

Miami-Dade County Public Schools

# Mater Academy Of International Studies



## 2019-20 Schoolwide Improvement Plan

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## Demographics

**Principal: Giselle Bernal**

Start Date for this Principal: 8/1/2013

<b>2019-20 Status</b> (per MSID File)	Active
<b>School Type and Grades Served</b> (per MSID File)	Elementary School KG-5
<b>Primary Service Type</b> (per MSID File)	K-12 General Education
<b>2018-19 Title I School</b>	Yes
<b>2018-19 Economically Disadvantaged (FRL) Rate</b> (as reported on Survey 3)	88%
<b>2018-19 ESSA Subgroups Represented</b> (subgroups with 10 or more students) (subgroups below the federal threshold are identified with an asterisk)	Students With Disabilities* English Language Learners Hispanic Students Economically Disadvantaged Students
<b>School Grades History</b>	2018-19: A (67%) 2017-18: C (45%) 2016-17: C (52%) 2015-16: C (44%) 2014-15: C (41%)
<b>2019-20 School Improvement (SI) Information*</b>	
<b>SI Region</b>	Southeast
<b>Regional Executive Director</b>	<a href="#">LaShawn Russ-Porterfield</a>
<b>Turnaround Option/Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Year</b>	
<b>Support Tier</b>	
<b>ESSA Status</b>	N/A
* As defined under Rule 6A-1.099811, Florida Administrative Code. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> .	

## School Board Approval

N/A

## SIP Authority

Section 1001.42(18), Florida Statutes, requires district school boards to annually approve and require implementation of a Schoolwide Improvement Plan (SIP) for each school in the district that has a school grade of D or F. This plan is also a requirement for Targeted Support and Improvement (TS&I) and Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CS&I) schools pursuant to 1008.33 F.S. and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

To be designated as TS&I, a school must have one or more ESSA subgroup(s) with a Federal Index below 41%. This plan shall be approved by the district. There are three ways a school can be designated as CS&I:

1. have a school grade of D or F
2. have a graduation rate of 67% or lower
3. have an overall Federal Index below 41%.

For these schools, the SIP shall be approved by the district as well as the Bureau of School Improvement.

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, or a graduation rate 67% or less. Districts may opt to require a SIP using a template of its choosing for schools that do not fit the aforementioned conditions. This document was prepared by school and district leadership using the FDOE's school improvement planning web application located at [www.floridacims.org](http://www.floridacims.org).

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### School Demographics

School Type and Grades Served (per MSID File)	2018-19 Title I School	2018-19 Economically Disadvantaged (FRL) Rate (as reported on Survey 3)
Elementary School KG-5	Yes	97%
Primary Service Type (per MSID File)	Charter School	2018-19 Minority Rate (Reported as Non-white on Survey 2)
K-12 General Education	Yes	99%

### School Grades History

Year	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
Grade	A	C	C	C

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## Part I: School Information

### School Mission and Vision

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

The Mission of the District is: Meaningful achievement of academics facilitated by teachers, administrators, parents & the community enabling students to become confident, self-directed & responsible lifelong learners.

The mission of Mater Academy of International Studies is to provide an innovative, challenging, bilingual and multi-cultural curriculum, preparing students to have a global edge. We will strive to create a thirst for knowledge in all disciplines of the curriculum and enrich every student with a sense of purpose, a belief in their own efficacy, and a commitment to the common good.

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

The Vision of Mater Academy, Inc. is to provide students a viable educational choice that offers an innovative, rigorous, and seamless college preparatory curriculum, providing Mater students, at every level from PK-12th grade, with a competitive advantage against their contemporaries. To that end, Mater Schools strive to:

- create a thirst for knowledge in all disciplines;
- kindle the art of thinking and serve as a springboard for lifelong learning; and
- deliver and enrich every student with a sense of purpose, a belief in their own efficacy, and a commitment to the common good.

