receiving meaningful or timely feedback about instructional practices.
	Attuned Site Review Feedback:
	-Lack of evidence of systems and structures to develop adult capacity.
	-Current PLC structure does not consistently result in high-quality lesson and/or re-teach plans aligned to standards
	-Limited classroom observations, feedback, and instructional coaching provided to teachers
	-Lack of follow up with teachers to monitor implementation of PD; lack of accountability for implementing practices learned in PD
	-Teacher confusion over the process and expectations for PLC time-
	-Not yet evidence of a clear and consistent system around data collection or analysis.
	3. Lack of evidence of adults holding high academic expectations for students.
What are the prioritized	1. English Language Arts data indicate a need for professional development around high-yield instructional
needs for the LEA or building	strategies, grade level appropriate materials and common assessments.
based on a root cause	
analysis?	

 Mathematics data indicate a need for professional development around high-yield instructional strategies, grade level appropriate materials and common assessments. Data indicate a need for close monitoring and instructional/counseling support for ninth grade students to be on track for graduation.
4. Data indicate a need for teachers to be consistently observed and given timely, repeated and constructive feedback to improve instruction in the classroom.

		e Goals and the Pla				
Goal	#1 - Circle the appropriate Pilla			under:		
Leadership	Collaborative Climate and Culture	Effective Teaching and Learning	Data-Based Decision Making	Alignment of Standards and Curriculum		
SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timely) Goal #1						
SDUC Strategic Goal: Creating rigorous, relevant a	and modern learning experiend	ces				
Leadership SMART Goal: During the 2021-22 school y development.	year, UCHS will increase staff ac	ccess to growth opportunities	s through job-embedded and	d external professional		
Rationale (name of the exis	sting conditions/data points to	support the selection of the	e objective/goal)			
There was little to no evide	nce of teacher collaboration pr	ior to the 2019-2020 school y	year.			
As it relates to teaching and	l instruction, data indicate low	skill/will.				
Staff culture is diverse, thus	resulting in resistance to new	ideas, innovation and improv	ved instructional practices.			
There is evidence of staff ap	bathy and a refusal to acknowl	edge deficiencies resulting in	little value on professional g	growth.		
Evidence-Based Strategies	•					
 Job-embedded prof 	fessional growth opportunities	through our existing PLC stru	icture. (please see attachmei	nt SY 21-22 PLC/PD calendar)		
• Skill/Will mapping t	o tailor supports to the needs	of teaching staff.				
Professional develo	pment needs assessment surve	ey at least two times per yea	r.			
• Collegial learning w	alks conducted at least once pe	er month.				
Weekly data-team r	neetings.					
Quarterly Galileo as	ssessment benchmark data ana	Ilysis.				

- Transformational Learning Institute (TLI) team meetings and leadership work.
- Mathematics and ELA part-time instructional coaches.
- Implementation of the School District of University City (SDUC) teacher evaluation program.

Funding Source(s): Comprehensive School Budget (per Department of Elementary and Secondary Education), Title I, General Operating Budget (GOB)

Action Steps	Start Date	Person Responsible	Resources	Completed/Date
30 Days 1.Adoption and use of a Unit Plan Protocol that will be submitted to	July 2021	UCHS Administrative Team	Kick Up	• September 2021
instructional coaches for feedback 2.Admin. team will skill/will map staff in first 30 days of school.	August 2021	SDUC Curriculum and Instruction Team	Mastery Calendar	
3.Weekly data team meetings and use of mastery tracker in subject groups for progress monitoring.	August/September 2021	UCHS Teaching Staff	Feedback and coaching protocol (Jim Knight)	
4.Monthly TLI meetings.	August/September 2021	UCHS Admin Team		
60 Days 1.Jim Knight Instructional Coaching Training Institute(Lawrence, KS)	October 2021	UCHS Administrative Team, ELA and Math Coaches, & Other Teacher Leaders	Feedback and coaching protocol (Jim Knight)	• October 2021

2.Teachers Will/Skill will map their students within first 60 days of school.	August-October 2021	SDUC Curriculum and Instruction Team UCHS Teaching Staff	Kick Up	
3.All teachers will have received at least one 1:1 session of feedback and coaching from an admin or coach	August -October 2021	UCHS Admin Team, ELA and Math Coaches	Video Feedback (Software)	
4.Use of common formative/summative assessments by subject group	August - October 2021	UCHS Teaching Staff		
90 Days				December 2021
1.Data team presentations	December 2021	UCHS Admin Team	Feedback and coaching protocol (Jim Knight)	
2.Common Summative Assessments by subject group	December 2021	SDUC Curriculum and Instruction Team UCHS Teaching Staff		
3.Students will complete at least one Learning Walk	October-November 2021	UCHS Teaching Staff UCHS Students		
Long Range				
1.Each teacher will receive feedback via monthly Learning Walks	January 2021 -May 2021	UCHS Admin Team	Kick Up SIS Galileo Schoolzilla	 January 2022-May 2022

