

School Improvement Plan

West Central High School CUSD #235

Plan for 2019-2020

*An opportunity for West Central schools to integrate planning and
resources for continuous school improvement*

An Integrated School Improvement Plan for

WEST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

West Central School District

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY, EXPECTING EXCELLENCE



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I. Introduction and Background

1.1 SCHOOL COMMUNITY

West Central School District #235 is in Henderson County, Illinois, which is located in the west central section of the state. The district's most distal points from north to south are approximately 26 miles and from east to west about 18 miles. The western border of the school district is the Mississippi River. The school district is comprised of 298.7 square miles of farmland and wooded areas. Townships (located in Henderson County) served by West Central School District are Bald Bluff, Biggsville, Carman, Gladstone, Lomax, Media, Oquawka, Raritan, Rozetta, Stronghurst, and Terra Haute. Townships (located in Warren County) served by the West Central School District includes Ellison, Point Pleasant, and Tompkins. Blandinsville Township (located in McDonough County) is also served by the West Central School District.

West Central High School is located along US Highway 34, two miles west of Biggsville, Illinois. The high school facility is connected to the elementary building. The superintendent is housed in the complex as well. The high school, grades 9-12, on-campus student enrollment is 258 on campus (5 off-campus) with 15 full-time certified teachers, 2 half-time (four HS classes each), 4 part time (one/two HS class) certified teachers, 4 full-time certified associates, and 3 full-time certified teachers who teach overload. There is also a principal, a dean of students/assistant principal/athletic director, a counselor and 2 full-time secretaries. The high school also shares with other district buildings a psychologist, social worker, nurse, speech pathologist and librarian.

School Strengths

- o WCHS currently equips each individual student with a chromebook to enhance curriculum and instruction on a daily basis
- o The staff is highly involved with extracurricular activities for the students, with 87% of the faculty serving as a coach or sponsor. These include eleven sports, art club, scholastic bowl team, math team, various clubs, Science Olympiad team, Spanish club, FFA, Future Business Leaders of America, student council, National Honor Society, class officer leadership, yearbook publication club, and drama club
- o The teacher/pupil ratio in the high school is 17:1 compared to the state average of 19:1.
- o The high school offers a combination of college preparatory and career-technical education courses. West Central High School, in partnership with Carl Sandburg College, offers on-campus dual-credit classes.
- o Illinois Virtual High School for credit recovery and for courses not available during the regular school day.
- o We have an Activity Period to provide meeting times for enrichment projects, social emotional learning interaction, and academic support and one-on-one teacher tutoring.
- o A communication system, ConnectEd, is a phone and text messaging system that allows for instant communication with parents. An internet based software system called Skyward allows for parents to access their child's homework and test scores. Skyward also allows parents to monitor from home or work, their child's lunch or breakfast accounts. The District also provides general, regular updates through the District Web Page.

- o Students and teachers have various opportunities to utilize technology in their daily instructional periods. All teachers have computers in their classrooms. All classrooms in the high school have smart board interactive whiteboards.
- o The school has implemented interventions to meet individual student needs within the regular school day, i.e. English labs.
- o Student reward incentive programs recognize positive student behavior, attendance and academic excellence. These incentives include parking passes for the front parking lot, front of the line passes during lunch, ice cream socials, reward trips and other celebrations for student success.
- o The High School provides a calm and safe environment that is conducive to learning.

School Challenges

- o There is a low level of parent involvement.
- o Declining enrollment is a challenge not only in the high school but also the district as it impacts overall funding for education.
- o 53% of our student population qualifies for the free or reduced lunch program.
- o 13.9 mobility rate.
- o Due to the difficult economy and the high poverty rate in Henderson County, many students must work outside of the school day to provide income for their families.
- o Our high school and elementary are located in a rural area which is not physically connected to any community. 100% of the high school and elementary students qualify for bussing.

1.2 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Table 1: Core School Improvement Team

Team Members	Position	Starting year of service	Years on team
Mr. Jason Kirby	Principal	2015	3
Mr. Shane Tucker	Asst. Principal	2018	1
Mr. Adam Boyle	Social Studies	2009	9.5
Mrs. Tiffany Ouellette	English	2018	1
Mr. Joseph Hess-Haughey	Physical Education	2016	3
Mrs. Karen Gall	Special Education	2017	2
Mr. Robert Fleming	Science	2017	2
Mr. Thomas Williams	Physical Education	2017	2

The West Central High School Staff believes that School Improvement can only be achieved through the efforts of all stakeholders. All West Central High School Staff will continue each year to be a part of the SIP Team. The Length of Service will remain open as staff members rotate into the Core School Improvement Team.

II DATA COLLECTION, ORGANIZATION AND TRENDS

2.1 – Data Collection Methods

The school improvement team members surveyed parents, staff and students in order to assess the attitudes on a number of school issues. Staff was surveyed at their leisure and parents were surveyed during their school visit for parent/teacher conferences, as well as through email. Students were surveyed through their individual email accounts. In January 2018, the teachers conducted a data walk to analyze information contained in the tables presented. Illinois school report card and the fall housing reports were used to obtain data that had been reported to the state. Reports from the skyward student management system were used to gather discipline and attendance data.

2.2 - English and Math Lab and Power Math Students

This courses are required for those students who scored well below standards in English and math in 8th grade course work and on standardized testing. The goal of these classes is to strengthen the students basic reading and math test taking skills. Class size is small so students receive individual help as needed.