The vision of Mater Academy of International Studies is to provide a loving, caring, and supportive educational environment, where the whole child is developed and a philosophy of respect and high expectations is instilled for all students, parent, teachers, and staff

### School Leadership Team

#### **Membership**

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

Name	Title	Job Duties and Responsibilities
Melian, Ileana	Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Overall day-to-day school operations</li> <li>-Curriculum Decisions</li> <li>-Purchasing Decisions</li> <li>-Facilities Enhancements</li> <li>-School Budget/approves all purchases</li> <li>-SACS/AdvancED</li> <li>-School Wellness Plans</li> <li>-School Improvement Plan (SIP)</li> <li>-Parent concerns</li> <li>-Building maintenance</li> <li>-Faculty meetings</li> <li>-Crisis management</li> <li>-Fire Alarm Contact</li> <li>-Annual School Accountability Report -Personnel Issues Evaluations/Supervision</li> <li>-IPGP</li> <li>-Approves of Days Off &amp; all leave requests</li> <li>- Approves School Events and Field Trips</li> <li>-Approves school fundraising activities</li> <li>-Maintenance Approvals</li> <li>-Technology purchases and approvals</li> <li>-Title I Program requirements</li> <li>-Conflict Resolution</li> <li>-Discipline</li> <li>-EESAC</li> <li>-Student Retentions</li> <li>-Threat Assessment Team</li> <li>-FSSA Safety and Security</li> <li>-SESIR</li> </ul>
Bernal, Giselle	Assistant Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Principal's designee when the Principal is not present</li> <li>-Assist with School Improvement Plan (SIP)</li> <li>-Test Chair for K-9</li> <li>-Accreditations/SACS</li> <li>-Curriculum Support and Decisions</li> <li>-Parent Concerns</li> <li>-Discipline</li> <li>-Crisis Management</li> <li>-Reports Final Decisions and Approvals to Principal</li> <li>-Daily Evaluations/Supervision</li> <li>-Conflict Resolution</li> <li>-Assisting with Charter Tools</li> <li>-Title I and Title III support</li> <li>-Master Schedules</li> <li>-Member of Threat Assessment Team</li> </ul>
Ocampo, Stephanie	Instructional Coach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Curriculum Planning/Data Driven/Evidence Based</li> <li>-ESOL Chair/Access Testing</li> <li>-Professional Development per subject</li> </ul>



Name	Title	Job Duties and Responsibilities
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Analyze data and diagnose student needs per grade levels</li> <li>-Guide grade level planning and meetings</li> <li>-Conduct classroom walkthroughs of all teachers and offer support where needed and students, coaching</li> <li>-Model engaging, standard-based lessons as needed</li> <li>-Collaborate with grade level and address needs</li> <li>-Guidance with instructional resources</li> <li>-Attend district and Mater, Inc reading coaches meetings</li> <li>-Debrief and model new strategies</li> <li>-Assist administration with any request as needed</li> <li>-I-Ready Program- Reading &amp; Math</li> <li>-Book Fair School Events</li> <li>-Mater Spelling Bee</li> <li>-Coffee Chats</li> </ul>
Verde, Rosa	School Counselor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-K-9 School Counseling</li> <li>-Group counseling</li> <li>-Liaison for all wellness programs</li> <li>-Middle School Course Requirements</li> <li>-College Readiness Advocate</li> <li>-Virtual School Contact and Facilitator</li> <li>-Parental support</li> <li>-Charity Fundraising Liaison</li> <li>-CRISIS and DCF Guidance</li> <li>-Truancy</li> <li>-Character Education Program Liaison</li> <li>-Member of Threat Assessment Team</li> </ul>
Rosales, Reina	Instructional Coach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Attends Science and Math District Mtgs and reports back to Admin</li> <li>-Professional Development Liaison</li> <li>-STEM Liaison</li> <li>-Science Fair</li> <li>-Science STEM NIGHT</li> <li>-Teacher Mentoring/modeling instruction</li> <li>-Science Data</li> <li>-Science Coaching</li> <li>-Student Coaching</li> <li>-Maintain coaching logs</li> </ul>

