

Poughkeepsie City School District

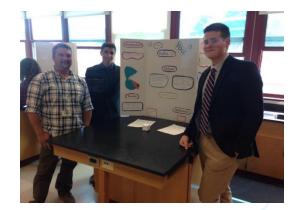
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Implementing A Coherent Organizational/Instructional Framework To Transform Teaching and Learning *Poughkeepsie City School District* "Case Study on Poughkeepsie High School Receivership"

Poughkeepsie City School District

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Agenda

- **Overview of the Poughkeepsie City School District**
 - Goal: Top 10% by 2020
 - Demographic Snapshot
 - Theory of Action
- Poughkeepsie High School Case Study
 - Focus Instructional Learning Walks
 - Teamwork and Communication
 - Data Walls/Data Dashboards
 - Mission Literacy- ICLE/HMH



- Rigor/Relevance/Engagement- Quadrant B/Quadrant D
- Operation Graduation (Adopt-A-Senior)- Red/Yellow/Green
- New York State Receivership Identification & Removal from Accountability Status as a Receivership School
- Organizational/Instructional Coherence in the Poughkeepsie City School District
 - "Communities of Practice"
 - Aligning Resources- Overview of Revenues and Expenditures

Our Goal: Top 10% by 2020

Building Structures and Pathways to Maximize Performance

EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS GOALS

Goal 1 Academic Achievement

Goal 2 Safety and Security

Goal 3 Family and Community Communication and Engagement

Goal 4 Performance Management and Talent Development

Goal 5 Organizational Efficiency and Accountability





100% GRADUATION

SAT Combined Score of 1200 or ACT Score of 22

Level 3 or 4 on One AP Exam

Grade 10 PSAT Combined Score of 145

Grade 9 GPA of 2.5

Level 3 or 4 in Five Core Regents Exams

Level 3 or 4 on Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Assessments

RIT Score of 193 on Grade 3 MAP Reading Assessment

Demonstrate Proficiency and Readiness for Grade 3

Pre-K to K Readiness DIAL-Social/Emotional/Academics

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS: CLIMBING THE LADDER TO SUCCESS

Poughkeepsie City School District A Demographic Snapshot













Poughkeepsie City School District Snapshot

Learning Sites: 8

Enrollment: (Pre-K - 12 and Out-of-District) 4,700

2016-2017 PreK-12 Student Data

Male: 52% Female: 48% African American: 52% Caucasian: 12% Hispanic: 32.7% English as a Second Language (ESL) population: 10% Special Education population: 16.14% Free/Reduced Lunch Rate: 86.2% Homeless Population: 4%

District Accountability Status 2016-2017 School Year

District: Focus (ranking in the bottom 10% of 700 districts in New York State) **Clinton Elementary School: Focus Krieger Elementary: Focus Morse Elementary: Priority** Warring Elementary: Priority Early Learning Center: In Good Standing Poughkeepsie Middle School: Receivership Poughkeepsie High School: Removed from **Receivership/Priority E-TECH: In Good Standing**

Theory of Action for Improvement

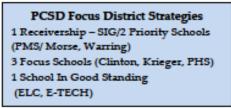
If the district...

- aligns resources (human and fiscal) strategically to develop and support effective, high-quality school leaders and teaching staff;
- provides targeted support to schools and implements clear standards and data-driven processes for accountability;
- implements high-quality, robust professional development linked to improving student learning;
- designs and delivers a uniform, rigorous district-wide core curriculum preK-12;
- aligns systemic processes and targeted support for continuous school improvement.

Then we will...

realize statistically significant improvements in student achievement district-wide.