2.5% of all students will complete at least one Learning Walk per year	SDUC Curriculum and Instruction Team	
3.The students outcomes identified above will be maintained throughout a school year.	UCHS Admin Team	

Leadership	Collaborative Climate and	Effective Teaching and	Data-Based Decision	Alignment of Standards					
Culture Learning Making and Curriculum									
	rable, Achievable, Relevant and [•]	Timely) Goal #2							
SDUC Strategic Goal:									
Rigorous, relevant, mode	rn learning experiences and Well	l-being and joy							
Collaborative Climate and		6 11 1 1 1		с., <u>,</u> , ,					
-	•	of collaboration by impleme	During the 2019-20 school year, UCHS will foster a culture of collaboration by implementing weekly 90-minute Professional Learning						
Community meetings and monthly 75-minute Data Teams during which teachers will collaborate, discuss best practices, and use literacy									
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59% of rising 9th graders feel they have potential to change those factors that are central to their performance in school. (80th percentile nationally)

Class of 2022

52% of current 9th graders feel they are able to persevere through setbacks to achieve important long-term goals. (30th percentile nationally) 45% of current 9th graders feel they can succeed in achieving academic outcomes. (50th percentile nationally)

55% of current 9th graders feel they have potential to change those factors that are central to their performance in school. (60th percentile nationally)

Evidence-Based Strategies for Improvement

The school schedule is being redesigned to allow students more instructional time and to allow teachers more time to collaborate in PLCs. During the 2021-22 school year, teachers will have an additional 20 minutes per week in PLCs. Teachers will also have an additional 75 minutes per month to analyze student data during Data Team meetings as an after-school contracted commitment. This equates to over 2.5 hours of additional collaborative time per month for teachers.

Collaborate with academic and social emotional learning based community service providers such as UMSL Bridge, and College Bound to provide wrap-around services that support students with academic performance and social skills.

Counselors and administrators will establish a 9th grade transition team and 10th grade transition team, which will use data to implement transition supports for rising 9th graders and 10th graders and communicate pertinent 9th/10th grade data to the 9th/10th grade data team.

Leverage WorkKeys assessment to ensure students who are below traditional college readiness benchmarks are aware and have access to realistic and relevant post secondary opportunities. (KeyTrain software to prepare students for the WorkKeys Test)

UCHS instructors will use Cultural and Linguistic Responsiveness (CLR) practices in the classroom. Mandatory district relationship professional development will support this expectation.

UCHS instructors will use the tenets of Cultural Proficiency to create equity-based systems and structures.

UCHS instructors will contact parents within one week when a student has a D or F in their gradebook. Both email and phone communication will be used to contact parents.

Funding Source(s): Comprehensive School Budget (per Department of Elementary and Secondary Education), Title I, General Operating Budget (GOB)

Action Steps	Start Date	Person Responsible	Resources	Completed/Date
30 Days				

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1. Convene vertical transition team	Summer 2021	BWMS and HS Counselors	Data trends for class of '23	July 2021
2.Draft plan for implementation of KeyTrain for students targeted for WorkKeys assessment	July 2021	Director of CCR, UCHS Admin Team, UCHS Counselors	KeyTrain (ACT WorkKeys Curriculum platform)	August 2021
3.Initial collaboration with service providers to ensure student success	June 2021	Wrap Around Services Director		August 2021
90 Days				
1.9th Grade Data Team will meet monthly and respond to metrics	September 2021, monthly	Dean of Students and Data Team	Metric updates-Schoolzilla, SISk12	Monthly to end of school year, 2022
2.Teachers will receive regular feedback around CLR Practices	September 2021, ongoing	UCHS Admin Team, UCHS Teachers	TalentEd, Kick Up, SDUC Curriculum and Instruction Team	Weekly to end of school year, 2022
3.Counselors will create a schedule to meet with students to review transcript/grades after first term grades are uploaded	September 2021, ongoing	UCHS Counseling Team		October 31st, 2021
4.Instructors will contact parents when students have a D or an F in their	September 2021, ongoing	UCHS Teachers		October 2021, ongoing

course 5.Evaluate implementation of KeyTrain study materials and adjust list of targeted students as needed.	October 2021	Director of CCR, UCHS Admin Team, UCHS Counselors		November 2021
Long Range 1.Research benefit of AVID partnership and year of planning	January 2022	Director of College and Career readiness, UCHS Counseling Team and UCHS Leadership Team	AVID contact, resources	March 2022
2.Counselors will meet with students for a second transcript audit during course selection time	February 2022	UCHS Counseling Team		March 2022

