**Polk County Public Schools** 

# Auburndale Senior High School



2017-18 Schoolwide Improvement Plan

# **Auburndale Senior High School**

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# **School Demographics**

School Type and Gi (per MSID I		2016-17 Title I School	Disadvan	' Economically taged (FRL) Rate ted on Survey 3)
High Scho PK, 9-12		No		68%
Primary Servio (per MSID I	• •	Charter School	(Reporte	Minority Rate ed as Non-white Survey 2)
K-12 General E	ducation	No		50%
School Grades Histo	ry			
Year	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14
Grade	С	С	C*	С

<sup>\*</sup>Informational Baseline School Grade

**Note:** The school grades calculation was revised substantially for the 2014-15 school year to implement statutory changes made by the 2014 Legislature and incorporate the new Florida Standards Assessments. The 2014-15 school grades serve as informational baseline data that schools can use to improve in future years.

# **School Board Approval**

This plan is pending approval by the Polk County School Board.

# **SIP Authority and Template**

Section 1001.42(18), Florida Statutes, requires district school boards to annually approve and require implementation of a school improvement plan (SIP) for each school in the district that has a school grade of D or F.

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) SIP template meets all statutory and rule requirements for traditional public schools and incorporates all components required for schools receiving Title I funds. This template is required by State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.099811, Florida Administrative Code, for all non-charter schools with a current grade of D or F (see page 4). For schools receiving a grade of A, B, or C, the district may opt to require a SIP using a template of its choosing.

This document was prepared by school and district leadership using the FDOE's school improvement planning web application located at <a href="https://www.floridaCIMS.org">https://www.floridaCIMS.org</a>.

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# **Purpose and Outline of the SIP**

The SIP is intended to be the primary artifact used by every school with stakeholders to review data, set goals, create an action plan and monitor progress. A corollary at the district level is the District Improvement and Assistance Plan (DIAP), designed to help district leadership make the necessary connections between school and district goals in order to align resources. The Florida Department of Education encourages schools to use the SIP as a "living document" by continually updating, refining and using the plan to guide their work throughout the year. This printed version represents the SIP as of the "Date Modified" listed in the footer.

#### Part I: Current School Status

Part I organizes the current status of the school around five domains inspired by the 5Essentials framework: Supportive Environment, Family and Community Involvement, Effective Leadership, Public and Collaborative Teaching, and Ambitious Instruction and Learning. Questions regarding the school's Multi-Tiered System of Supports have been embedded throughout this part to demonstrate how data is used by stakeholders to understand the needs of all students and allocate appropriate resources in proportion to those needs.

# Part II: Needs Assessment

Part II requires the school to review performance and early warning systems data in order to develop strategic goals and associated data targets (i.e., "SMART goals") for the coming school year in context of the school's greatest strengths and needs. An online tool was developed, which includes data visualizations and processing questions to support problem identification, problem analysis and strategic goal formulation.

# Part III: 8-Step Planning and Problem Solving for Implementation

Part III enables the school to develop implementation plans for its highest-priority goals. With the overview of the current state of the school in mind and the strategic goals identified through the needs assessment, the planning team engages in a facilitated planning and problem-solving process, through which they

- Define strategic goals and establish targets to be reached by successfully achieving the goals (Step 1)
- Identify barriers that could hinder achieving those goals and resources that could be used to eliminate or reduce barriers (Step 2)
- Select high-priority barriers they want to address initially (Step 3)
- Design implementation and monitoring plans for strategies to resolve selected barriers (Steps 4-7)
- Determine how they will monitor progress toward each goal (Step 8)

# **Appendices**

The following appendices, automatically-generated from content entered in Part III, are included in this document:

- Appendix 1 is a timeline of all action steps and monitoring activities
- Appendix 2 is an outline of all professional development opportunities and technical assistance items
- Appendix 3 is a report of the budget needed to implement the strategies

# **Differentiated Accountability**

Florida's Differentiated Accountability (DA) system, established in <u>section 1008.33</u>, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, is a statewide network of strategic support, differentiated by need according to performance data, provided to districts and schools in order to improve leadership capacity, teacher efficacy, and student outcomes. Through a data-driven planning and problem-solving process, DA field teams collaborate with district leadership to design, implement, and refine strategic goals and action plans that are documented in the SIP.

# **DA Regions**

Florida's DA network is divided into four geographical regions, each served by a field team led by a regional executive director (RED).

# **DA Categories**

At the start of each academic year, traditional schools are classified for DA support in two categories based on the most recent school grades data available. Descriptions of each DA category along with the state support and interventions provided are set forth by <u>Rule 6A-1.099811</u>, <u>Florida Administrative Code</u>:

- Not in DA A school with a current school grade of A, B, or C; charter schools; and ungraded schools.
- Targeted Support and Improvement A school with a current school grade of an initial D.
- Comprehensive Support and Improvement A school with a current school grade of F or two
  consecutive grades of D, or a high school with a graduation rate of 67 percent or less in the most
  recent data release.

#### **DA Turnaround Status**

Additionally, Comprehensive Support and Improvement schools have a turnaround status of "Implementing," based on a school's grades history, including the current school grade:

 Implementing - A school with a status of "Implementing" requires the district to submit a turnaround plan to the State Board of Education for approval and implementation. A school remains in "Implementing" status until its school grade improves to a C or higher.

# 2017-18 DA Category and Statuses for Auburndale Senior High School

DA Region and RED	DA Category and Turnaround Status
Southwest -	- N/A

# I. Part I: Current School Status

# A. Supportive Environment

#### 1. School Mission and Vision

### a. Provide the school's mission statement.

The mission of Auburndale High School is to prepare our students to become successful in college, careers and citizenship.

