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To ensure that all children receive a high-quality education, and to close the achievement gap between children meeting the challenging State academic standards and those children who are not meeting such standards, each district plan shall complete the following sections:

1. Please describe the measures the district will take to monitor student progress in meeting the challenging State academic standards in the corresponding text boxes:

(A) Please describe the well-rounded instructional program to meet the academic needs of all students and how the district will develop and implement this program.*

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Through mindful planning and preparation, standards are presented to students in such a way that they hold meaning with relation to the world around them. Making lessons relevant provide the students the bridge between the classroom and the real world. This heightens student engagement and deepens understanding. Standards will be available to staff, students, and parents in order to provide an overview of foundation and progression. Connections are purposefully built in for smooth transition while opportunities such as showcases and extensions are provided to enrich, elaborate, and strengthen understanding. Checks for student understanding occur in order to determine if interventions or enrichment extensions should be put in place. Ties to 21st Century learning and social emotional learning help to further develop the foundation and relevance of the instructional program.

(B)What measures does the district take to use and create the identification criteria for students at risk of failure? Please list.*

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Universal screener assessment scores are utilized as data points for the benchmarking of students and their progress. While the NWEA MAP assessment is used for all students in grades kindergarten through eight, there are some grades/ individuals that use other assessments, as appropriate. The primary grades use Fountas and Pinnell and AIMSweb for all students in order to monitor the development of the students' growth through multiple data points. Cut scores determine whether additional testing will take place. The additional testing provides a closer look at a student's strengths and areas for growth. These multiple data points are brought to a grade level data meeting, at which each student and their data is discussed. At this time, the teachers are able to provide input in regard to the students' classroom performance. The data meeting provides a time for a plan of action to be developed. This plan is put into action as soon as possible in order to strengthen the the path toward success.

(C) Please describe the additional education assistance to be provided to individual students needing additional help meeting the challenging State academic standards.*

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The additional education assistance provided to students is dependent upon the student needs. While analysis of the assessment results help to determine the initial intervention, the interventionist is able to determine the intensity and speed of the instruction based on the individualized needs of the child. Depending on student needs, some interventions will work to fill a knowledge gap to provide a stronger understanding of prerequisite knowledge, while others will focus on additional exposure to current instruction. Interventions occur individually or in a small group format to target individual needs, heighten engagement, and structure conditions for learning. Connections made to life outside of school and student interest help to create a purpose for learning and strengthen understanding through motivation. While participating in the intervention, the teacher monitors the progress of the student in order to determine the effectiveness of the intervention and whether the instruction should follow the current path or a different intervention should be implemented.

(D)Please describe the instructional and additional strategies intended to strengthen academic programs and improve school conditions for student learning and how they are implemented.*

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Through developing a structure to link academics with social emotional learning, general classroom and intervention instruction both share a focus on building capacity for a growth mindset. The intervention selected for each student is based on individual need and monitored to determine effectiveness. The academics are instructed through a means that places an additional focus on soft skills such as communication and group problem solving. Formative assessment structures are being researched in order to allow a more streamlined approach to differentiating instruction based on data. Opportunities are explored in which students are provided experiences to be communicators, problem solvers, global citizens, and individuals.

*Required Field

District Plan Provisions:

See the Overview page for instructions

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2. Explain the process through which the district will identify and address any disparities that result in low-income and/or minority students being taught at higher rates than other students by ineffective, inexperienced, or out-of-field teachers.*

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The district does not experience the aforementioned disparities.

3. Describe how the district will carry out its responsibilities to support and improve schools identified as comprehensive or targeted under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 1111(d):*

[Section 1111\(d\)](#)

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Neither one of our schools have been identified as comprehensive or targeted. However, should one of the schools become identified as comprehensive or targeted, goals for the district's school improvement plans are determined through the use of data including formative assessment, parent surveys, teacher and staff surveys, and building climate surveys. Leadership teams work to set goals based on the results of the data analysis. Teams work through gap analysis and prioritization of goals. The goals guide the district planning of staff development, curriculum, and programming. Through precise data analysis, the district is better equipped to differentiate opportunities in order to meet individualized needs.