Goal #3 - Circle the appropriate Pillar of the Continuous Improvement System this goal falls under:				
Leadership	Collaborative Climate and	Effective Teaching and	Data-Based Decision	Alignment of Standards
	Culture	Learning	Making	and Curriculum
SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timely) Goal #3				
SDUC Strategic Goal:				
Creating Rigorous, Relevant and Modern Learning Experiences				
Effective Teaching and Learning SMART Goal: UCHS will focus on building literacy skills to increase student achievement on the Algebra I and English II End of Course exams (EOCs) and will				

decrease the number of students in the bottom two performance categories (Below Basic and Basic) by 50% over the next two school years. To ensure success, we will monitor students' achievement, effort and growth using the following indicators: Mastery Connect, Galileo, RI, ALEKS, Panorama, and common formative and summative curriculum assessments.

Rationale (name of the existing conditions/data points to support the selection of the objective/goal)

The 2017-2018 Algebra I End of Course (EOC) exam revealed that 122 students (60%) scored in the below basic category.

The 2017-2018 Literature and Composition II End of Course (EOC) exam revealed that 68 students (33%) scored in the below basic category.

During the 2018-2019 school year, 86 students were assigned to 2nd semester repeater courses in math (Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry) as a result of earning a failing grade in semester 1.

During the 2018-2019 school year, one-hundred six (106) 9th and 10th grade students were assigned to Academic Literacy (remediation) as a result of Fountas and Pinnell reading assessment results. Additionally, students who failed the first semester of Literature and Composition I or II were placed in 2nd semester repeater courses or given credit recovery interventions during seminar.

UCHS average ACT score 2017-2018 school year was 16.7, 22.9% of students taking the ACT earned 21 or better.

Current AP Enrollment is 128 Students (19.9% total school)

- 5 Asian (3.9% of AP)
- 68 African American (53.1% of AP)
- 6 Hispanic (4.7% of AP)
- 2 American Indian (1.6 % of AP)
- 44 White (34.3% of AP)

Evidence-Based Strategies for Improvement

- Add Instructional Coaches for core content area support
 - to assist in strengthening PLC work and teachers' unit and lesson planning;
 - to increase accountability through increased classroom monitoring with the provision of timely, regular and relevant feedback;
 - to assist in providing professional development efforts surrounding Assessment for Learning and Alfred Tatum's literacy work
- Utilize the Swivl, a robotic mount for an Ipad, camera, or smartphone that is designed to track and record videos of teachers during instruction to identify areas of strength and growth in order to promote self-reflection and goal setting to further

teacher growth and development.

- Implemented Math (ALEKS) and ELA (writing prompt and RI score) intervention screeners for incoming 9th graders to better identify students in need of remediation in order to restructure support systems for students requiring remedial math and reading services (e.g. new math lab and Comprehensive Literacy course). Students in need of remediation will have math and English classes each day.
 - All students scoring below grade level on math assessments will be placed in an Algebra I Lab
 - Implementation of Language Live program to support struggling readers (Framework for Comprehensive Literacy course)
 - Utilize iPads for the Language Live program
- Implementation of Algebra I math lab to serve as an embedded support for students.
 - Utilize chromebook cart for ALEKS program
- Implementation of HMH Reading Inventory (formerly SRI) as a tool to measure reading levels for students in grades 8-11. Students identified as reading below the 7th grade level (lexile score ranging from 850-899) will undergo further testing to identify specific areas of concern. The second round of testing will utilize the Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System and will be administered by reading specialists or trained staff.
- Utilize existing district assessments/progress monitoring tools (eg. Galileo and ALEKS) for ongoing assessment collection)
- Implement new literacy assessment/progress monitoring tools (eg. RI)
- School-wide Literacy focus will encourage teachers to implement instructional strategies and practices that require students to read, write, and reason through exercising speaking and listening skills across content areas, and in all classes throughout UCHS. UCHS will shift the building culture to better support literacy needs by embedding instructional practices that encourage kids to read, write, speak and listen, and reason in every class, on a daily basis. The building literacy work will be anchored by a two year collaboration with Dr. Alfred Tatum.
- Collaboration with Attuned Partners to provide professional development around utilizing resources and standards effectively, aligning instructional practices to standards as well as utilizing assessment to drive instruction.
- Plan to implement the Assessment Literacy framework and train all staff to use practices to improve understanding of the fundamental role of assessment, as well as concepts and procedures.
- Plan to implement discourse as a focus for teaching and learning in math classes through the use of Mathematics Problem of Practice: Discourse professional development. Effective teaching of mathematics facilitates discourse among students to build shared