## Early Warning Systems

### Current Year

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

Indicator	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Number of students enrolled	3	18	40	7	29	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	126
Attendance below 90 percent	2	4	4	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Course failure in ELA or Math	2	2	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Level 1 on statewide assessment	3	17	40	18	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107

#### The number of students with two or more early warning indicators:

Indicator	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Students with two or more indicators	2	9	23	2	14	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62

#### The number of students identified as retainees:

Indicator	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Retained Students: Current Year	5	8	11	12	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
Students retained two or more times	0	0	0	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8

#### FTE units allocated to school (total number of teacher units)

0

#### Date this data was collected or last updated

Wednesday 8/28/2019

#### Prior Year - As Reported

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

Indicator	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Attendance below 90 percent	0	2	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Course failure in ELA or Math	1	1	12	19	15	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72
Level 1 on statewide assessment	0	0	0	8	21	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56

#### The number of students with two or more early warning indicators:

Indicator	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Students with two or more indicators	1	3	15	10	30	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94

#### Prior Year - Updated

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

Indicator	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Attendance below 90 percent	0	2	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Course failure in ELA or Math	1	1	12	19	15	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72
Level 1 on statewide assessment	0	0	0	8	21	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56

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Indicator	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Students with two or more indicators	1	3	15	10	30	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94

## Part II: Needs Assessment/Analysis

### School Data

Please note that the district and state averages shown here represent the averages for similar school types (elementary, middle, high school, or combination schools).

School Grade Component	2019			2018		
	School	District	State	School	District	State
ELA Achievement	65%	62%	57%	51%	57%	55%
ELA Learning Gains	75%	62%	58%	47%	61%	57%
ELA Lowest 25th Percentile	78%	58%	53%	52%	58%	52%
Math Achievement	61%	69%	63%	57%	66%	61%
Math Learning Gains	67%	66%	62%	58%	65%	61%
Math Lowest 25th Percentile	63%	55%	51%	53%	57%	51%
Science Achievement	58%	55%	53%	49%	52%	51%

### EWS Indicators as Input Earlier in the Survey

Indicator	Grade Level (prior year reported)						Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	
Number of students enrolled	3 (0)	18 (0)	40 (0)	7 (0)	29 (0)	29 (0)	126 (0)
Attendance below 90 percent	2 (0)	4 (2)	4 (3)	1 (0)	1 (3)	3 (1)	15 (9)
One or more suspensions	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Course failure in ELA or Math	2 (1)	2 (1)	2 (12)	5 (19)	0 (15)	0 (24)	11 (72)
Level 1 on statewide assessment	3 (0)	17 (0)	40 (0)	18 (8)	29 (21)	0 (27)	107 (56)

### Grade Level Data

NOTE: This data is raw data and includes ALL students who tested at the school. This is not school grade data.

NOTE: An asterisk (\*) in any cell indicates the data has been suppressed due to fewer than 10 students tested, or all tested students scoring the same.

ELA						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
03	2019	53%	60%	-7%	58%	-5%
	2018	41%	61%	-20%	57%	-16%
Same Grade Comparison		12%				
Cohort Comparison						
04	2019	72%	64%	8%	58%	14%
	2018	52%	60%	-8%	56%	-4%
Same Grade Comparison		20%				
Cohort Comparison		31%				
05	2019	68%	60%	8%	56%	12%
	2018	45%	59%	-14%	55%	-10%
Same Grade Comparison		23%				
Cohort Comparison		16%				

MATH						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
03	2019	67%	67%	0%	62%	5%
	2018	48%	67%	-19%	62%	-14%
Same Grade Comparison		19%				
Cohort Comparison						
04	2019	65%	69%	-4%	64%	1%
	2018	55%	68%	-13%	62%	-7%
Same Grade Comparison		10%				
Cohort Comparison		17%				
05	2019	53%	65%	-12%	60%	-7%
	2018	42%	66%	-24%	61%	-19%
Same Grade Comparison		11%				
Cohort Comparison		-2%				

SCIENCE						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
05	2019	57%	53%	4%	53%	4%
	2018	28%	56%	-28%	55%	-27%
Same Grade Comparison		29%				
Cohort Comparison						