Table 2a – English and Math Lab and Power Math Students

	2014-2015		2015-2016		2016-2017		2017-2018		2018-2019	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
9 th Grade Eng. Lab	10	14%	6	8%	9	15%	8	14%	5	9%
10 th Grade Eng. Lab	17	25%	8	10%	2	2%	3	5%	0	0%
9 th Power Reading	8	12%	11	14%	4	6%	0	0%	0	0%
10 th Power Reading	3	4%	7	9%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
11 th Power Reading	N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A	
9 th Grade Math Lab	10	14%	9	12%	9	15%	9	16%	0	0%
10 th Grade Math Lab	10	14%	9	12%	5	7%	1	2%	0	0%
9 th Power Math	5	7%	4	5%	2	3%	0	%	0	0%
10 th Power Math	4	4%	6	8%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
11 th Power Math	N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A	

Lab Numbers

2018-2019

- English lab enrollment is down- no 10th grade English lab
- Power Reading and Math enrollment is nonexistent this year

2017-2018

- English lab enrollment is down
- The enrollment in 9th grade math lab has been consistent

2016-2017

- Power Reading and Math enrollment for Class of '19 is nonexistent

- Students are moving out of Math and English Lab from 9th grade to 10th grade 2015-2016
- The number of students in English lab has decreased from 27 to 14.

2.3 – Student Growth Data

The following scores are based on Pre-Post test data final results of students who were tested. Not all students were tested. These measures are based on individual expected growth not a final test score.

Excellent growth represents the percentage of students who exceeded expected growth,

Proficient growth represents the percentage of students who met expected growth,

Needs improvement represents the percentage of students (some) that did not meet expected growth,

Unsatisfactory represents the percentage of students (most) that did not meet expected growth.

Table 2b - Student Growth Data

Department		
2017-2018	Excellent/Proficient	Needs Improvement/ Unsatisfactory
Career and Technical Ed.	78%	22%
English	80%	20%
Math	48%	52%
Physical Education	91%	9%
Science	94%	6%
Social Studies	75%	25%

Department					
2016-2017	Excellent	Proficient	Needs Imp.	Unsatisfactory	Ex. & Pro.
Career and Technical Ed.	98%	1%	1%	0%	99%
English	54%	10%	11%	25%	64%
Math	51%	10%	8%	31%	62%
Physical Education	21%	18%	16%	45%	39%
Science	38%	15%	41%	6%	53%
Social Studies	85%	10%	3%	2%	95%

2017-2018

- Only 48% of our students were excellent or proficient in Math.
- 80% of our students were excellent or proficient in English.

2016-2017

- On average, 68% of students were excellent or proficient
- On average, 18% of students were unsatisfactory

Student Growth Data

Department					
2015-2016	Excellent	Proficient	Needs Imp.	Unsatisfactory	Ex. & Pro.
Career and Technical Ed.	100%	0%	0%	0%	100%
English	81%	7%	6%	6%	88%
Math	96%	2%	0%	2%	98%
Physical Education	98%	2%	0%	0%	100%
Science	66%	12%	13%	9%	78%
Social Studies	88%	5%	5%	2%	93%

2016-2017

- On average 93% of students were excellent or proficient
- On average, only 3% of students were unsatisfactory

2.4 Demographic Data

Table 2c – General School Data

Student Data										
	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-2017		2017-2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Students	306		307		286		255		241	
White		94.8%		94%		92.7%		94.5%		92.1%
Black		0.7%		0.7%		0.7%		0.8%		0.4%
Hispanic		2%		2.5%		3.1%		2.0%		3.7%
Asian/Pacific		0%		0%		0%		0%		0%
Am Ind/Alaska		0%		0%		0%		0.4%		0%
Multiracial		2.6%		2.8%		3.5%		2.4%		3.7%
LEP		0%		0%		0%		0%		0%
IEP		12.4%		11.7%		11.9%		10.2%		10%
Low Income		45.3%		54.4%		58.4%		50.6%		51%
Chronic Truancy		10.6%		8.5%		11.6%		11.7%		14.7%
Mobility Rate		12.7%		11.1%		13.9%		8.4%		9%
Graduation Rate										
		75.9%		86%		82.4%		75.4%		84.6%
Gender - Male		75%		83.2%		74.2%		61.5%		79.3%
Gender - Female		76.9%		88.9%		88.4%		83.7%		88.9%
White		78.5%		90.1%		82.2%		73.8%		85.5%
Black		0%		77.2%		0%		0%		0%
Hispanic		100%		81.3%		0%		0%		0%
Asian/Pacific				94.2%		0%		0%		0%
Am Ind/Alaska		0%				0%		0%		0%
Multiracial		0%		86%		0%		0%		0%
LEP		100%		60.5%		0%		0%		0%
IEP		40%		69.9%		0%		75%		0%
Low Income		64.9%		78.5%		66.7%		69.4%		74.1%
Drop Out Rate		3.6%		2.2%		5.5%		5.6%		1.2%

Source – school report card

2018-2019

- Our High School Enrollment is down 22%
- Chronic Truancy rate increased by 3%
- Graduation rate has increased by 10%
- Drop Out rate has decreased 4.4%

2017-2018

- Graduation rate has increased by 9.2%
- Mobility rate has increased by 5.5%
- Higher percentage of low income has increased
- Chronic truancy has increased
- Drop out rate has decreased to 1.2%

2016-2017

- Low Income, Truancy, and Mobility Rate have increased
- Male graduation rate is significantly lower than female
- IEP graduation rate increased
- Less than 70% of low income students graduate

Table 2d: Enrollment Data – 6th Day Enrollment

	2015-16		2016-17		2017-2018		2018-2019	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
School Population	276		264		258		233	
Grade 9 West Central	66	24	58	22	58	22	58	25
Grade 10 West Central	70	25	72	27	58	22	61	26
Grade 11 West Central	65	24	70	27	72	29	52	22
Grade 12 West Central	75	27	64	24	70	27	62	27