#### b. Provide the school's vision statement.

The vision of Auburndale High School is to create an extraordinary environment that inspires greatness.

#### 2. School Environment

# a. Describe the process by which the school learns about students' cultures and builds relationships between teachers and students.

The school learns about students' cultures and builds relationships between teachers and students by:

- 1. Providing a platform for students to participate in developing school functions and decision-making through the Student Government Association (SGA).
- 2. Holding various parent/student interaction nights with school staff, including Orientation, Advance Placement and Dual Enrollment Informational night, Report Card Open House, Financial Planning for College, monthly School Advisory Council meetings, and Pre-Registration Information.
- 3. Providing a model for open communication between the school and home that includes call-logs, website and Facebook access, and email access.

# b. Describe how the school creates an environment where students feel safe and respected before, during and after school.

The school provides a safe environment by:

- 1. Visible and constant supervision by administrators, deans and teachers before school, after school, and between all classes throughout all areas of the school.
- 2. An active, participatory School Resource Officer who interacts with students positively and provides tools for students to feel safe in reporting incidents or areas of concern.
- 3. Provisions for students to be able to express concerns to the administrators, guidance counselors, school resource officer, and teachers without fear of judgment.
- c. Describe the schoolwide behavioral system in place that aids in minimizing distractions to keep students engaged during instructional time. This may include, but is not limited to, established protocols for disciplinary incidents, clear behavioral expectations, and training for school personnel to ensure the system is fairly and consistently enforced.

The school discipline policy was written and is reviewed annually by a collaborative committee of administrators, deans, teacher leaders and student leaders. It is a progressive plan that starts with the teacher in the classroom, and then includes parental contact by the teacher, visits to the Choice Room, and referrals to the deans. All faculty and staff are trained on the process during the preplanning week. The process is posted in the teacher handbook, student handbook and on our school website so that every stakeholder knows the rules and consequences for breaking those rules. On a regular basis the expectations of students and teachers are discussed during morning or afternoon school-wide announcements. Minor discipline issues including tardies, dress code violations, and

minor classroom disruptions are handled by sending the student to Choice Room for one period. Major discipline issues are handled immediately by deans or administrators.

# d. Describe how the school ensures the social-emotional needs of all students are being met, which may include providing counseling, mentoring and other pupil services.

All students at AHS are assigned to a guidance counselor based on their grade. All students may access their guidance counselors at any time during the day, including before and after school, during lunch, or by being referred by their teachers. All teachers have been trained in recognizing students in crisis, or in looking for signs of abuse, and have written procedures for notifying the appropriate personnel. Grade level specific assemblies are conducted at various times throughout the school year to provide inspiration, motivation, and to reinforce the expectations for ALL. The staff also participates in "Respect and Dignity for All" training to ensure that each member of our school community (students, staff, parents, etc.) feels valued and is welcomed as a positively contributing member of our school.

# 3. Early Warning Systems

The school's response to this section may address the requirements of ESSA, P.L. No. 114-95, § 1114(b)(7)(A)(i) and (b)(7)(A)(iii)(III).

# a. Describe the school's early warning system and provide a list of the early warning indicators used in the system.

AHS uses the Polk County Schools' EARLY WARNING SYSTEM (EWS) to increase the overall, atrisk, and minority graduation rate by identifying and addressing student barriers. The EWS monitors individual students on key indicators of potential dropouts with monthly reports of identified students who are off track and need more intensive supports.

The system will monitor students who are absent more than 10% of the days they are enrolled in school, those who have earned less credits than are required for normal progression from year to year, those with a GPA below 2.0, those who are more than two years over age for their grade level and those who have been assigned more than 3 days of ISS or OSS.

In addition to this system, our school makes parental contact via automated phone messaging for all students currently earning a D or F grade in any subject to those parents who have opted in to the program. The message directs parents to make contact with the guidance office or the teachers directly.

For Level 1 students, the administrative team analyzes their schedules to ensure they are receiving the appropriate placement in remedial classes and assistance with core academic subjects.

# b. Provide the following data related to the school's early warning system

# The number of students by grade level that exhibit each early warning indicator:

Indicator		Grade Level												Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Attendance below 90 percent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111	115	99	56	381
One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	7	0	1	17
Course failure in ELA or Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	119	66	39	298
Level 1 on statewide assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	153	119	47	449

The number of students identified by the system as exhibiting two or more early warning indicators:

Indicator		Grade Level												Total	
	mulcator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOtal
	Students exhibiting two or more indicators	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	125	82	52	354

# c. Describe all intervention strategies employed by the school to improve the academic performance of students identified by the early warning system.

An attendance committee, including the Assistant Principal and attendance social worker, tracks students whose attendance is below 90%. Contact is made with the student and parent/guardian to encourage attendance. After missing 5 school days a letter is sent home. After missing 10 school days an appointment is made with the parents and student and an Attendance Contract is signed. Administrative staff tracks student attendance and follows up with parents/guardians to keep students in attendance.

Students with one or more suspensions are tracked by the Administrative Staff and are given behavior contracts to encourage positive behavior to avoid future suspensions. Parents/guardians are involved in and sign the behavior contract to provide support for their child to avoid negative behaviors that may lead to suspension.

Teachers track students who are failing any class and meet as a team in their PLC's every 4.5 weeks to identify strategies to support those students. Parent contact is made via an automated telephone and email system for those parents who have opted in to the program, in addition to teachers contacting failing students personally. Students with Ds and Fs are referred to the after school HELP program for additional assistance with peer and/or teacher tutoring.