OVERVIEW OF POUGHKEEPSIE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOCUS STRATEGIES (7 Schools)



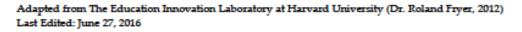
Intensive Instructional Coaching and Support - Principal Coaching – Study Group Book Leverage Leadership by Paul Bambrick-Santoyo -Principal Networking -Modeling Observations, Feedback, Data-driven Instructional Protocols, Focused Instructional Learning Walks (FILW), Mission Literacy

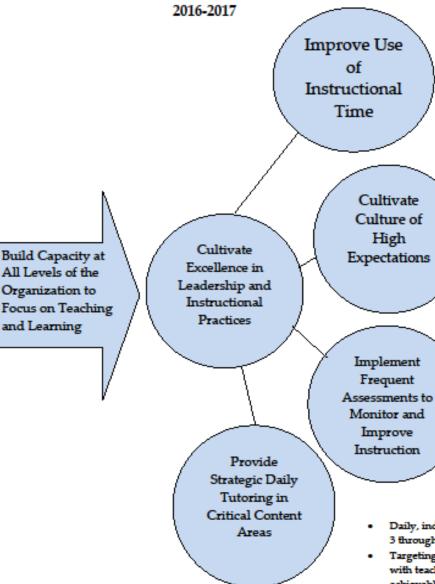
Monitor and Support Key Initiatives

-Strategic Tutoring -Formative Assessments- Benchmarks (MAP/NWEA), Imagine Learning -Scholastic Literacy -Performance Management (APPR -NYSUT, Reeves)

Organizational Coherence

- Removing obstacles (academic and operations)
 Red/Yellow/Green- Priority School
- Assignments
- 75% shift to instructional focus with school and classroom visits (FILWs-3
- per day minimum)





- Improve use of instructional time for student learning and increase student engagement- "opt-in" no "opt-out"
- Cultivate common planning time for teacher learning and collaboration ("communities of practice" model)
- Use EngageNY modules as the curriculum to support Common Core Learning Standards planning and implementation of the core curriculum
 - Cultivate a college-going culture (pennants, staff bios)
 - Robust learning environments (literacy as a key lever)
 - Student support systems (RTI, PBIS/Restorative Justice approach, Peer mediation, "peace circles")
 - Use of Instructional Technology
 - Imagine Learning (AIS and progress monitoring)
 - Progress tools/data dash-boards (attendance, discipline, academics)-Infinite Campus
 - Instructional systems that empower teachers to identify struggling students, (i.e., MAP/Regents assessments, Imagine Learning)
 - Data-driven approach to re-teaching, remediation, and small-group differentiation (study book: Driven by Data by Paul Bambrick-Santoyo)
- Daily, individualized instruction in grades 3 through 8 and high school (Imagine Learning)
- Targeting individual student learning needs, coordinating with teachers, set SMART Goals (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, time-bound)
- 30-60-90 day planning
- Strategic tutoring- Peer tutors, Community-based/Higher Education Partnerships, Administrators/Title teachers

Poughkeepsie High School Case Study Simulated Focused Instructional Learning Walk (FILW)

"Learning about the Learning in our Community of Practice"

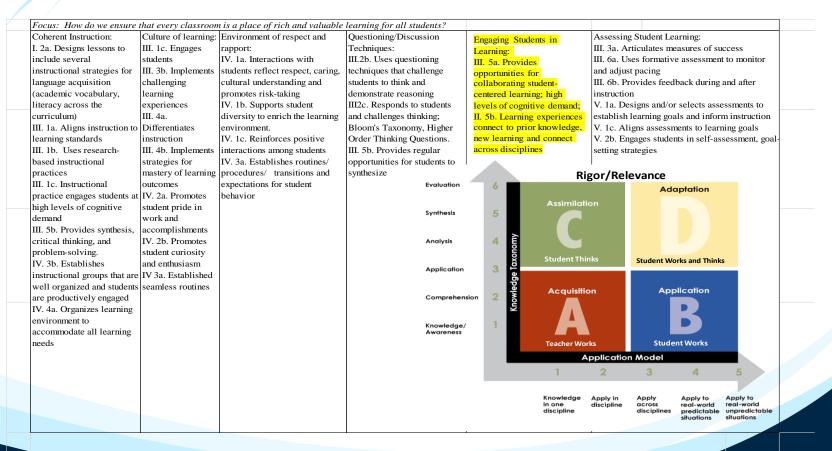


Focus Instructional Learning Walk Tool "Noticings and Wonderings"