Enrollment Data

2018-2019

- Overall enrollment has dropped

2017-2018

- Overall enrollment has dropped
- The class of 2018 has been consistent since their sophomore year

2016-2017

- Enrollment has dropped slightly
- Class of '20 is our smallest freshmen class in the past few years
- Small gain in Sophomore Class '19

Source – Enrollment report

2e- Special education enrollment data

WCHS	2013-2014		2014-2015		2015-2016		2016-2017		2017-2018		2018-2019	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
Total Special Education	31	10	28	10	28	9	24	9	27	10%	31	13.3%
Intellectual Disability	8	2.6	8	2	7	2	5	2	5	2%	6	2.6%
Speech or Language Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.4%
Visual Impairment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emotional Disability	0	0	0	0	1	.3	1	.3	1	0.4 %	2	0.9%
Orthopedic	0	0	0	0	1	.3	1	.3	0	0	0	0
Other Health Impairment	10	3.3	9	3	6	2	5	2	8	3%	13	5.6%
Specific Learning Disability	12	4	11	4	13	4	10	4	7	3%	6	2.6%
Multiple Disabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1%	0	0
Autism	0	0	0	0	1	.3	2	.8	2	1%	3	1.3%
TBI									2	1%	0	0
504 Plans									12	5%	11	4.7%

2018-2019

- 18% of our student population receives accommodations
- We have seen an increase in Other Health and Impairments

2017-2018

- Total number of Special Education students has increased by 3, however, the percentage stayed consistent
- Specific Learning Disability has decreased by 3 students

2016-2017

- Percentage in Special Education has remained grown slightly
- Even with decrease in overall school population, Special Education numbers have remained consistent

Table 2f - Discipline - 1st Quarter

<u>Total Enrollment</u>	276	283	264	258	241
<u>Referrals</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
1. # of Referrals	61	159	142	137	94
2. # of Students Referred	35	76	61	64	45
3. % of Males Referred	77%	71%	67%	69%	58%
4. % of Females Referred	23%	19%	33%	31%	42%
5. % of 9 th Graders Referred	8%	19%	13%	17%	18%
6. % of 10 th Graders Referred	29%	57%	23%	20%	27%
7. % of 11 th Graders Referred	9%	18%	44%	38%	31%
8. % of 12 th Graders Referred	54%	6%	20%	25%	25%
9. # of Students With No Discipline Referrals	242	207	203	194	196
10. % of Students With No Discipline Referrals	87%	73%	77%	72%	81%
<u>Offenses</u>					
1. Tardies	19	22	18	7	5
2. Cell Phone	6	30	35	46	40
3. Misbehavior	24	83	74	67	41
4. Missed Detention	0	2	0	2	0
5. Inappropriate Language	11	22	15	15	8
<u>Consequences</u>					
1. Expulsion	0	0	1	0	0
2. OSS (4-10)	1	3	1	0	0
3. OSS (1-3)	14	28	4	6	1
4. ISS	17	31	26	18	2
5. Detention	28	82	115	71	49
<u>Total Enrollment</u>	276	283	264	258	241
<u>Attendance</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
1. # of Tardies	517	598	570	344	467

2. % of Male Tardies	62%	56%	53%	68%	48%
3. % of Female Tardies	38%	44%	47%	32%	52%
4. % of 9 th Grade Tardies	13%	24%	11%	7%	21%
5. % of 10 th Grade Tardies	28%	28%	23%	14%	31%
6. % of 11 th Grade Tardies	18%	26%	35%	35%	18%
7. % of 12 th Grade Tardies	41%	21%	31%	44%	30%
8. % of Students With 3 or Less Tardies	83%	68%	61%	62%	79%
9. % of Males With 3 or Less Tardies	78%	72%	69%	63%	80%
10. % of Females With 3 or Less Tardies	87%	64%	64%	69%	78%
11. % of 9 th Graders With 3 or Less Tardies	95%	78%	90%	92%	86%
12. % of 10 th Graders With 3 or Less Tardies	81%	61%	84%	71%	80%
13. % of 11 th Graders With 3 or Less Tardies	86%	68%	69%	71%	83%
14. % of 12 th Graders With 3 or Less Tardies	71%	69%	75%	61%	73%
15. Average Daily Attendance Rate	91.5%	89%	90%	88%	87%

2018

- The percent of males and females is getting closer
- 9% more students receive no referrals
- Cell phone and misbehavior continue to be the most common offenses
- Students with 3 or less tardies has increased in all grade levels and genders

2017

- The total number of referrals has decreased since last year
- The total number of tardies is down
- Total attendance is down
- Freshmen have the lowest number of referrals and tardies

2016

- Changes in handbook and administrative policies have not resulted in significantly increased incidences of misbehavior
- Out of school suspension rates dropped while regular detention rates rose
- 14% increase in number of females referred

Table 2g Full-Time Educator Data

	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Total Full Time Classroom Teachers	18	15	17
Average Years Teaching	13	15	14
# Full-Time Teachers New to High School / District	6	2	3
# First Year Teachers	1	1	1
% with B. A. Degree	71%	80%	70%
% with M.A. & Above	29%	20%	30%
# with Emergency or Provisional Certificates	0	0	0
# Teachers Working Out of Field	0	0	0
% Caucasian Teachers	100%	100%	94%
% Male Teachers	72%	66%	66%
% Female Teachers	28%	34%	34%
# Total Paraprofessionals	4	4	5
# Classroom Instructional Paraprofessionals	2	2	2
# One on One Paraprofessional	2	2	3
# Total Under-qualified paraprofessionals	0	0	0
# Total Counselors	1	1	1
# Total Librarians	1	1	1
# Total Social Workers/ Psychologists	1.5	1.5	1.5
% of Teachers Highly Qualified	100%	100%	100%

Observations**2018-2019**

- 10% increase in teachers with Masters
- Full time teachers increased by 2; however, we are still understaffed
- We added a paraprofessional and one Special Education teacher.