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4. Select the poverty criteria below that will be used to rank school attendance centers. A district shall use the same measure(s) of poverty, which measure the number of children aged 5 through 17 in poverty counted in the most recent census data, with respect to ALL school attendance centers in the LEA:*

[Measures of Poverty from 1113\(5\)\(A\) and \(B\)](#)

- ☒ School Lunch: the number of children eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.),
- ☐ TANF: the number of children in families receiving assistance under the State program funded under part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act,
- ☐ Medicaid: the number of children eligible to receive medical assistance under the Medicaid Program,
- ☐ Composite: a composite of such indicators,
- ☐ Secondary School Feeder: For measuring the number of students in low-income families in secondary schools, the district shall/may use the same measure of poverty above or an accurate estimate of the number of students in low-income families in a secondary school that is calculated by applying the average percentage of students in low-income families of the elementary school attendance areas that feed into the secondary school to the number of students enrolled in such school.

5. (A) Select the types of Title I programs the district is operating in all attendance centers. * [Program Guidance](#)

- ☒ Targeted Assistance
- ☐ Schoolwide
- ☐ Both Targeted Assistance and Schoolwide

(B) Does the district serve eligible children in an institution or community day program for neglected or delinquent children or in an adult correctional institution? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

(C) Create and upload an attachment which lists each attendance center/school, by applicable program.*

For convenience and consistency, please download the excel template and complete each applicable column. To facilitate future amendments, save the completed document using the district RCDT code and the word Original or Amendment within the name of the file. (example: 88-888-8888-88 Original)

[Excel Template](#)

To Upload: Browse your fields to locate the required document. Double click to display it in the Browser window. Click on the Upload button. The name of the uploaded document will display in the green bordered area below.*

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Check the box below, as appropriate.

- ☒ Upload file represents an original listing of attendance centers.
- ☐ Upload file represents an amendment to the attendance centers previously uploaded.

(D) Describe, in general, the targeted assistance (section 1115) and/or schoolwide programs (section 1114) the district will operate, as well as the goal of those programs. Where appropriate, please explain educational services outside such schools for children living in local institutions or community day programs for neglected or delinquent children.*

[Section 1114 and 1115](#)

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The targeted assistance program is designed to provide supports to students in both academics and social-emotional development. Students at both Pleasantdale Elementary (K-4th Grade) School and Pleasantdale Middle School (5th-8th Grade) are identified for support in reading, math, and social-emotional needs through universal screening and teacher recommendation. These students participate in interventions that take place in the classroom and through pull-out support during the school day. Through the targeted assistance program, each student's progress is monitored to determine whether the student will continue in the chosen intervention, change to a different intervention, or be exited from the intervention. Students can qualify for targeted assistance in reading, math, and social-emotional needs at any time throughout the school year and can receive support and intervention, and students can move flexibly in and out of intervention groups, depending on need and progress made.

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6. Describe the services the district will provide homeless children and youth, including services provided with funds reserved to support the enrollment, attendance, and success of homeless children and youth, in coordination with the services the district is providing under the [McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act \(42 U.S.C. 11301 et seq.\)](#):*

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The district identifies barriers to education that students have due to homelessness and provide supports such as transportation. Children that are homeless receive access to all services available to children that are not homeless. There are not any exclusions.

7. Describe the approaches the district will use to include parents and family members in the development of LEA plans, so that the plans and related activities represent the needs of varied populations: *[Sec 1116](#)

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A strong home/school partnership is critical to student success. Two way communication is vital to sustaining this partnership. Reaching out to families for input and feedback provides the opportunity for families to have a voice and a way to capture family input throughout the written parental document . Some ways the district brings parents into system development include surveys, parent committees, planning meetings with a variety of stakeholders present, and special events that allow their child to be showcased. A supportive structure is built in an atmosphere in which all stakeholders feel valued. This provides the foundation for a trusting relationship.