A Student Success Coach identifies students who are not meeting graduation requirements through collaboration with school administrators, school counselors, and parents. Once students have been identified, the Success Coach works to develop and implement individual intervention strategies and graduation plans to increase the likelihood that identified students will stay in school and graduate on time.

Level 1 ELA and Mathematics students are identified by the administration and guidance and placed into remedial double block reading and math classes for additional support. Their progress is tracked by the teacher and administrator and students are referred for additional support in the after school HELP program as needed.

# **B. Family and Community Engagement**

The school's response to this section may address the requirements of ESSA, P.L. No. 114-95, § 1114(b)(2) and (b)(7)(A)(iii)(I).

- 1. Describe how the school works at building positive relationships with families to increase involvement, including efforts to communicate the school's mission and vision, and keep parents informed of their child's progress.
  - a. Will the school use its Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy (PFEP) to satisfy this question?

No

#### 1. PFEP Link

The school completes a Parental Involvement Plan (PFEP), which is available at the school site.

# 2. Description

Auburndale High School works diligently to build positive relationships with parents and to keep them involved at the school level. Our mission and vision is communicated to the parents consistently through a variety of means. Methods utilized to keep parent involvement high and to keep them informed of their child's progress include:

- School Advisory Council (SAC) includes parent members and is open for any parent to attend. Notices of these meetings appear on the school webpage, are posted on the school marquis, and are announced to students to inform their parents.
- Orientation is held the week before school during which parents and students attend an orientation assembly, meet their teachers, and explore the various clubs and organizations available at school.
- Beginning of the year grade level assemblies are conducted to provide inspiration, motivation, and build relationships.
- An additional parent night (BITE night) is held during first semester at which parents receive information on school events and activities and have the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers to discuss progress and grades.
- The school webpage includes a variety of school information including events, activities, code of conduct information, college and career preparation, standardized testing information, links to teacher email addresses, and much more.
- The school maintains an active Facebook Account and Twitter Account. There are numerous followers on our social media accounts and updates are done on a regular basis.
- Parents who have opted in to the School Messenger automated telephone system received important announcements, reminders of upcoming events, and notification when their child is absent.
- Parent Internet Viewer allows parents to check their child's grades and attendance at any time. Parents may choose to have the system notify them if their child's grades drop below a certain level that the parent chooses.
- Athletic and other events are advertised to parents and are typically well attended by the entire community. These events are also advertised in the local newspaper prior to the event and are typically covered by the media afterward.

# 2. Describe the process by which the school builds and sustains partnerships with the local community for the purpose of securing and utilizing resources to support the school and student achievement.

Auburndale High School works diligently to build and sustain partnerships within the community.

- The School Advisory Council (SAC) includes business partners and is open for others to attend.
- Members of the administrative team belong to community organizations such as the Rotary Club.
- Career Academies each have sponsors that fund their programs and provide internships to students.
- Athletic teams acquire sponsors who provide financial support for their teams and athletes.
- Community groups such as Ridgepoint Church, Horace Mann, and Herff Jones provide support for faculty functions and staff incentives.
- AHS has developed a strong relationship with the city of Auburndale and works in partnership on a variety of events to promote the school and community.
- Local groups provide a multitude of scholarships for students of Auburndale High School on an annual basis.
- Faculty members are actively involved in a variety of community groups that provide support for the school on an as needed basis.

#### C. Effective Leadership

# 1. School Leadership Team

# a. Membership

Identify the name, email address and position title for each member of the school leadership team.:

Principal
Assistant Principal
Assistant Principal
Assistant Principal
Dean
Dean
Assistant Principal

### b. Duties

# 1. Describe the roles and responsibilities of the members, including how they serve as instructional leaders and practice shared decision making.

The principal, two assistant principals and two AP2s are the primary instructional leaders of the school. This administrative team meets weekly along with the deans to share observations on the effectiveness of the teachers and the progress of the students. All team members share in the decision making process as it pertains to the safety of the students and staff of the school, the application of discipline procedures in a fair and consistent manner, and identifying the needs of the students. The team also meets every Wednesday afternoon after school for two hours to share instructional observations and share in the decision making process as it pertains to the coaching of instructional staff. A Distributed Leadership approach is used where all leadership team members are assigned an academic area of focus to monitor, support, and coach. The leadership team are active members of the Instructional PLC's and Collaborative Planning time.

The team of Department Chairs meet monthly with the Academic Leadership Team to discuss instructional topics, share ideas for strengthening best practices, and collaborate to plan needed professional development.

- 2. Describe the process through which school leadership identifies and aligns all available resources (e.g., personnel, instructional, curricular) in order to meet the needs of all students and maximize desired student outcomes. Include the methodology for coordinating and supplementing federal, state and local funds, services and programs. Provide the person(s) responsible, frequency of meetings, how an inventory of resources is maintained and any problem-solving activities used to determine how to apply resources for the highest impact.
- 1. Personnel resources (teachers) are assigned based on student scheduling needs and requests. Prior year data of student achievement is linked to each teacher to determine the best placement based on student needs.
- 2. The School Advisory Council meets on a monthly basis and reviews school-wide data to determine where financial resources from Lottery may be allocated to best increase student achievement. Examples would include an after-school extended learning program, and substitutes that would enable teachers to attend professional development sessions.
- 3. The strategic planning team (Academic Leadership Team) meets bi-weekly and uses the 8-step problem solving method to determine the proper allocation of resources, instructional and financial, to meet the needs identified by the team.
- 4. The Budget committee, consisting of the principal, assistant principal, financial secretary and athletic director meet on a weekly basis to discuss the current budget status and needs that must be addressed to assist in raising student achievement.
- 5. Federal IDEA funds are included in the budget committee meeting discussions, and the LEA facilitator is consulted as needed to determine the needs of the ESE population.