2017-2018

- There are three less full time teachers than we have had in the last five years
- 80% of teachers have a B.A.

2016-2017

- Increase of teachers new to the district from 2 to 6
- Percentage of teachers with an M.A. increased from 18% to 29%
- Percentage of male to female teachers greatly changed (72% male to 28% female)
- Increase in paraprofessionals

Table 2h District Professional Development Offerings 2018- 2019

TOPIC	Mo./YEAR	GRADE LEVELS	# PARTICIPANTS	SCHOOL-WIDE (Yes/No)	FORMAT
New Teacher Academy	August 2018	K-12 9-12	14 9	No	Lecture
Beginnings of RTI at the High School	August 2018	K - 12	22	Yes	Lecture
Digital Citizenship	August 2017 - May 2018	K-12	All	Yes	Lecture
Curriculum Development SIP Day	September 2018	K-12	All	Yes	Lecture
Trauma Informed Situations SIP Day	October 2018	K-12	All	Yes	Lecture
1/15 SIP Day:Future Ready	January 2019	K-12	All	Yes	Lecture
2/13 SIP Day- Assessment Training	February 2019	K-12	All	Yes	Lecture
4/18 SIP Day	April 2019	K-12	All	Yes	Lecture
Social Media and You / Threat Assessment Alert System	October 2018	K-12	All	Yes	Lecture
Teacher Institute: Two day Tech training	November 2018	k-12	All	Yes	Interactive
Diabetes (105 ILCS 145/25)	October 2018	K-12	All	Yes	Video
Bloodborne Pathogens (OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1030g)	December 2018	K-12	All	Yes	Video
Sexual Harassment and Discrimination (Title IX 20 U.S.C 1681)	October 2018	K-12	All	Yes	Video
Mental Illness and Suicide Prevention Training (105 ILCS 5/10-22.39 & 105 ILCS 5/34-18.7 & PA 098-0471)	December 2018	K-12	All	Yes	Video
Teen Dating Violence Parts 1 & 2 (105 ILCS 110/3.10 and 3.11)	March 2018	K-12	All	Yes	Video
First Aid,Heimlich Maneuver & CPR (105 ILCS 110/3)	September 2018	K-12	All	Yes	Lecture

2017 - 2018

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West Central Vision Report	October 2017	K-12	All	Yes	Lecture
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2016 – 2017

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Sensory Training	August 2016	K-12	All	Yes	Lecture
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Senate Bill 100 Changes and Classroom Management	August 2016	K-12	All	Yes	Lecture
Digital Citizenship	August 2016	K-12	All	Yes	Lecture
Social Media and You / Threat Assessment Alert System	October 2016	K-12	All	Yes	Lecture
ROE Institute	October 2016	K-12	All	Yes	Lecture
SIP Day (Nov 3): 21st Century Classroom	November 2016	9-12	All	Yes	Lecture
SIP DAY (1/10): Active Shooter Training	January 2017	K-12	All	Yes	Lecture
Sip Day (2/16):Tech training	February 2017	k-12	All	Yes	Interactive
2/17 Teacher Institute: Tech training	February 2017	k-12	All	Yes	Interactive
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2015-2016

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Teacher Academy	July 2015	K-12	5	No	Lecture
Diabetes training	August 2015	K-12	All district	Yes	Lecture
Digital Citizenship	August 2015	9-12	High School	Yes	Interactive
Student Growth Process	August 2015	9-12	High School	Yes	Interactive
Special Education 504	August 2015	9-12	High School	Yes	Interactive
Google Classroom	August 2015	9-12	High School	Yes	Interactive
Differentiation Model 1	August 2015	9-12	High School	Yes	Interactive
Differentiation Model 2	Sept 2015	9-12	High School	Yes	Interactive
Teacher Recruitment	Oct 2015	9-12	High School	Yes	Interactive
PBIS Workshop	Nov 2015	9-12	High School	Yes	Interactive
Special Education IEP's	Nov 2015	9-12	High School	Yes	Interactive
Student Cent Objective	Jan 2016	9-12	High School	Yes	Interactive
Bellringers	Jan 2016	9-12	High School	Yes	Interactive

2.5 Program Data**Table 2i****CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION****2018-2019**

The following classes will be available to students next year:

- We added a self contained special education teacher and classroom
- We have a full time certified Spanish teacher
- We realigned the Science curriculum sequence
- We made improvements to the emotional health unit
- Consumer Ed is now a teacher led course (as opposed to online)

2017-2018

The following classes will be available to students next year:

- Pre Calculus
- Ag Construction

2016-2017

The following classes will be available to students next year:

- Veterinarian Technology
- Journalism/Yearbook
- Botany
- Zoology
- STEM Project

2015 -2016

We will be offering a Work Co-Op program that allows students to gain work experience while earning credit
The following dual credit categories are offered at the high school and 45+ new courses offered for next year

- Business
- Computer Information Technology
- English
- Health Occupations
- Humanities
- Industrial Technology
- Auto collision and Auto Tech (in cooperation at Southeastern Community College)
- Welding (in cooperation at Carl Sandburg Community College)

2.6 Perception Data

Table 2j - Survey Data

Parent Survey Observations

2018-2019

- Only 37 individuals completed this survey.
- About 81% of our parents and community members feel that their opinions matter.
- About 80% of our parents and community members feel they have ample opportunities to voice opinions.
- 33% of our parents feel that their students do not receive a well rounded education at WCHS.
- Nearly 90% of parents and community feel welcome when they visit WCHS.