Focused Instructional Learning Walk Classroom Visitation Tool (Aligned with NY SUT Teacher Practice Rubric)								
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Subject, Time/Period, #of Subject Students, Room #	Time		.00m#	# of Students	MF			
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Lesson Portion Viewed: () Beginni:	ig () Middle	()End						
Name of Reviewer:								
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"Noticing's" (Observations/I see I hear) students doin	Scripts What is the teacher doing? Sa & Saying? What is the task?	aying? What are the		"Wonderings" (Questions I h	ave as a result of what I see and hear			
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Focus Instructional Learning Walk Tool Rigor, Relevance, Engagement- Quadrant B/D



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Our Mission: LITERACY

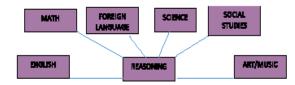


- To take notes
- To explain one's thinking
- To argue a thesis and support one's thinking
- To compare and contrast
- To write an open response
- To describe an experiment, report one's findings, and report one's conclusion
- · To generate a response to what one has read, viewed, or heard
- · To convey one's thinking in complete sentences
- · To develop an expository essay with a formal structure

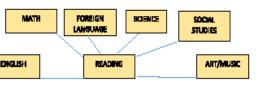




- To listen attentively to the speaker
- To listen actively, utilizing the five components:
 - Testing understanding (Can I just clarify? You're saying that...)
 - Questioning (Could you tell me some more about...?)
 - Building on understanding (What you said about...is really interesting. I think we should discuss this more.)
 - o Feedback to the speaker (non-judgmental, clear, honest, immediate, brief)
 - Summarizing the discussion (So let's recap on what has been said and agreed.)
- To critique how listening and questioning benefit learning
- To strengthen one's listening skills and relate to one's learning styles
- To listen, research, and write a well-developed essay identifying *Mission Literacy*, its components, and benefits by including supporting details summarized from listening attentively



- To create, interpret and explain a table, chart or graph
- To compute, interpret and explain numbers
- To read, break, and solve a word problem
- To interpret and present statistics that support an argument or hypothesis
- To identify a pattern, explain a pattern, and/or make a prediction based on a pattern
- To detect the fallacy in an argument or solution
- To use analogies and/or evidence to support one's thinking
- To explain and/or interpret relationships of space and time



- · For content (both literal and inferential)
- To apply pre-reading, during reading and post -reading strategies to all reading assignments, including determining purpose and pre-learning vocabulary
- · To research a topic
- To gather information
- To comprehend an argument
- To determine the main idea of a passage
- To expand one's experiences



- To convey one's thinking in complete sentences
- To interpret a passage orally
- To debate an issue
- To participate in class discussion or a public forum
- To make an oral presentation to one's class, one's peers, one's community
- To present one's portfolio
- To respond to what one has read, viewed, or heard
- To communicate in a manner that allows one to be both heard and understood

Focused Instructional Learning Walk (FILW)

<u>Classroom Observations and Cognitive Coaching</u> •Increase rigor/relevance/engagement- Quadrant B and D