# 2. School Advisory Council (SAC)

# a. Membership

Identify the name and stakeholder group for each member of the SAC.:

Name	Stakeholder Group
Val Walsh	Business/Community
John Hill	Principal
Robert Ball	Teacher
Jackie Mulford	Education Support Employee
Janie Meadows	Parent
Cheryl McQuaig	Parent
Susan Allen	Parent
Nancy MacPhee	Parent
Sheree McFarland	Education Support Employee
Penelope McDaniel	Education Support Employee
Pam Lancaster	Teacher
Courney Eelman	Parent
Brenda Perdue	Parent
Sherry Gary	Parent
Schnieder Edouard	Student
Gerardo Rosado	Student
John Watkins	Parent
Heather Watkins	Parent
Susan Wasnorowicz	Business/Community
Rebecca Wasnorowicz	Business/Community
Peter Rausch	Teacher
Bree Lambert	Student
Abygayle Rausch	Student
Jazlyn Mazurowski	Student
Karen Pearce	Parent
Johnny Pearce	Parent
Bev Cone	Parent
Jennifer Owens	Parent
Jeanette Nelson	Parent
Jennifer Mills	Teacher
Holly Ryan	Education Support Employee
Ishmael Portillo	Education Support Employee
Eric Otheson	Education Support Employee
Tyrone Wilder	Education Support Employee
b. Duties	

# 1. Provide a description of the SAC's involvement with the following activities, as required by section 1001.452(2), Florida Statutes

The school's response to this question may address the requirements of ESSA, P.L. No. 114-95, § 1114(b)(2).

a. Evaluation of last year's school improvement plan

The SAC is given copies of the SIP during the second monthly meeting of the 2017-18 school year. They were also given the results of FCAT and EOC testing, which became available after the end of the 2016-17 school year. A review of each of the SIP goals and the test data was conducted, along with a comparison to prior year results. Input was given by the committee members on goals for the current year.

b. Development of this school improvement plan

Various members of the SAC collaborated at team meetings to complete the 8-step problem solving process and had direct input in the writing of the school goals. A periodic review by the entire team will be conducted at regularly scheduled SAC meetings.

c. Preparation of the school's annual budget and plan

The SAC is presented with the projected school budget at the end of the prior school year, and input is solicited concerning the allocation of resources based on feedback from parents, students and staff members. The SAC is also responsible for the allocation of State Lottery Funds, according to state guidelines, and they vote on an annual basis at the beginning of the school year to fund the needs identified by the committee and the administrative team. Periodically throughout the school year the SAC will hear presentations from school stakeholders who are petitioning the committee to allocate funds to an identified area of need that was not originally voted on at the beginning of the school year.

# 2. Describe the use of school improvement funds allocated last year, including the amount budgeted for each project.

Extended Learning Opportunities - paid teacher tutors after school \$2300.00 Professional Development Opportunities - paid substitutes for teachers \$1500.00 Professional Memberships for administrators \$400 Supplies for Professional Development programs as needed \$400 ACT Tests \$4000 Summer Personnel for Strategic Planning \$15,000

- 3. Verify that the school is in compliance with section 1001.452, Florida Statutes, regarding the establishment requirements and duties of the SAC.

  Yes
- a. If the school is not in compliance, describe the measures being implemented to meet SAC requirements.
- 3. Literacy Leadership Team (LLT)

#### a. Membership

Identify the name and position title for each member of the school-based LLT or similar group, if applicable.:

Mills, Jenn Assistant Principal Hill, John Principal Jasmin, Guerline Teacher, K-12 Pensyl, Barbara Teacher, K-12 Portillo, Ismael Assistant Principal Wilder, Tyrone Dean Parada, Sheryl School Counselor Bellwood, Aaron Teacher, K-12 Giles, Joslyn Teacher, K-12 Cullen, Joanne Teacher, K-12 Saenz, Willie Teacher, ESE Bohac, Charles Teacher, K-12 Caggiano, Mae Teacher, K-12
Jasmin, Guerline  Teacher, K-12  Pensyl, Barbara  Teacher, K-12  Portillo, Ismael  Wilder, Tyrone  Parada, Sheryl  Bellwood, Aaron  Teacher, K-12  Giles, Joslyn  Teacher, K-12  Cullen, Joanne  Teacher, K-12  Saenz, Willie  Teacher, ESE  Bohac, Charles  Caggiano, Mae  Teacher, K-12  Teacher, K-12  Teacher, K-12  Teacher, K-12
Pensyl, Barbara  Portillo, Ismael  Wilder, Tyrone  Parada, Sheryl  Bellwood, Aaron  Giles, Joslyn  Cullen, Joanne  Saenz, Willie  Bohac, Charles  Caggiano, Mae  Assistant Principal  Assistant Princi
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Wilder, Tyrone Dean  Parada, Sheryl School Counselor  Bellwood, Aaron Teacher, K-12  Giles, Joslyn Teacher, K-12  Cullen, Joanne Teacher, K-12  Saenz, Willie Teacher, ESE  Bohac, Charles Teacher, K-12  Caggiano, Mae Teacher, K-12
Parada, Sheryl  Bellwood, Aaron  Teacher, K-12  Giles, Joslyn  Teacher, K-12  Cullen, Joanne  Teacher, K-12  Saenz, Willie  Teacher, ESE  Bohac, Charles  Teacher, K-12  Caggiano, Mae  School Counselor  Teacher, K-12  Teacher, K-12  Teacher, K-12
Bellwood, Aaron Teacher, K-12 Giles, Joslyn Teacher, K-12 Cullen, Joanne Teacher, K-12 Saenz, Willie Teacher, ESE Bohac, Charles Teacher, K-12 Caggiano, Mae Teacher, K-12
Giles, Joslyn  Teacher, K-12  Cullen, Joanne  Teacher, K-12  Saenz, Willie  Teacher, ESE  Bohac, Charles  Teacher, K-12  Caggiano, Mae  Teacher, K-12
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Saenz, Willie Teacher, ESE Bohac, Charles Teacher, K-12 Caggiano, Mae Teacher, K-12
Bohac, Charles Teacher, K-12 Caggiano, Mae Teacher, K-12
Caggiano, Mae Teacher, K-12
White, Jacob Teacher, K-12
Amato, Grace Teacher, K-12
Carroll, Nick Teacher, K-12
Melton, Holly Assistant Principal
Johnson, Victoria Instructional Coach