2017-2018

- 93.9% of parents feel that teachers know their students well
- 91% of parents feel that the school is secure
- 78.1% of parents are proud that their student attends WCHS
- 81.8% of parents feel that their student is proud to attend WCHS
- 36.3% of parents do not know their students' teachers by name and face
- 73% of parents aren't interested in school activities because they have a busy work schedule
- 30.3% of parents do not feel that their students receive a well-rounded education at WCHS
- Only 3% of parents said that Twitter was the best way to communicate with them

2016-2017

- 100% of parents agree that teachers will listen to concerns about their child.
- 100% of parents agree that student know what is expected of them and can receive extra help when they need it.
- 100% of parents feel welcome at WCHS
- 43% of parents feel like adult volunteers are not used in the school to help students
- 50% of parents aren't interested in school activities because they have a busy work schedule

2015-2016

- 86% believe they have ample opportunities to voice their opinions and can make a difference on the way the school operates
- 94% are aware that the students can receive extra help from teachers when necessary
- 87% of parents feel welcome at WCHS
- 93% of parents think the school is safe and and orderly

Staff Survey Observations

2018-2019

- 75% of staff feel like they communicate with parents on a regular basis.
- 88% of staff feel like they are supported by administration.
- 75% of staff feel like the school climate is heading in the right direction.
- 56.3% of staff feel like they have enough time to work together as a faculty.

2017-2018

- 95.3% of staff feel that they are a valued member of the district
- 100% of the staff feel that school climate is very important to the overall atmosphere of the school.
- 81% of staff members communicate with parents on a regular basis
- 90.5% of staff members communicate and collaborate with their department on a regular basis

2016-2017

- 88% of staff agree that the high school has created a culture of achievement
- 72% of staff communicate with parents on a regular basis
- 96% agree that they are valued staff members
- 100% address student needs regularly

2015-2016

- 100% of teachers address students' needs regularly
- 100% of teachers agree that the High School staff believe overall atmosphere is important
- 93% of staff work with administration on a regular basis
- 100% of teachers value technology in the classroom

Student Survey Observations

2018-2019

- Over 90% of the students feel safe while at school.
- 60.6% of students spend 0-30 minutes per day on homework or reading/studying for class
- 89% of students are proud to attend West Central High School.
- Close to 70% of our students spend more than an hour socializing with friends throughout the school week.
- 73.8% of the students spend 30 minutes or less reading or studying for school on weekends.
- 94.5% of the students do not take advantage of after school tutoring options.

2017-2018

- 59.7% of students spend 0-30 minutes per day on homework or reading/studying for class
- On weekends, 64.7% of students spend more than 3 hours per day with family, while only 32.2% spend more than 3 hours with friends.
- 81.9% of students reported that another student has refused to cooperate or follow the directions from staff or a teacher.
- 59% of students that have a part time job get to keep all of the money they make.
- 79.7% of students are proud of WCHS

2016-2017

- 60% of students report they spend less than 30 minutes per night studying M-F
- 53% of students report they spend less than 30 minutes per night on homework M-F
- 44% of students do not eat breakfast
- 93% of students feel that teachers are friendly, professional, and respectful to them
- 77% say that during the last five days another student has refused to cooperate or follow directions of a teacher/staff member
- 40% of working students contribute to their family household budget
- 75% of students are proud of West Central High School

2015 - 2016

- 10% of students work more than 3 hours per day outside of school
- 60% of students report they spend less than 30 minutes per night studying
- 92% feel that teachers are at least sometimes friendly, professional, and respectful
- 50% of students do not eat breakfast
- 44% of working students contribute to their family household budget
- 26% of students do not eat dinner on a regular basis
- 72% of students are proud of West Central High School

Table 2k Patterns of Strengths and Challenges

Patterns of strengths	Data used to support
Support for new teachers	Teacher Academy data
Progressive in teaching pedagogy	Danielson Committee, Assessment Committee, PD days, regular teachers' meetings, Student Growth discussion and implementation
A high percentage of students take higher level math and science courses	Student enrollment data, student schedules
Many vocational class opportunities	Student enrollment data, Curriculum Guide
Technology - 1on1 project	All students have Chromebooks
The faculty has consistently increased using technology, differentiated instruction, HOTS, student engagement, etc.	Walkthrough Data
Close to half of the students qualified for PRIDE incentives.	Asst. Principal Data
Lab classes are offered in Reading and Math	Master Schedule
Activity Period groups meet daily during activity period for academic assistance and digital citizenship	Master Schedule
Dual credit and Virtual High School courses are available for enrichment.	Master Schedule
Inclusion of IEP students into the general education classes.	Master Schedule
PRIDE achievement charts are used to promote positive behavior and rewards.	Skyward data
56.3% of staff feel like they have enough time to work together as a faculty.	Staff survey data
75% of staff feel like the school climate is heading in the right direction.	Staff survey data
78% of students achieved Excellent or Proficient Growth across all subjects	Table 2b - Student Growth Data
Offer a work co-op class, so that students can get on the job training during the school day	Master Schedule

Patterns of challenges	Data used to support
Attendance rate	Enrollment data
Number of students who repeat a class due to failure	Semester grades, weekly eligibility report
Graduation rate	School report card
Large number of disciplinary issues	4d, assistant principal/skyward data
Large number of tardies	4d, assistant principal/skyward data
High mobility rate (9%)	2.3/4a demographic data
Poor teacher retention	2.3/4a demographic data, teacher data
51% of our population participates in the free or reduced lunch program.	Table 2c