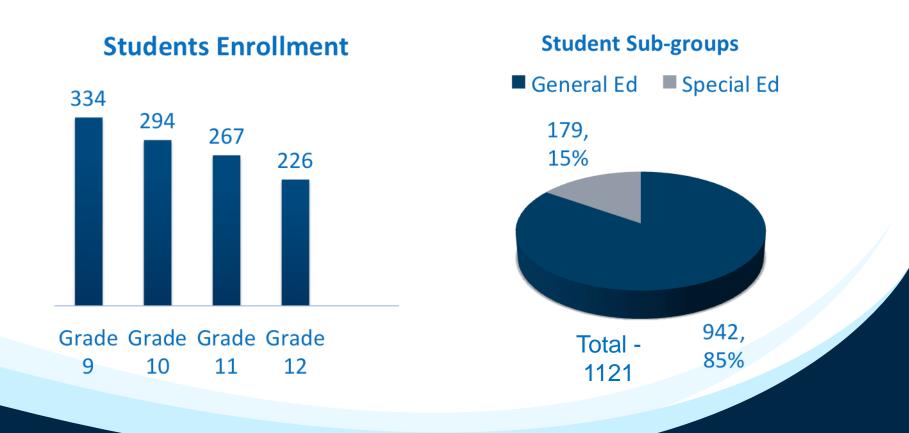
- Increase Bloom's Taxonomy (Higher Order Thinking)
- Develop a laser-like focus on coherent instruction
- •Establish a culture through observation where the instructional leaders influence teaching and learning
- •SMART Charts, *Mission Literacy*, and Data Walls present in all classrooms
- Draw on interdisciplinary literacy strategies Student engagement "opt-in"-

Poughkeepsie High School Case Study

- Drawing on high-leverage strategies to improve academic performance, increase attendance, and reduce disciplinary infractions (resulting in out-of-school suspensions):
 - Mission Literacy Initiative (HMH/ICLE)
 - Rigor/Relevance/Engagement- Quadrant B and D
 - Collaborating and sharing accountability for student success (Data Dashboards- Red/Yellow/Green)
 - Cultivating a Results-Driven School Culture
 - Community Engagement Team
 - Alignment of the CCLS and Curriculum
 - Strategic Tutoring- "How are the Children"
 - Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce Career Action Center
 - Operation Graduation- Adopt-A-Senior (Red/Yellow/Green)

Poughkeepsie High School Demographics

Poughkeepsie High School Total Enrollment



Poughkeepsie High School Demographic Factors

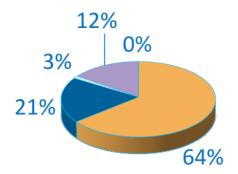
% Economically Disadvantage

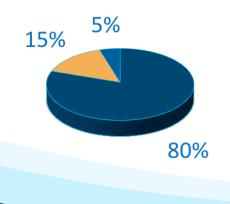
Free Lunch

Reduced Lunch

Limited English Proficiency

% of Students by Ethnicity





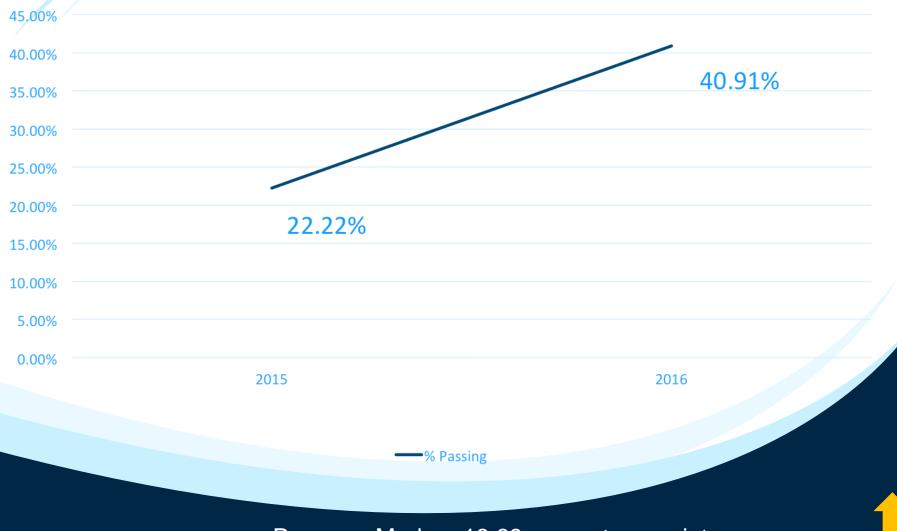
- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Asian/Native Hawaiian

White

Poughkeepsie High School Overview of Academic Achievement



Common Core Geometry Regents Exam (2nd Year of the Administration of the Exam)