### Subgroup Data

2019 SCHOOL GRADE COMPONENTS BY SUBGROUPS											
Subgroups	ELA Ach.	ELA LG	ELA LG L25%	Math Ach.	Math LG	Math LG L25%	Sci Ach.	SS Ach.	MS Accel.	Grad Rate 2017-18	C & C Accel 2017-18
SWD	24	75	73	24	50						

2019 SCHOOL GRADE COMPONENTS BY SUBGROUPS											
Subgroups	ELA Ach.	ELA LG	ELA LG L25%	Math Ach.	Math LG	Math LG L25%	Sci Ach.	SS Ach.	MS Accel.	Grad Rate 2017-18	C & C Accel 2017-18
ELL	61	73	75	53	67	64	54				
BLK	44			50							
HSP	67	76	79	62	70	67	57				
FRL	65	75	78	61	67	63	58				
2018 SCHOOL GRADE COMPONENTS BY SUBGROUPS											
Subgroups	ELA Ach.	ELA LG	ELA LG L25%	Math Ach.	Math LG	Math LG L25%	Sci Ach.	SS Ach.	MS Accel.	Grad Rate 2016-17	C & C Accel 2016-17
SWD	6	18		6	36						
ELL	43	57	46	42	45	35	19				
BLK	32	43		37	57						
HSP	47	53	45	49	48	37	29				
FRL	47	53	45	49	49	43	29				
2017 SCHOOL GRADE COMPONENTS BY SUBGROUPS											
Subgroups	ELA Ach.	ELA LG	ELA LG L25%	Math Ach.	Math LG	Math LG L25%	Sci Ach.	SS Ach.	MS Accel.	Grad Rate 2015-16	C & C Accel 2015-16
ELL	39	41	50	53	51	57					
BLK	29			43							
HSP	51	48	55	56	57	52	49				
FRL	50	47	52	56	58	53	48				

### ESSA Data

This data has been updated for the 2018-19 school year as of 7/16/2019.

ESSA Federal Index	
ESSA Category (TS&I or CS&I)	N/A
OVERALL Federal Index – All Students	65
OVERALL Federal Index Below 41% All Students	NO
Total Number of Subgroups Missing the Target	0
Progress of English Language Learners in Achieving English Language Proficiency	49
Total Points Earned for the Federal Index	516
Total Components for the Federal Index	8
Percent Tested	100%
Subgroup Data	
Students With Disabilities	
Federal Index - Students With Disabilities	49
Students With Disabilities Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years Students With Disabilities Subgroup Below 32%	

English Language Learners	
Federal Index - English Language Learners	62
English Language Learners Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years English Language Learners Subgroup Below 32%	
Native American Students	
Federal Index - Native American Students	
Native American Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Native American Students Subgroup Below 32%	
Asian Students	
Federal Index - Asian Students	
Asian Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Asian Students Subgroup Below 32%	
Black/African American Students	
Federal Index - Black/African American Students	47
Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 32%	
Hispanic Students	
Federal Index - Hispanic Students	66
Hispanic Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years Hispanic Students Subgroup Below 32%	
Multiracial Students	
Federal Index - Multiracial Students	
Multiracial Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Multiracial Students Subgroup Below 32%	
Pacific Islander Students	
Federal Index - Pacific Islander Students	
Pacific Islander Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Pacific Islander Students Subgroup Below 32%	
White Students	
Federal Index - White Students	
White Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years White Students Subgroup Below 32%	

Economically Disadvantaged Students	
Federal Index - Economically Disadvantaged Students	65
Economically Disadvantaged Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years Economically Disadvantaged Students Subgroup Below 32%	

## Analysis

### Data Reflection

Answer the following reflection prompts after examining any/all relevant school data sources (see guide for examples for relevant data sources).

**Which data component showed the lowest performance? Explain the contributing factor(s) to last year's low performance and discuss any trends.**

The lowest data component was in Science achievement, scoring at 58%. One contributing factor is the language barrier among the testing population. However, the assessment proficiency increased from 29% in 2018 to 58% in 2019. Additionally, the data exceeds both the district and state scores.