III. PROBLEM STATEMENTS AND HYPOTHESES

Table 3a: Problem Statements, Hypotheses, and Data Sources

Problem Statement 1 (Math): Our current achievement data for SAT shows students did not meet the standards in math. Math scores measured at a 437 compared to the state average of 504.			
Priority Hypotheses	Accept/Reject	Data Source 1	Data Source 2
Not all students have the essential skills for success in math	Accept	Chart 2b student growth	11th grade SAT test results
Current classroom assessments indicate student skill deficits	Accept	Chart 2b student growth	
Students could benefit from test-taking preparation for standardized tests	Accept	Chart 2b student growth	11th grade SAT test results
There is a large discrepancy in student performance	Accept	Chart 2b student growth	11th grade SAT test results
Transitional difficulties exist between middle school and high school	Accept	Discipline Reports	

Table 3b

Problem Statement 2 (English): Our current achievement data for SAT shows students do not meet the standards in English. English scores measured at a 476 compared to the state average of 507.			
Priority Hypotheses	Accept/Reject	Data Source 1	Data Source 2
Not all students have the essential skills for success in English	Accept	Chart 2b student growth	11th grade SAT test results
Current classroom assessments indicate student skill deficits	Accept	Chart 2b student growth	
Students could benefit from test-taking preparation for standardized tests	Accept	Chart 2b student growth	11th grade SAT test results
There is a large discrepancy in student performance	Accept	Chart 2b student growth	11th grade SAT test results
Transitional difficulties exist between 8 th grade to 9 th grade	Accept	Discipline Reports	

Table 3c

Problem Statement 3 (Graduation Rate): The graduation rate at West Central High School for 2018-2019 (84.6%) remains below the state average				
Priority Hypotheses	Accept/Reject	Data Source 1	Data Source 2	Data Source 3
Students with low credit counts at the beginning of their 3rd year are less likely to graduate.	Accept	Skyward data	Insufficient credit letter data	Freshman/ Sophomore team data
Students with a high truancy rate are less likely to graduate.	Accept	D/F List	Skyward data	7 & 10 day truancy letter data

IV. GOALS, STRATEGIES AND INTEGRATED ACTION PLAN

Improvement Goal 1a (Math) The percentage of students, including low income and those with special needs, will achieve 85% of their student growth band.				
Current Conditions and Data Sources The current percentage of students achieving Excellent or Proficient ratings in Math is 48%				
Specific Action 1 We will provide additional math supports to students struggling in math, especially low income and IEP students.				
Specific Steps	Timeline	Person/Group Responsible	Cost and funding source	Evaluation
We will analyze 2018-19 student growth data to determine placement in math, power and lab classes	March 2019	SIP Team, Mrs. Seitz, Mr. Holloran, Mr. Hennings, Ms. Halcomb, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kirby	No cost	Agendas, SIP Team and department meeting minutes
Continue to provide access to Illinois Virtual High for online courses for enrichment and credit retrieval.	August 2019 May 2020		Family funds \$250 per hour	Enrollment numbers/IVS progress reports
Continue to provide student incentives for growth on state assessments, attendance, and academic performance in classrooms for all grades.	August 2019 May 2020	Mr. Kirby and Mr. Tucker	Bldg. funds, donations	Data collection of qualifier information
Continue to provide student access to SKYWARD management programs to monitor their own progress in math courses.	August 2019 May 2020	All faculty, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kirby	No cost	Technology audit to measure usage
Teachers will incorporate differentiation of instruction strategies in their daily lesson plans.	August 2019 May 2020	Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kirby	No cost	Lesson plans. Administrative walk through and department meetings
Offer career day in where outside employers speak to our students about their expectations	March 2019	Mrs. Alexander, SIP Parent/Community Outreach Program	Bldg. funds, donations	Program agenda, student sign in sheets, student feedback
We will begin to implement a partial RTI program (9, 10) at the high school level involving an RTI team.	August 2019 May 2020	Mr. Kirby, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Gittings, Mr. Arnold	No cost	RTI forms, meeting agendas, progress monitoring forms.

Improvement Goal 1b (Math) The percentage of students, including low income and those with special needs, will achieve 85% of their student growth band.				
Current Conditions and Data Sources The current percentage of students achieving Excellent or Proficient ratings in Math is 48%				
Specific Action 2 We will increase student engagement through the use of higher order thinking skills, differentiation, and concentrate on rigorous instruction in all content areas.				
Specific Steps	Timeline	Person/Gro up Responsible	Cost and funding source	Evaluation
We will offer school wide training for faculty in differentiated instruction, higher order thinking skills, data analysis, engagement, and assessment.	August 2019 May 2020	Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kirby,	No cost	Training evaluations, classroom walkthroughs, faculty and department meeting minutes
Departments will refine and administer assessments that measure exit outcomes/essential skills with the ultimate goal of determining student growth.	August 2019 May 2020	All staff, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kirby	TYPE 2,3 no cost	Assessment data, student progress monitoring
Provide opportunity for collaboration and evaluation of student engagement and higher order thinking skills.	August 2019 May 2020 SIP days	Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kirby, All Staff	No cost, SIP days	Training evaluations, classroom walkthroughs, faculty and department meetings, teaming time
Departments will refine assessment, continue to differentiate, analyze data, and incorporate higher order thinking skills	August 2019 May 2020 SIP days	Teachers, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kirby	4, ½ day meetings 8 subs x \$80.00 per day x 4 = \$1,280.00	Meeting minutes and agendas, student classroom data

Improvement Goal 1c (Math)

The percentage of students, including low income and those with special needs, will achieve 85% of their student growth band.

Current Conditions and Data Sources

The current percentage of students achieving Excellent or Proficient ratings in Math is 48%

Specific Action 3

We will continue to identify IEP students who will benefit from time in the general education classroom with assistance from special education staff.