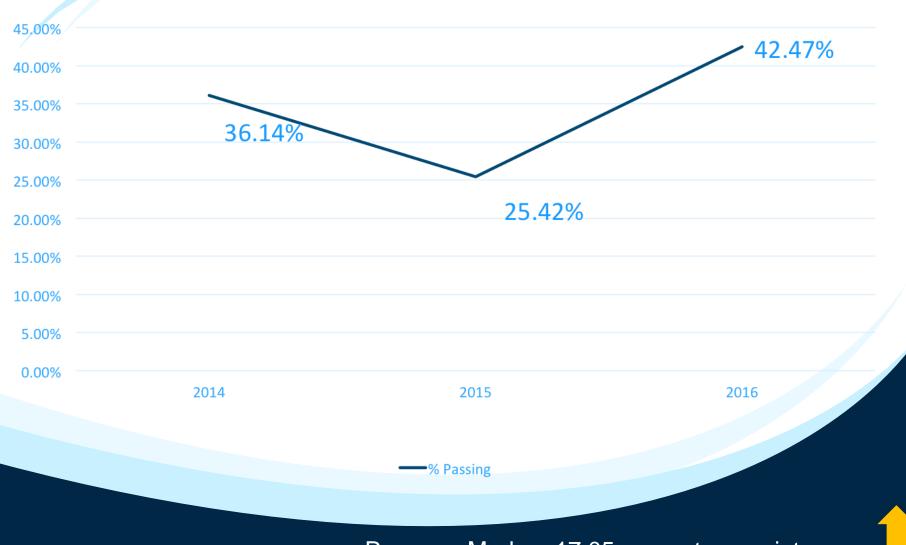


Progress Made: +18.69 percentage points

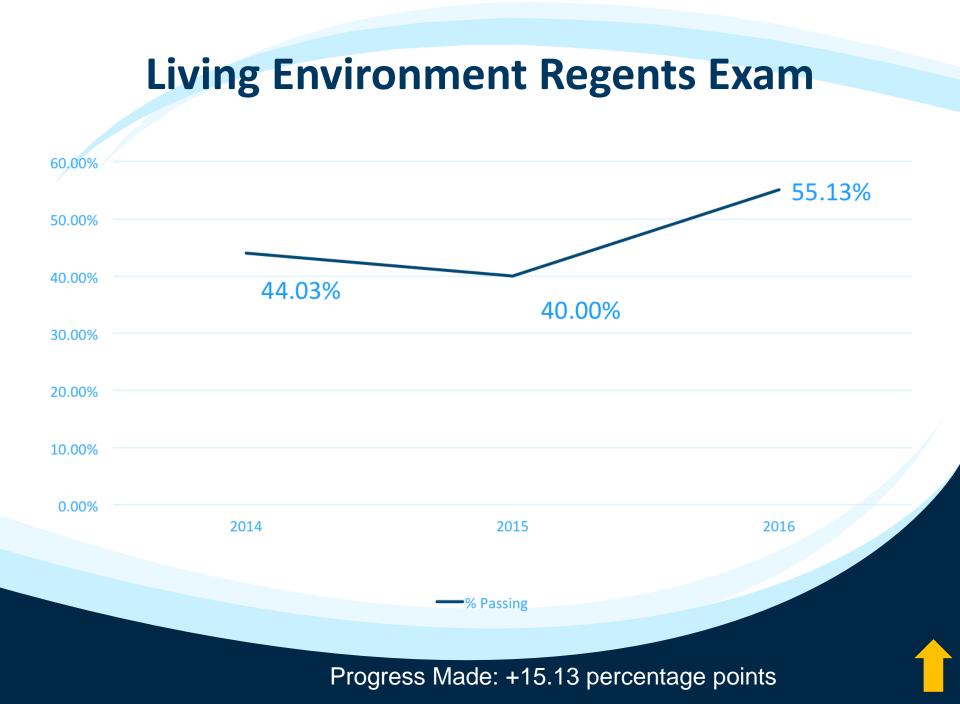
Common Core Algebra Regents Exam



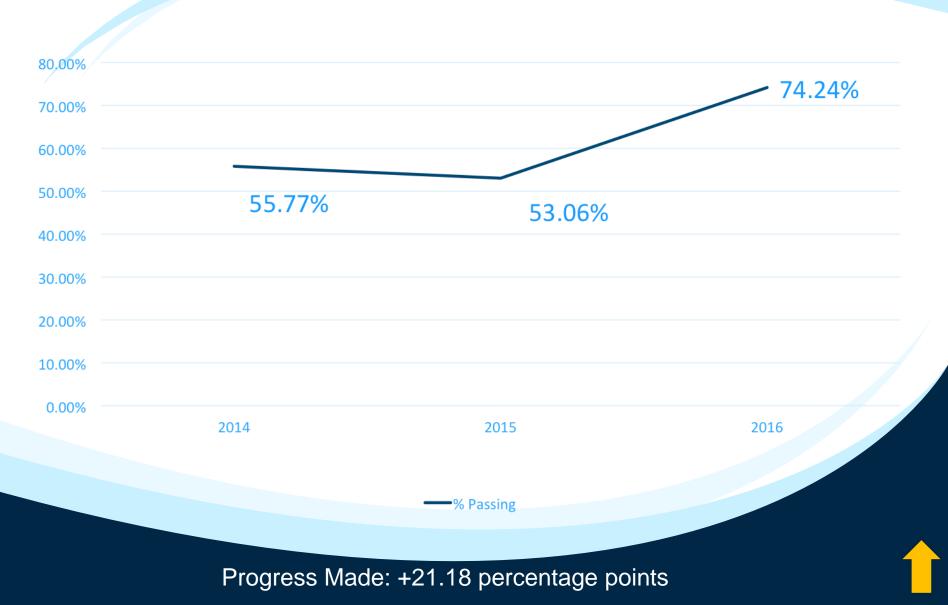
Algebra II and Trigonometry Regents Exams