# b. Duties

# 1. Describe how the LLT or similar group promotes literacy within the school, if applicable.

The function of the Academic Leadership Team in this school is to:

- 1. Establish and sustain a climate of literacy in this school.
- 2. Ensure that planning for school-wide literacy activities is both initiated and supported.
- 3. Analyze school-wide reading data, looking for trends and implications.
- 4. Stay abreast of current research-based instructional strategies and support the instructional staff with professional development opportunities.
- Include members of the instructional staff who take an active interest in this area.

The AHS Academic Leadership Team meets bi-weekly on Wednesday afternoons.

# D. Public and Collaborative Teaching

The school's responses to this section may address the requirements of ESSA, P.L. No. 114-95, § 1114(b)(7)(A)(iii)(IV).

# 1. Describe the school's strategies to encourage positive working relationships between teachers, including collaborative planning and instruction.

The instructional staff and leadership team are united in delivering standard based instruction by utilizing PLC's and weekly Collaborative Planning, data analysis sessions, job-embedded PD, a coaching cycle which supports classroom instruction and encourages model teachers to serve in a peer coaching role. The Professional Learning Community Teams meet as a whole department 45 minutes per week. Subject area specific teams also meet 45 minutes per week to Collaborative Plan in an effort to assure standard based instruction is being met and reaching the desired level of rigor.

Instructional Coaches and Teacher Leaders join with the instructional leadership team members to serve as facilitators for these PLC's, Collaborative Planning sessions. Best practices are shared through collegial conversations, targeted feedback, and data analysis.

2. Describe the school's strategies to recruit, develop and retain highly qualified, certified-in-field, effective teachers to the school.

Our instructional staff is secured using the On-line hiring system developed by the District. In addition, the Personnel Department at the District level, specifically the Diversity Team, helps us meet our instructional needs while at the same time ensuring that our demographic needs are being met.

3. Describe the school's teacher mentoring program, including the rationale for pairings and planned mentoring activities.

New teacher meetings are held monthly for both new teachers as well as more experienced teachers who are new to our school. At these meetings we assist new teachers with school building logistics, policies and procedures, technology, classroom management strategies, literacy strategies, assessments and grading and other topics pertinent to the group and based on their experiences. Ismael Portillo, one of our assistant principals, serves as the new teacher mentor and works with all beginning teachers on an as-needed basis. Other members of the leadership team are assigned departments to oversee and provide ongoing assistance to all teachers, with special emphasis on assisting new teachers.

All members of the instructional staff are grouped by teaching assignments into PLC groups. Members of the leadership team, including aspiring leaders, are assigned to various departments as an instructional coach. The coach acts in a supportive role and helps guide the teams as they learn to work collaboratively. The teachers are further assisted as needed by their individual department chairs when an issue involving curriculum arises.

# E. Ambitious Instruction and Learning

# 1. Instructional Programs and Strategies

# a. Instructional Programs

1. Describe how the school ensures its core instructional programs and materials are aligned to Florida's standards.

The core instructional programs and materials are aligned to Florida's standards with the usage of state adopted resources and supplementary materials.

Utilization of District Learning Maps assure instructional alignment to the standards along with pacing guides for instructional flow.

Discussions in the collaborative planning meetings and PLC data chats help guide the teachers in the understanding and implementation of the standards.

Monitoring in the classrooms through administrative walk-throughs and the use of our in-house coaching cycle also add support that the alignment is being met.

# b. Instructional Strategies

1. Describe how the school uses data to provide and differentiate instruction to meet the diverse needs of students. Provide examples of how instruction is modified or supplemented

# to assist students having difficulty attaining the proficient or advanced level on state assessments.

Teachers are trained during PLCs on the FL standards and continue to be supported through the use of CPalms and collaborative planning and PLC meetings. Teachers are expected to bring collected data from rigorous common assessments to their Collaborative Planning sessions and through analysis of the data determine the needs of both those requiring additional support as well as those who are ready for enrichment activities.

In addition, teachers will be supported and coached in their use of small group instruction necessitated by the results of the data collection and analysis.

2. Provide the following information for each strategy the school uses to increase the amount and quality of learning time and help enrich and accelerate the curriculum:

Strategy: After School Program

Minutes added to school year: 8,000

Through our after school tutoring program, students are given multiple opportunities for extended learning through various means. Teacher help and peer tutoring are the mainstays of the programs and the additional help covers homework and testing, content comprehension, test prep, college and career information and assistance, and vocational resources and guides.

# Strategy Rationale

A larger segment of our student body can be reached for instructional support and activity assistance if the enrichment program is held after school hours and open to all. Free public transportation increases the after-hours options for our students and makes the extended learning program more easily accessible to our diverse student population.