8. If applicable, please describe how the district will support, coordinate, and integrate services provided under this part with early childhood education programs at the district or individual school level, including plans for the transition of participants in such programs to local elementary school programs. If the district does not offer early childhood education programs, please state so below:*

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The district houses a preschool program. The preschool teachers are familiar with the kindergarten curriculum and Illinois Learning Standards as they participate in articulation sessions with the kindergarten teachers. Much of the preschool curriculum is comprised of the prerequisites needed for students to successfully transition into the kindergarten programming. The preschool program is housed in the elementary building with students in kindergarten through grade 4. This allows for the partnering of grade levels to offer a buddy support system and role models to the children. Transition meetings occur for students with special needs to ensure their success. Throughout the building, the same language is shared in regard to expectations, social and emotional learning, data, and academic standards.

9. How will the district facilitate effective transitions for students from middle grades to high school and from high school to postsecondary education including, if applicable: (A) Through coordination with institutions of higher education, employers, and other local partners;* and (B) through increased student access to early college, high school or dual or concurrent enrollment opportunities, or career counseling to identify student interests and skills.*

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The district structures articulation sessions between the middle school teachers and administration and high school departments to align curriculum and discuss needs. This articulation provides an ongoing collaboration between the middle and high schools that bridges the path for students. Students in the eighth grade receive a tour of the high school from the district's former students while they learn about course options, clubs and activities they will have available to them. Freshmen are asked to take a survey in order for the district to learn about their experiences and how the experience for others can be improved.

10. In schools operating a targeted assistance program, please describe the objective criteria the district has established to identify the target populations, AND how teachers and school leaders will include parents, administrators, paraprofessionals, and instructional support personnel in their identification of the target population.*

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The district identifies students that would benefit from targeted assistance through the use of assessment data and classroom performance. At this time, the specific area in which the child will receive intervention is also identified. Following the identification of the students, parents are notified to inform them of the supports that will be available to their child. Throughout the process, there are open lines of communication between the student, interventionist, parent, and classroom teacher to discuss the progress of the student.

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11. The process through which the districts will (i) reduce incidences of bullying and harassment, (ii) reduce the overuse of discipline practices that remove students from the classroom, and (iii) reduce the use of aversive behavioral interventions that compromise student health and safety; disaggregated by each subgroup of student as defined:*

(I) each major racial and ethnic group;

(II) economically disadvantaged students as compared to students who are not economically disadvantaged;

(III) children with disabilities as compared to children without disabilities;

(IV) English proficiency status;

(V) gender; and

(VI) migrant status.

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Due to a well established and ever evolving Social Emotional Learning program, the district has remained proactive in order to keep a low number of discipline instances. The district has been working to establish a common language amongst grade levels to support a smooth transition from one grade level to the next. Guidelines and expectations are presented in a clear and preventative manner. This includes coverage such as role playing, providing examples, and written matrices. The reteaching of expectations occurs on an as needed basis. Positive Behavior Support Teams are in place to brainstorm and problem solve as new ideas are required to ensure success. It is critical that staff and students have a clear understanding of the behavior systems that have been put into place. The structure of these systems provide various levels of support and individualized on a case by case basis. Ultimately, the district is promoting behavior that demonstrates the Eagle Way and the I's of the Tiger, in the Elementary and Middle buildings, respectively. With a focus on positive reinforcements, students following the Eagle Way receive Eagle Feathers as an incentive, while those demonstrating the I's of the Tiger receive Tiger Stripes. These incentives allow students the opportunity to win prizes and praise. In the Middle School, a Kindness Club was developed and multiple activities took place during National Bullying Prevention Month and continued throughout the school year. Students are taught to consider multiple perspectives prior to making decisions in order to support an empathetic lifestyle. Behavior incident data is tracked in order to determine the direction of the programming. As the analysis uncovers any trends, there are supports put into place. These supports could be the reteaching of expectations for a large group of students or the implementation of the Check In Check Out or Mentoring system for an individual. The Check In Check Out and Mentoring systems provide an individualized and supportive structure that promote goal setting and self awareness. These systems and a proactive approach allow for a structure that supports redirection in the classroom without the need to remove students from the teaching and learning that is occurring.