**Which data component showed the greatest decline from the prior year? Explain the factor(s) that contributed to this decline.**

There was no decline in data from the prior year.

**Which data component had the greatest gap when compared to the state average? Explain the factor(s) that contributed to this gap and any trends.**

The greatest gap in comparison to the state average is in math achievement with the state scoring at 63%, and Mater Academy of International Studies scoring 61%. There is an increase from 49% to 61% in math achievement from the prior year.

**Which data component showed the most improvement? What new actions did your school take in this area?**

The most improvement in data was in the ELA Lowest 25th percentile group. The average increased from 53% in 2018 to 78% in 2019. Mater Academy of International Studies took many actions in this area. One action was to focus on Tier II WonderWorks intervention. Additionally, the school incorporated i-Ready instruction, focusing on student data and individual needs.

**Reflecting on the EWS data from Part I (D), identify one or two potential areas of concern? (see Guidance tab for additional information)**

With most of our students being ELL and Hispanic, we are continuing to work on closing the learning gaps with adequate instructional strategies.

**Rank your highest priorities (maximum of 5) for schoolwide improvement in the upcoming school year.**

1. Increasing math achievement proficiency.
2. Increasing science achievement on the fifth grade FCAT assessment.
3. Maintaining ELA achievement at at least 65% proficiency.
4. Increasing proficiency among ELL and SWD population.
5. Increasing math proficiency among the lowest 25th percentile.

## Part III: Planning for Improvement

### Areas of Focus:

#1

<b>Title</b>	If core instruction is increased in all content areas, the student achievement will improve.
<b>Rationale</b>	Core Instruction in all content areas need to interlink. Integration of ELA & Math within Science and Social Studies is of utmost importance to ensure that core instruction is successful. This year at Mater Academy of International Studies some teachers lack the sufficient experience in teaching core instruction in the content areas and would benefit from additional professional development. Students are also not used to using reading or math strategies during science and social science times. Students who have difficulty in reading comprehension will find that having to use comprehension strategies in the content areas will also be a struggle as they aim to master skills. Lack of teacher experience is a barrier for this goal.

**State the measurable outcome the school plans to achieve** Teachers will incorporate core strategies across the curriculum throughout all grade levels. Students will have numerous opportunities to engage in critical thinking and inquiry activities. This process will help students demonstrate what they know and acquire a greater understanding of the content specific to each of the disciplines.

**Person responsible for monitoring outcome** Stephanie Ocampo (socampo@materacademyis.com)

**Evidence-based Strategy** According to our school data our Math Achievement level was 61% while the district was at 69% and the state at 63%. In order to close this gap this year we will be focusing on comprehension strategies in Math. We will also work on providing teachers and students with more test prep material.

**Rationale for Evidence-based Strategy** This year teachers will be using Problem Solving strategies, such as C.U.B.E.S. This strategy will require our students to break down the word problem and completely understand what the word problems are asking them to solve.

### Action Step

**Description**

1. Administrators and teachers will provided professional development opportunities through workshops, PLCs, and lesson studies to acquire effective techniques to incorporate during all content area instruction.
2. Administrators will monitor ongoing data through bi-weeklies, interim assessments and i-Ready reports submitted by teachers.
3. Lesson Plans will be checked on a weekly basis to ensure the core strategies are incorporated in science and social sciences.
4. Writing across all content areas will be monitored by Instructional coaches and administration

**Person Responsible** Stephanie Ocampo (socampo@materacademyis.com)

### Additional Schoolwide Improvement Priorities (optional)



**After choosing your Area(s) of Focus, explain how you will address the remaining schoolwide improvement priorities (see the Guidance tab for more information).**

## Part IV: Title I Requirements

### Additional Title I Requirements

This section must be completed if the school is implementing a Title I, Part A schoolwide program and opts to use the Schoolwide Improvement Plan to satisfy the requirements of the schoolwide program plan, as outlined in the Every Student Succeeds Act, Public Law No. 114-95, Â§ 1114(b). This section is not required for non-Title I schools.