### Strategy Purpose(s)

- · Core Academic Instruction
- Enrichment

*Person(s) responsible for monitoring implementation of the strategy* Mills, Jenn, jennifer.mills@polk-fl.net

Data that is or will be collected and how it is analyzed to determine effectiveness of the strategy

Attendance in this program is tracked and will be used to analyze the effectiveness of the program. High stakes test scores, classroom testing trends, and effectiveness surveys will all be employed to measure the success of the program.

# 2. Student Transition and Readiness

#### a. PreK-12 Transition

The school's response to this question may address the requirements of ESSA, P.L. No. 114-95,  $\hat{A}$  1114(b)(7)(A)(iii)(V).

1. Describe the strategies the school employs to support incoming and outgoing cohorts of students in transition from one school level to another.

Incoming freshmen arrive at Auburndale High School from several feeder middle schools. The following strategies are implemented to ensure a smooth transition into high school:

- A strong relationship is maintained with the feeder middle schools and middle school students are encouraged to attend the high school athletic and community events.
- In the Spring of each year, Auburndale High School holds a middle school parent night at which parents and students become acclimated with the school, faculty, and activities available at AHS.
- High school guidance counselors visit the feeder middle schools in the Spring of each year to assist 8th graders with class selection for their freshman year.
- The LEA facilitator attends transitional staffings for ESE students.
- All freshmen participate in "Freshmen Success Assembly" during the first quarter of the school year to become familiar with the school expectations and exciting options open to them for participation in the high school learning culture.

# b. College and Career Readiness

# 1. Describe the strategies the school uses to advance college and career awareness, which may include establishing partnerships with business, industry or community organizations.

From the time a student enters Auburndale High School, he or she has opportunities to access the College and Career Lab to begin thinking about the transition to college or careers after high school, including the following:

- The College and Career facilitator visits classes to discuss options after high school and how to prepare.
- Juniors and Seniors participate in a college and career fair during October of each year.
- Juniors and Seniors have conferences with guidance counselors to ensure their credits and classes are on track for graduation and the transition into college.
- Dual enrollment classes in partnership with Polk State College.
- Visits with college, career, and military recruiters on campus throughout the year.

Outgoing seniors specifically participate in the following:

- Assistance with college applications and essays through the college and career lab.
- Assistance in identifying scholarship opportunities and submitting applications for scholarships through the college and career labs.
- On the job training through the OJT program.

Career Academies at Auburndale High School partner with community businesses and industries to provide training and internship opportunities.

# 2. Identify the career and technical education programs available to students and industry certifications that may be earned through those respective programs.

Auburndale Communications Academy offers the following programs, which include opportunities for industry certification:

- Graphics Design
- Web Design
- Digital Publishing
- Architectural
- TV Broadcast
- CAD Engineering

Auburndale Medical Academy offers the following tracks, which include opportunities for industry certification:

- Electrocardiograph Aide
- Home Health Aide
- First Responder

Auburndale Agriscience Academy offers the following tracks, which include opportunities for industry certification:

- Ag Technology
- Horticulture

The Auburndale Institute of Art and Media includes the following areas in a course progression that begins at the middle school level in partnership with Stambaugh Middle School:

- Performing Arts
- Visual Arts
- Media
- 3. Describe efforts the school has taken to integrate career and technical education with academic courses (e.g., industrial biotechnology) to support student achievement.

Students involved in academies at Auburndale High School participate in a track of courses that will meet their general education requirements and provide them an opportunity for industry certification. Students not involved in academies have the opportunity to participate academy classes as electives.

4. Describe strategies for improving student readiness for the public postsecondary level based on annual analysis of the <u>High School Feedback Report</u>, as required by section 1008.37(4), Florida Statutes.

Strategies for improving student readiness for the public post-secondary level based on annual analysis of the high school feedback report include:

- 1. ACT and SAT prep classes
- 2. Math for College Readiness classes
- 3. English 4 College Prep classes
- 4. PERT Testing
- 5. ASVAB Testing and follow-up
- 6. Resources and a teacher in the College & Career Lab
- 7. After school peer tutoring

# **II. Needs Assessment**

The school's completion of this part may address the requirements of ESSA, P.L. No. 114-95, Â\ 1114(b)(6).

# A. Problem Identification

# 1. Data to Support Problem Identification

#### b. Data Uploads

Data uploads are not required by the Florida Department of Education but are offered as a tool for the needs assessment. In this section, the school may upload files of locally available data charts and graphs being used as evidence of need.

The following documents were submitted as evidence for this section:

No files were uploaded

# 2. Problem Identification Summary

This section is not required by the Florida Department of Education but is provided as an opportunity for the school to summarize the points of strength and areas of need that have been identified in the data.

# **B. Problem Analysis Summary**

This section is not required by the Florida Department of Education but is provided as an opportunity for the school to summarize the underlying "why"Â? or root causes for the areas of need identified in the data, as determined by situational awareness of, and research conducted by, the stakeholders involved in the needs assessment.

# C. Strategic Goals

# **School Improvement Goals**

The following key is intended to help readers understand how the sections of this document correspond to the steps of the 8-step planning and problem-solving framework used in the School Improvement Plan. The Quick Key numbers can help registered users go directly to the point of entry for any given goal, barrier and strategy within the online survey.

# **Problem Solving Key**

**G** = Goal **B** =

Barrier **S** = Strategy

1 = Problem Solving Step S123456 = Quick Key

# **Strategic Goals Summary**

- With high expectations, all stakeholders will collaborate to understand, plan, deliver and differentiate rigorous standard-based instruction in all content areas.
- G2. AHS will utilized EWS data to implement effective interventions to increase student attendance, academic achievement, and also maintain a safe supportive environment for ALL students.