12. If applicable, please describe the district's support for programs that coordinate and integrate the following:*

(A) Academic and career and technical education content through coordinated instructional strategies, that may incorporate experimental learning opportunities and promote skills attainment important to in-demand occupations or industries in the State; and

(B) work-based learning opportunities that provide students in-depth integration with industry professionals and, if appropriate, academic credit.

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Career and technical education is not applicable to this district.

13. How will the district fulfill the following:

(A) Describe how the district will identify and serve gifted and talented students by using objective criteria.*

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The needs of high level learners are met through the district's Talented and Gifted Program. Students are identified and receive services when their score data meet the criteria from benchmarking assessments, such as MAP and CogAT, and local criteria, such as writing samples and course grades. Prior to that time, classroom teachers use a variety of different strategies to provide adequate challenge for students whose needs transcend the general curriculum. Once a student is identified, their progress will be monitored to align their level of need with an appropriate level of service. Specific opportunities vary by course and by grade level, and may include curriculum differentiation by the classroom teacher in identified areas of the curriculum, services from the gifted instructor including classroom visits by that teacher and pull-out sessions related to the classroom curriculum, and/or enrollment in the extended/advanced classes.

(B) What are the measures the district takes in assisting schools in developing effective school library programs that provide students an opportunity to develop digital literacy skills and improve academic achievement?*

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The district works to support students in generating their own questions while they are on their way to becoming critical thinkers. Teaching students how to question is an important aspect of successfully accomplishing this goal. The path to developing digital literacy while improving academic achievement includes explicit instruction on researching relevant information and fact checking. Students need to build an understanding of the internet and how it works. This includes learning how to search for multiple, trusted sources and the ability to clearly articulate their thought process and understanding of a topic while remaining a responsible digital citizen. The goal of this explicit instruction is to foster curiosity while scaffolding the student's ability to ask and answer their own questions.

(C) Describe the approach of the district in developing and supporting the arts (music, dance, and other fine arts) to provide students an opportunity to develop an appreciation of the arts and improve academic achievement.*

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Cross-curricular opportunities and alignment allow the district to ensure that fine arts remain an integral part of our teaching and learning. While the district is fortunate to provide exposure to the fine arts as a regular opportunity, the fine arts are not saved for fine arts class alone. Creativity is encouraged throughout the subject areas, such as scaled drawings in math and enhancements to research projects. Additionally, extra curricular activities and community opportunities are available to the students to extend their appreciation.

*Required Field

An LEA must develop the Title I Plan with timely and meaningful consultation with the stakeholders identified below. [ESEA section 1112\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)](#)

Such stakeholders must include, but are not limited to, the following:

- teachers,
- principals,
- other school leaders,
- paraprofessionals,
- specialized instructional support personnel,
- charter school leaders (in a local educational agency that has charter schools),
- administrators (including administrators of programs described in other parts of this title),
- other appropriate school personnel, and
- parents of children in schools served under this part

In the box below, articulate how the LEA consulted with the stakeholders identified above in the development of this plan. Include a list of meeting dates and how stakeholders' input impacted the final plan submission, as well as, references to particular meetings and how the stakeholders' input impacted the final plan submission. Note that documentation of stakeholder engagement may be requested at a later date. Please keep sign-in sheets, agendas, and other documentation on file. *

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A stakeholder meeting was held in the district office on June 1, 2017. Stakeholders received an overview of the Every Student Succeeds Act and the Title I Plan. Individual questions were posed to the group and small groups were formulated to elicit conversation. The small groups shared their ideas in a whole group discussion for note taking and documentation to occur. Follow up with the stakeholders has taken place. Sign-in sheets, agenda, and documentation is on file.

*Required field