Specific Steps	Timeline	Person/Group Responsible	Cost and funding source	Evaluation
Provide professional development time for staff to apply differentiation of instruction, evaluate techniques used, and identify specific strategies.	August 2019 May 2020	Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kirby	No cost - SIP days	classroom walkthroughs, faculty and department meetings
Examine the master schedule placement of IEP students to ensure the appropriate teacher/student ratio in regular education classes.	August 2019 May 2020	Mr. Tucker, Ms. Nelson, Mr. Kirby, Ms. Colley, Mrs. Gall, Mrs. Ayer	No cost	Training evaluations, classroom walkthroughs, faculty and department meetings, class rosters
Special education teachers will assess data of IEP students and record individual student growth.	August 2019 May 2020	Mrs. Gall, Ms. Colley	No cost	Progress monitoring, pre and post tests

Improvement Goal 1d (Math)

The percentage of students, including low income and those with special needs, will achieve 85% of their student growth band.

Current Conditions and Data Sources

The current percentage of students achieving Excellent or Proficient ratings in Math is 48%

Specific Action 4

We will continue working to increase communication with parents and provide them with ideas and information on developing skills through participation in various educational programs to support their student's academic learning.

Specific Steps	Timeline	Person/Group Responsible	Cost and funding source	Evaluation
3 times per year, we will have an educational parent night event.	August 2019 May 2020	Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Frakes, Mr. Tucker	No cost	Surveys/attendance records
Provide parent access to Skyward access to grades, attendance and discipline.	August 2019 May 2020	All staff, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kirby	No cost	Technology audits to measure usage
Continue to use freshman and sophomore teams to contact parents and create individualized intervention plans for targeted struggling students.	Weekly	Mr. Arnold, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Gittings	No cost	Surveys and progress monitoring of students' success

Improvement Goal 2a (ELA)				
The percentage of students, including low income and those with special needs, will achieve 85% of their student growth band.				
Current Conditions and Data Sources				
The current percentage of students achieving Excellent or Proficient ratings in English is 80%				
Specific Action 1				
We will provide additional supports to students struggling in reading, especially low income and IEP students.				
Specific Steps	Timeline	Person/Group Responsible	Cost and funding source	Evaluation
We will analyze 2018-19 student growth data to determine placement in English, power and lab classes	March 2018	Mr. Arnold, Mr. Muegge, Mr. Kirby	No cost	Yearly test administration and evaluation
Provide access for students to take Illinois Virtual High School courses online for enrichment and credit retrieval.	August 2019 May 2020	IVS Proctor (TBD)	Family funds \$250 credit recovery	Enrollment numbers/IVS progress reports
Continue to provide student incentives for growth on state assessments, attendance, and academic performance in classrooms at levels 9, 10 and 11.	August 2019 May 2020	Mr. Kirby and Mr. Boyle	Bldg. funds, donations	Data collection of qualifier information
Provide student access to SKYWARD management programs to monitor their own progress in English courses.	August 2019 May 2020	Teachers, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kirby	No cost	Tech audit to measure usage.
Teachers will incorporate differentiation of instruction strategies in their daily lesson plans.	August 2019 May 2020	Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kirby	No cost	Lesson plans. Administrative walk through and department meetings

Improvement Goal 2b (ELA)

The percentage of students, including low income and those with special needs, will achieve 85% of their student growth band.

Current Conditions and Data Sources

The current percentage of students achieving Excellent or Proficient ratings in English is 80%

Specific Action 2

We will increase student engagement through the use of higher order thinking skills, differentiation, and concentrate on rigorous instruction in all content areas.

Specific Steps	Timeline	Person/Group Responsible	Cost and funding source	Evaluation
Use of walkthrough data to monitor use of student engagement and higher order thinking skill in the classroom.	August 2019 May 2020	Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kirby	No cost	Classroom walkthroughs, faculty and department meetings, one on one teacher meetings
Departments will refine and administer assessments that measure exit outcomes/essential skills with the ultimate goal of determining student growth.	May 2020	All teachers, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kirby	No cost	Assessment data, student progress monitoring
Provide training for staff in differentiated instruction, higher order thinking skills, engagement, and assessment.	August 2019 May 2020 SIP days	Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kirby,	No cost	Training evaluations, classroom walkthroughs, faculty and department meeting

Improvement Goal 2c (ELA)

The percentage of students, including low income and those with special needs, will achieve 85% of their student growth band.

Current Conditions and Data Sources

The current percentage of students achieving Excellent or Proficient ratings in English is 80%

Specific Action 3

We will continue to identify IEP students who will benefit from time in the general education classroom with assistance from special education staff.

Specific Steps	Timeline	Person/Group Responsible	Cost and funding source	Evaluation
Collaborate with staff to identify specific strategies of differentiation to be implemented and monitor the implementation of those strategies.	August 20, 2019	Mrs. Ayer, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Muegge, Mrs. Gall, Ms. Colley	No cost	Training evaluations, classroom walkthroughs, faculty and department meetings
The master schedule will be examined to determine placement of IEP students.	May 2019	Mrs. Ayer Mr. Tucker Mr. Kirby, Ms. Nelson	No cost	Training evaluations, classroom walkthroughs, faculty and department meetings
Core teachers will sign off on the accommodations sheet given to them by the Special education teachers.	August 2019	Administration	No cost	Training evaluations, classroom walkthroughs, faculty and department meetings

Improvement Goal 2d (ELA)

The percentage of students, including low income and those with special needs, will achieve 85% of their student growth band.

Current Conditions and Data Sources

The current percentage of students achieving Excellent or Proficient ratings in English is 80%

Specific Action 4

We will continue working to increase communication with parents and provide them with ideas and information on developing skills through participation in various educational programs to support their student's academic learning.