# Strategic Goals Detail

For each strategic goal, this section lists the associated targets (i.e., "SMART goals"), targeted barriers to achieving the goal, resources available to help reduce or eliminate the barriers, and the plan for monitoring progress toward the goal.

**G1.** With high expectations, all stakeholders will collaborate to understand, plan, deliver and differentiate rigorous standard-based instruction in all content areas. 12

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# Targets Supported 1b

Indicator	Annual Target
FSA ELA Achievement	40.0
Algebra I EOC Pass Rate	40.0

# Targeted Barriers to Achieving the Goal

The lesson planning process has lacked coordination to focus on standard driven instruction.
 While some teachers have been planning together, there are still many planning in isolation and not utilizing the available resources to provide purposeful planning.

# Resources Available to Help Reduce or Eliminate the Barriers 2

- Utilize District and school-based Instructional Coaches to facilitate the PLC process, model best practices for Collaborative Planning, and enhance instructional delivery strategies.
- District Learning Maps/Pacing Guides Test Item Specifications CPalms

# Plan to Monitor Progress Toward G1. 8

School-wide assessment data

### Person Responsible

Jenn Mills

#### Schedule

Quarterly, from 8/10/2017 to 5/31/2018

### **Evidence of Completion**

FSA ELA and Algebra I EOC data will be compared from 2016-17 to 2017-18. We are looking for a 5% increase in both areas.

**G2.** AHS will utilized EWS data to implement effective interventions to increase student attendance, academic achievement, and also maintain a safe supportive environment for ALL students.

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# Targets Supported 1b

Indicator	Annual Target
Attendance Below 90%	
4-Year Grad Rate (Standard Diploma)	82.0

Students exhibiting two or more EWS indicators (Total)

# Targeted Barriers to Achieving the Goal 3

• We do not have a fully developed and implemented system to effectively monitor attendance and academic achievement for all student graduation cohorts.

# Resources Available to Help Reduce or Eliminate the Barriers 2

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# Plan to Monitor Progress Toward G2.

Continual data analysis to monitor student progress of each graduation cohort.

# Person Responsible

Joslyn Giles

#### **Schedule**

Daily, from 8/21/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### Evidence of Completion

SSR reviews Progress Monitoring Spreadsheet Graduation Rate

# **Action Plan for Improvement**

For each strategy selected in the plan to reduce a targeted barrier to a strategic goal, this section lists the rationale for that strategy (i.e., why the school believes it will reduce the barrier) and the action steps that have been identified as necessary to implementing the strategy, including details such as the point person, timing and duration, and evidence of completion. At the end of each set of action steps is the plan for monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of the respective strategy.

# **Problem Solving Key**

1 = Problem Solving Step S123456 = Quick Key

**G1.** With high expectations, all stakeholders will collaborate to understand, plan, deliver and differentiate rigorous standard-based instruction in all content areas.



**G1.B2** The lesson planning process has lacked coordination to focus on standard driven instruction. While some teachers have been planning together, there are still many planning in isolation and not utilizing the available resources to provide purposeful planning.



G1.B2.S1 Weekly facilitated PLC's and Collaborative Planning 4



# Strategy Rationale

If we give teachers time to plan with support for standard-based instruction then lessons will be more aligned to the standards.

# Action Step 1 5

Model and facilitate weekly PLC's that will focus on instructional initiatives and professional development needs.

### Person Responsible

Ismael Portillo

### **Schedule**

Weekly, from 9/7/2017 to 5/10/2018

### **Evidence of Completion**

- Agendas - PLC Action Form - CWT Data (trends) - Professional Development Calendar

# Action Step 2 5

Facilitate weekly Collaborative Planning sessions that will assure standards-based instruction, monitor fidelity of task alignment, rigor level, and data analysis to drive best practices/next steps.

# Person Responsible

Holly Melton

#### **Schedule**

Weekly, from 9/7/2017 to 5/10/2018

### Evidence of Completion

Facilitator Agendas

# Plan to Monitor Fidelity of Implementation of G1.B2.S1 6

Leadership team members will be active participants in the PLC process.

### Person Responsible

John Hill

#### **Schedule**

Monthly, from 9/7/2017 to 5/10/2018

# **Evidence of Completion**

 Collection of PLC Agendas - PLC Action Forms collected - Walkthroughs conducted to monitor implementation of instructional initiatives - Data collection to support academic progress

# Plan to Monitor Effectiveness of Implementation of G1.B2.S1 7

Leadership team members will be active participants in the Collaborative Planning process.

### Person Responsible

John Hill

### **Schedule**

Monthly, from 9/7/2017 to 5/10/2018

# **Evidence of Completion**

- Collection of Collaborative Planning Agendas - Meeting minutes/Collaborative Checklist - Lesson plans - Student work samples - Walkthroughs conducted to monitor for fidelity - Data collection to support academic progress

**G2.** AHS will utilized EWS data to implement effective interventions to increase student attendance, academic achievement, and also maintain a safe supportive environment for ALL students.

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**G2.B1** We do not have a fully developed and implemented system to effectively monitor attendance and academic achievement for all student graduation cohorts.



**G2.B1.S1** Utilize the AHS Success Coach, guidance department, and leadership team to help monitor graduation cohorts and identify students who exhibit risk factors that adversely impact their student achievement. 4



# Strategy Rationale

To provide a point person who develops, implements, and supports implementation of effective strategies to increase the graduation rate at Auburndale High School.

# Action Step 1 5

Create and maintain a data base of each graduation cohort to track their academic status as they progress towards graduation and implement interventions to support the ultimate goal of increasing our school-wide graduation rate.