Progress Made: +17.05 percentage points



Chemistry Regents Exam



Common Core English Language Arts 83% Passing Rate- Year 1 June 2016

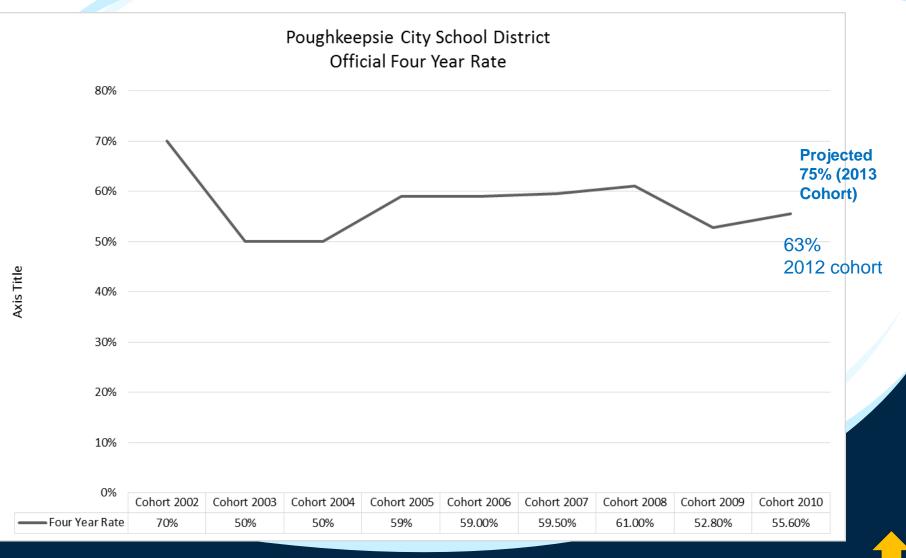
First Administration at PHS in June 2016