Specific Steps	Timeline	Person/Group Responsible	Cost and funding source	Evaluation
3 times per year, we will have an educational parent night event.	Oct, Nov 2019 March 2020	Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Frakes, Mr. Tucker	No cost	Surveys/attendance records
Continue to provide parent access to Skyward management program to permit parents daily access to students' grades, attendance and discipline.	August 2019 May 2020	All staff, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kirby	No cost	Technology audits to measure usage
Continue to use freshman and sophomore teams (parent contacts, intervention plans)	Every two weeks	Mr. Tucker, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Kirby	No cost	Surveys and progress monitoring of students' success
Provide access for students to take Illinois Virtual High School courses online for enrichment and credit retrieval.	August 2019 May 2020		Family funds \$250 credit recovery	Enrollment numbers/IVS progress reports

Improvement Goal 3 (Graduation Rate)				
The graduation rate will increase to 92.5% in 2019-20.				
Current Conditions and Data Sources				
2017 -2018 graduation rate for West Central High School was 84.6%.				
Specific Action 1				
Programs and procedures will be enacted to increase the percentage of students who earn a diploma in the required four years of high school.				
Specific Steps	Timeline	Person/Group Responsible	Cost and funding source	Evaluation
Promote positive attendance by continuing to evaluate handbook policies regarding student attendance.	Spring 2019	Mr. Tucker	No cost	Attendance rate
Maintain and evaluate student rewards policy for attendance and offer student incentives.	August 2019 May 2020	Mr. Kirby, Mr. Tucker	\$1000 bldg. funds	Attendance rate
Plan school wide motivational speaker schedule quarterly.	Spring 2019	Parent Community Committee (Mrs. Alexander)	Available Bldg. funding	Student survey
Continue to evaluate the current RTI system at the high school	Fall 2019 - 2020	Mr. Kirby, Mr. Gittings, Mr. Arnold	Available Bldg. funds	Progress monitoring forms, D – F list
Continue to provide peer mentoring, and a Study Skills course	August 2019 - May 2020	SIP team	No cost	New student survey, student feedback, teacher feedback, student growth scores, D-F List
Provide PRIDE class incentives: grade, attendance, and discipline	August 2019 - May 2020	Ms. Nelson, Mr. Kirby, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Tucker	No cost	Activity period reward days
Develop and implement exit surveys for graduates	August 2019	Mr. Kirby	No cost	Survey results
Develop a ½ day work study program	August 2019-May 2020	Ms. Nelson, Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Gittings, Mr. Frank	Delabar funds	Recommend a complete program, student rosters
Provide a greater range of Dual-Credit courses from neighboring colleges (CSC, SCC)	August 2019-May 2020	Ms. Nelson, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kirby	Family funds for courses	Master schedule, student rosters, class offerings

Improvement Goal 4 (Curriculum/student growth)				
75% of students will demonstrate growth based on the school growth model during 2018-2019.				
Current Conditions and Data Sources				
The current percentage of students achieving Excellent or Proficient ratings in all subjects matters is 67%				
Specific Action 1				
We will continue working to increase student growth and rigorous instruction throughout our curriculum.				
Specific Steps	Timeline	Person/Group Responsible	Cost and funding source	Evaluation
Create a team of district teachers that will travel to college job fairs for the purpose of new teacher recruitments.	August 2019 May 2020	Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kirby, Teacher Recruitment Team	Sub pay, transportation registration fee	Amount of applications received from prospective teachers contacted through the job fairs
Continue to provide Activity Check and Connect period time for all students from weekly to twice weekly	August 2019 May 2020	Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kirby	No cost	Student growth on Type 2,3 assessments, D-F lists
Provide a greater range of Dual-Credit/ Correspondence courses from Carl Sandburg College	August 2019 May 2020	Ms. Nelson, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Kirby	Family funds for courses	Master schedule, student rosters, class offerings
All teachers will create valid and reliable Student Growth tests	August 2019 May 2020	Staff	No cost	Principal Confirmation

Table 4: Professional Development Schedule

TOPIC	DAY/MO./YEAR	GRADE LEVELS	ANTICIPATED PARTICIPANTS	SCHOOL-WIDE	FORMAT
Continue to emphasize the areas of higher order thinking skills, using data, student engagement, differentiated instruction, 1 on 1 imitative and assessment.	August 2019 May 2020	9-12	30	Yes	Early dismissal days, faculty meeting days/potential heat dismissal days
Data Walk for SIP	November, 2019	9-12	30	No	November SIP day
Staff opportunity to share differentiated instruction practices, higher order thinking skills questions, assessment strategies and successful lessons	November 2019 – May 2020	9-12	30	No	SIP/faculty meetings
Provide opportunity for staff to evaluate the implementation of the current action steps.	January 2020 SIP	9-12	30	No	January SIP day
SIP team opportunity to share complete SIP in draft form.	February SIP	9-12	30	No	SIP
Opportunity for whole staff to review the school improvement plan for implementation.	May Institute day	9-12	30	No	Institute/faculty meeting
Provide professional development training for vertical and horizontal curriculum alignment (K-12).	May/June 2020	9-12	30	Yes	SIP/volunteer workshop

V. REFLECTION, EVALUATION, REFINEMENT

A. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM MEETING SCHEDULE

- Will meet weekly on Wednesday during the school year.
- We will spend part of every meeting implementing the current plan and the remainder of the meeting working on the new plan.

B. MONITORING

- To monitor the progress on our goals throughout the year, we will utilize the previous years SIP plan to gauge our progress by engaging SIP members in in depth discussion during every SIP meeting to monitor our progress throughout the year.

C. COMMUNICATION PLAN

- Have copies of School Improvement Plan available at registration.
- Post School Improvement Plan and progress report on the school website.
- Regular conferences (one each semester) with students, teachers, and adult family members organized around a review of student work and academic progress.
- Invite board members to meet with the SIP team to go over the plan and ask questions and receive more detailed explanations of the plan.