# Person Responsible

Joslyn Giles

# **Schedule**

Daily, from 8/21/2017 to 5/18/2018

**Evidence of Completion** 

# Plan to Monitor Fidelity of Implementation of G2.B1.S1 6

The AHS Success Coach along with the Administrative Team will conduct bi-weekly meetings to ensure each graduation cohort leader is being accountable for the accuracy for the cohort monitoring spreadsheet and for the implementation of early interventions/strategies to improve student achievement.

# **Person Responsible**

Jenn Mills

#### **Schedule**

On 5/18/2018

# **Evidence of Completion**

- Progress Monitoring Spreadsheet - Meeting Agenda - Grades - Scholastic Review Meetings

# Plan to Monitor Effectiveness of Implementation of G2.B1.S1 7

Results and progress from the bi-weekly meeting will be analyzed by the Administrative Team to provide targeted feedback, support, and/or needed next steps for the graduation cohort leaders.

# Person Responsible

Jenn Mills

#### **Schedule**

On 5/18/2018

# **Evidence of Completion**

- Agendas - Targeted Feedback Tool - Data Chats

# IV. Implementation Timeline

Source	Task, Action Step or Monitoring Activity	Who	Start Date (where applicable)	Deliverable or Evidence of Completion	Due Date/ End Date
		2018			
G1.B2.S1.MA1	Leadership team members will be active participants in the Collaborative Planning process.	Hill, John	9/7/2017	- Collection of Collaborative Planning Agendas - Meeting minutes/ Collaborative Checklist - Lesson plans - Student work samples - Walkthroughs conducted to monitor for fidelity - Data collection to support academic progress	5/10/2018 monthly
G1.B2.S1.MA1	Leadership team members will be active participants in the PLC process.	Hill, John	9/7/2017	- Collection of PLC Agendas - PLC Action Forms collected - Walkthroughs conducted to monitor implementation of instructional initiatives - Data collection to support academic progress	5/10/2018 monthly
G1.B2.S1.A1	Model and facilitate weekly PLC's that will focus on instructional initiatives and professional	Portillo, Ismael	9/7/2017	- Agendas - PLC Action Form - CWT Data (trends) - Professional Development Calendar	5/10/2018 weekly
G1.B2.S1.A2 A376626	Facilitate weekly Collaborative Planning sessions that will assure standards-based instruction,	Melton, Holly	9/7/2017	- Facilitator Agendas	5/10/2018 weekly
G2.B1.S1.MA1	Results and progress from the bi-weekly meeting will be analyzed by the Administrative Team to	Mills, Jenn	8/21/2017	- Agendas - Targeted Feedback Tool - Data Chats	5/18/2018 one-time
G2.B1.S1.MA1 M407375	The AHS Success Coach along with the Administrative Team will conduct biweekly meetings to ensure	Mills, Jenn	8/21/2017	- Progress Monitoring Spreadsheet - Meeting Agenda - Grades - Scholastic Review Meetings	5/18/2018 one-time
G2.B1.S1.A1	Create and maintain a data base of each graduation cohort to track their academic status as they	Giles, Joslyn	8/21/2017		5/18/2018 daily
G2.MA1 M407376	Continual data analysis to monitor student progress of each graduation cohort.	Giles, Joslyn	8/21/2017	SSR reviews Progress Monitoring Spreadsheet Graduation Rate	5/24/2018 daily
G1.MA1 M407373	School-wide assessment data	Mills, Jenn	8/10/2017	FSA ELA and Algebra I EOC data will be compared from 2016-17 to 2017-18. We are looking for a 5% increase in both areas.	5/31/2018 quarterly

# V. Professional Development Opportunities

Professional development opportunities identified in the SIP as action steps to achieve the school's goals.

**G1.** With high expectations, all stakeholders will collaborate to understand, plan, deliver and differentiate rigorous standard-based instruction in all content areas.

**G1.B2** The lesson planning process has lacked coordination to focus on standard driven instruction. While some teachers have been planning together, there are still many planning in isolation and not utilizing the available resources to provide purposeful planning.

# G1.B2.S1 Weekly facilitated PLC's and Collaborative Planning

# PD Opportunity 1

Model and facilitate weekly PLC's that will focus on instructional initiatives and professional development needs.

#### **Facilitator**

District and School-based Coaches; Leadership Team

# **Participants**

Instructional personnel (by departments)

# **Schedule**

Weekly, from 9/7/2017 to 5/10/2018

# PD Opportunity 2

Facilitate weekly Collaborative Planning sessions that will assure standards-based instruction, monitor fidelity of task alignment, rigor level, and data analysis to drive best practices/next steps.

#### **Facilitator**

Literacy Coach; Specific Administrator (designated subjects)

# **Participants**

Instructional Staff (subject specific)

#### **Schedule**

Weekly, from 9/7/2017 to 5/10/2018

# **VI. Technical Assistance Items**

Technical Assistance opportunities identified in the SIP as action steps to achieve the school's goals.

		VII. Budget	
1	G1.B2.S1.A1	Model and facilitate weekly PLC's that will focus on instructional initiatives and professional development needs.	\$0.00
2	G1.B2.S1.A2	Facilitate weekly Collaborative Planning sessions that will assure standards-based instruction, monitor fidelity of task alignment, rigor level, and data analysis to drive best practices/next steps.	\$0.00
3	G2.B1.S1.A1	Create and maintain a data base of each graduation cohort to track their academic status as they progress towards graduation and implement interventions to support the ultimate goal of increasing our school-wide graduation rate.	\$0.00
		Total:	\$0.00