■ 0-54 ■ 55-64 ■ 65-79 ■ 80-84 ■ 85-100

Graduation Rate

Currently the graduation rate is at 63% (2012) Cohort. The goal for the current Cohort (2013) is 75%



Progress Made: +10.00 percentage points

Poughkeepsie High School High-Leverage Interventions for Monitoring Student Progress Towards On-Time Graduation

High-Yield Interventions

Classroom Interventions

- Progress Monitoring with Individual folders
- Differentiated Instruction (variety of texts, instructional approaches, and assessments)
- Mission Literacyinterdisciplinary focus on literacy
- Continual development of literacy skills (Double Entry Journals, Frayer model for vocabulary acquisition, Active Reading)

Academic Intervention Services (AIS)

- Use item analysis data from January/June/August exam for targeted instruction
- Work on specific skill and content deficiencies using data from the New York State Regents-based formative assessments
- Enhance student test-taking skills including time management, multiple-choice strategies, and reading strategies-

PHS Continuum of School-Wide Supports "Operation Graduation"

TIER 2

- Scholars with enough credits but lacking Regents Exams
- AIS Classes
- Peer Tutoring
- Adopt-A-Scholar (Mentor)
- Regents Review

TIER 3

- Scholars deficient in credits
 and Regents Exams
- Credit Recovery
- Regents Review
- Peer Tutoring
- AIS Classes
- Weekly counseling with Guidance Counselor

TIER 1

•Scholars on target to graduate with credits and Regents Exams •Regularly scheduled classes •Quarterly Monitoring of grades

Operation Graduation: Overview of

Strategy

Beginning of the 2015-16 SY

- Green -142
- Yellow 58
- Red 25

Super Seniors: 2013, 2014 & 2015 cohort students.

- Green 5
- Yellow 27
- Red 12
- * Adopt-A-Senior: All Yellow Students are adopted by staff @ PHS and district cabinet as part of the "How are the Children" initiative

- As of April 18, 2016
- Green 177
- Yellow 24
- Red 25
- Peer Tutoring
- Marist & Vassar
 Tutors
- **Regents** Prep

Rubric for Monitoring Student Progress

TIER LEVEL 1	TIER LEVEL 2	TIER LEVEL 3
Student is ON TRACK to earn CORE credits,1 elective, <u>AND</u> pass 3 Regents Exams	Student is ON TRACK to earn CORE Credits, 1 elective, <u>AND</u> pass 1 or more Regents Exams.	Student is NOT ON TRACK to earn CORE Credits, 1 elective, <u>AND</u> pass 1 or more Regents Exams
Annual Guidance Support: 1.August Orientation 2.Monthly newsletter on web 3.September Parent Breakfast 4.October- Career Self-Assessment delivered during Social Studies class to all students. 5.October –January small group meetings to continue Career Exploration 6.November Parent Information Night for 9 th and 10 th . 7.February- May Course Selection meetings. Course request goes home with scholar for parent signature. 8.June final course request goes home with scholar.	 <u>Guidance Interventions:</u> 1.December meetings to review Smart Goals and develop academic improvement plans. Academic improvement plan goes home for parent signature. 2.February meetings to review Smart Goals and develop academic improvement plan. Academic improvement plan goes home for parent signature. NOTE: SMART (Specific, Measurable, Action-oriented, Results-driven, Time- bound) 	Guidance Interventions: 1.December meetings to review Smart Goals and develop academic improvement plans. Academic improvement plan goes home for parent signature 2.December beginning support groups that focus on Academics, Attendance and Discipline issues. 3.February meetings to review Smart Goals and develop academic improvement plans. Academic improvement plan goes home for parent signature. 4.IST referral 5.Youth Services referral