understanding of mathematical ideas by analyzing and comparing student approaches and arguments

- Use Panorama results to identify behavior traits to develop intervention plans and for goal setting in Math Lab and Comprehensive Literacy.
- Develop ACT Prep Plan to train teachers to create a system to better prepare students for the assessment

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Action Steps	Start Date	Person Responsible	Resources	Completed/Date

30 Days				
1. Administer assessments to collect baseline data (Galileo, RI, ALEKS pre-test)	August 2021	UCHS Teaching Staff, UCHS Admin Team	HMH Reading Intervention, Galileo ALEKS	 August/September 2022
2. Analyze data in PLCs to develop intervention plans.	August 2021	UCHS Admin Team		
3. Partner with counseling team to create intervention plans to ensure a plan for academic supports	August 2021	UCHS Counselors		
4. Professional development on ELA programs and practices (Assessment Literacy, Language Live, ELA Curriculum, Literacy Work)	June 2021	Attuned Partners Dr. Alfred Tatum	HMH Reading Intervention, Language Live, Alfred Tatum, Attuned Partners, SDUC Curriculum and Instruction Team	
5. Professional development on transformational coaching - changing the culture and climate to improve teacher quality	August 2021	Jaime Welborn, Dolores Lindsay, UCHS Admin Team, UCHS Coaches		
6. Instructional Mondays will be designated for Department Data Teams		SDUC Curriculum and Instruction Team		

60 Days 1.Continued training on ELA programs and practices (Assessment Literacy, Language Live, ELA Curriculum, Literacy Work)	October 2021	- UCHS Teaching Staff, UCHS Admin Team	HMH Reading Intervention, Language Live, Alfred Tatum, Attuned Partners, SDUC Curriculum and Instruction Team	• October 2021
2. Progress monitoring through data review (Galileo Benchmark #1, Reading Inventory, Language Live, common formative and summative assessments, ALEKS)	October 2021	UCHS Teaching Staff, UCHS Admin Team	Galileo, Reading Inventory, ALEKS, Panorama	
3. Apply Assessment Literacy to implement student goal-setting and feedback	October 2021	UCHS Teaching Staff, UCHS Admin Team		
90 Days 1. Continued training on ELA programs and	November 2021	UCHS Teaching Staff, UCHS Admin Team	HMH Reading Intervention, Language	• November 2021
practices (Assessment Literacy, Language Live, ELA Curriculum, Literacy Work)			Live, Alfred Tatum, Attuned Partners, SDUC Curriculum and Instruction Team	
2. Use Swivl for teachers to record instruction, reflect on practices, and	November 2021	UCHS Teaching Staff, UCHS Admin Team		

set goals for improvement to inform the development of Professional Growth Plans				
Long Range				
1. Continued training on ELA programs and practices (Assessment Literacy, Language Live, ELA Curriculum, Literacy Work)	December 2021	UCHS Teaching Staff, UCHS Admin Team	HMH Reading Intervention, Language Live, Alfred Tatum, Attuned Partners, SDUC Curriculum and Instruction Team	 December 2021-May 2022
2. Accountability check of unit and lesson plans to ensure alignment with standards and the implementation and <i>Creation of Rigorous,</i> <i>Relevant and Modern</i> <i>Learning Experiences</i>	December 2021	UCHS Teaching Staff, UCHS Admin Team		
3. Use Swivl for teachers to record instruction, reflect on practices, and set goals for improvement to inform the development of Professional Growth Plans	December 2021	UCHS Teaching Staff, UCHS Admin Team		
4. Continued professional development on transformational coaching - changing the	December 2021	Elena Aguilar, UCHS Admin Team, UCHS Coaches		

culture and climate to improve teacher quality		

Superintendent Date

State Supervisor, School Improvement

Date