**Describe how the school plans to build positive relationships with parents, families, and other community stakeholders to fulfill the school's mission and support the needs of students.**

Mater Academy of International Studies is a Title I school. Please refer to the PFEP Document.

#### PFEP Link

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

**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.**

The overall well-being of Mater Academy of International Studies Charter School students is an integral part of our philosophy. Student Support Services seeks to provide support both in and out of the classroom in the areas of academic support, social-emotional development and physical well-being. The Mater Academy of International Studies Charter School Student Services Team consists of a general education teacher, a full-time counselor and a school psychologist. These professionals work closely with students, parents, community agencies and school personnel to ensure that every student is provided the opportunity to maximize his or her social, emotional and intellectual abilities. The Student Services Team helps students to feel at ease with teachers and the school environment. Individual and group counseling sessions are conducted to address students' social and emotional needs. Conflict resolution tips are provided to students. Teachers work diligently to prevent bullying and violence in the school and community. The Student Services Team meets with parents, teachers and school administration to discuss student academic and behavioral needs and to determine if students need assistance outside of the traditional classroom setting.

Student Services Personnel welcome the opportunity to meet with parents, discuss concerns and assist students in any way possible. Counseling is included in every student's curricula at Mater Academy of International Studies Charter School.

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

Preschoolers are screened for Kindergarten readiness to determine the specific skills and knowledge of students. Low-performing students are targeted and participate in iReady Intervention Program and/or Wonder Works intervention program. Parents attend an Open House meeting where they are presented with an overview of the Kindergarten program, support provided by the school and teacher as well as a packet that describes ways they can assist their child make the transition into Kindergarten.

Mater Academy of International is part of one school building that is shared by students and teachers of kindergarten to ninth grade. Upon promotion from fifth grade, the students are assigned to the middle school code but remain in the same building but following a middle school framework. This provides the

platform for an easy transition in a school environment in which the staff can see the development of the child over time.

**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.**

Mater Academy of International Studies' leadership team follows specific guidelines when aligning and purchasing resources for the school in order to meet the needs of all students.

At the start of every year, teachers are provided a box of classroom essentials. The materials include staplers, construction paper, glue, pens, pencils, among other things. An inventory of resources is collected at the beginning and end of every school year. The inventory includes the instructional materials, curricular materials, technology, and classroom furniture in the individual teachers' classrooms. The instructional materials list are separated by subject area. The leadership team reviews the inventory and creates a spreadsheet by grade level of materials within the building.

The leadership team discusses the effectiveness of the instructional materials in terms of alignment to the standards. Research is done to ensure that the materials are up-to-date with the current standards. The materials are compared to the district-adopted materials and pacing guides that are correlated to the standards. The team reviews usage and performance reports to analyze student progress on the programs. The programs are checked for standards alignments and decisions are made for renewal. Grade level team leaders also offer their input on the effectiveness of the programs.

Purchases are made based on the projected number of students for the new school year. Intervention and tutoring material estimates are based on Standardized assessment data. The administration will brainstorm on how the purchasing of materials will affect the budget and determine the best option on how to allocate funds and what account the funds will come from. The EESAC committee approves funding of programs and materials throughout the year.

Leadership meetings are held weekly. Within the meetings instructional and curricular materials are analyzed by performance reports, bi-weekly spreadsheets with academic data are analyzed, and observations are conducted by the team.

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

Mater Academy of International Studies promotes academic and career planning by organizing a day dedicated to different careers. Community professionals from a variety of careers volunteer their time to share what they do with the students at our school. Students have the opportunity to interact with professionals from areas of their own individual interests and also share discussions and ask questions that relate to the tasks and responsibilities within that career.

## Part V: Budget

**The approved budget does not reflect any amendments submitted for this project.**

1	III.A.	Areas of Focus: If core instruction is increased in all content areas, the student achievement will improve.	\$0.00
Total:			\$0.00