Poughkeepsie City School District Resource Allocation





Revenue and Expenditure External Pressures

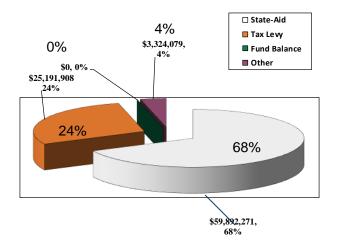
- •Equity in the distribution of State funding- "Small Cities"
- ("equity and excellence"-educating high needs students)
- Steady decrease of State funding
- •New York State Property Tax Cap
- •State mandates as a "Focus District"
- Increased health care costs
- Funding enrollment growth
- Competitive salaries and benefits

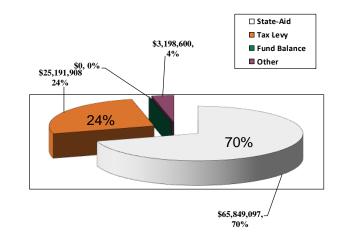


Revenue: Funding Sources

2015-2016

2016-2017

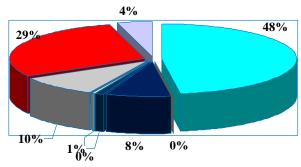




Expenditures

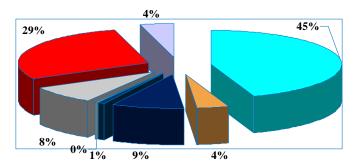
2015-2016





2016-2017





Large increase in equipment is Smart Schools allocation amount

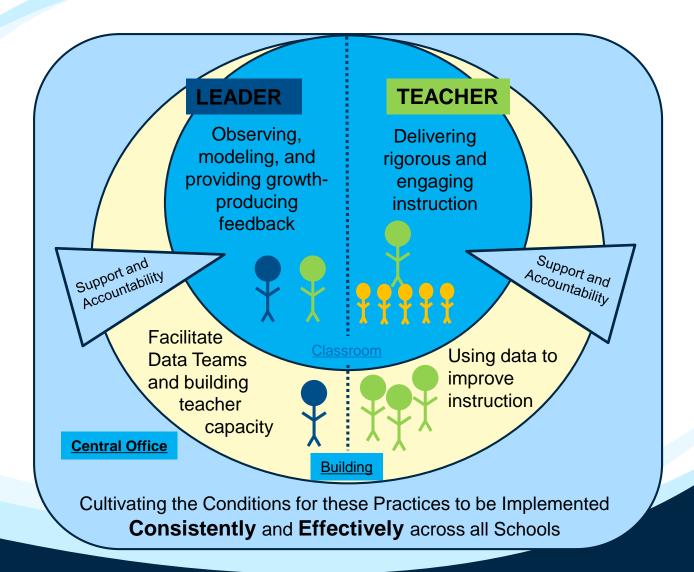
Poughkeepsie City School District *"Communities of Practice"*







Vision for the Instructional Work



PCSD Look-Fors (FILWs) for Principals & School Teams

What is monitored	How frequently	Using what tool?
Student growth	Monthly (follow district assessment calendar)	Data Walls Data Reviews (3 for the year)
Student achievement	Bi-weekly Quarterly	NWEA/MAP, common assessments
Teacher implementation of literacy model	Each teacher at least weekly	FILWs, classroom/school- wide assessments/ NYSUT Coaching Rubric
Data meetings and student work review	Monthly/30-60-90	FILWs, classroom/Data Walls, school-wide assessments
Building Visuals (Wall Walks/ Student Work/SMART Goals)	Monthly/30-60-90	FILWs Data Walls Data Dashboards

Instructional Coherence

- Clear, High Standards
- Aligned, Fair, Ongoing Assessments
- Curriculum Frameworks Derived From the Standards
- Instructional Materials Aligned to the Curriculum Frameworks
- Instruction Aligned to Standards
- Safety Nets for All "Scholars" Not Meeting the Standards
- Leadership and Professional Development to Ensure Implementation

Source: National Institute for School Leadership (NISL)

"Schools must be *learning organizations* marked by deliberate effort to identify helpful knowledge and spread its use within the organization."



Peter Senge (1991); Louise and Simsek (1991); City, Elmore, Fiarman, and Teitel (2009)



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