



COLORADO
Department of Education



[Log Out](#)

**FORT
COLLINS
HIGH
SCHOOL
UIP 2017-18**

District: **POUDRE R-1** | Org ID: **1550** | School ID: **3046** | Framework: **Performance**
Plan: **Low Participation** | **Draft UIP**

Colorado's Unified Improvement Plan for School

Table of Contents

Executive Summary
Improvement Plan Information
Narrative on Data Analysis and Root Cause Identification
Action Plans
Addenda

Executive Summary

How are students performing? Where will the school focus attention?

Priority Performance Challenges: Specific statements about the school's performance challenges (not budgeting, staffing curriculum, instruction, etc.), with at least one priority identified for each performance indicator (Achievement, Growth, PWR), where the School did not meet federal, state and/or local expectations.

Name: Standards-based Teaching and Learning Framework

Description: Implement a standards-based teaching and learning framework building-wide to support and improve the universal tier of instruction

Name: Academic Interventions

Description: Develop, refine and implement appropriate academic interventions to provide access to rigorous, grade level curriculum and support the academic growth of all students and specifically the growth of subgroups, including students with IEPs, English Language Learners, and students needing to catch up. Options for blended learning opportunities will be explored and developed.

Name: Graduation

Description: building-wide effort to monitor student progress toward successfully completion of coursework to ensure on-time graduation

Why is the education system continuing to have these challenges?

Root Causes: Statements describing the deepest underlying cause, or causes, or performance challenges, that, if dissolved, would result in elimination, or substantial reduction of the performance challenge(s).

Name: Standards-based Teaching and Learning Framework

Description: On-going, yet incomplete development of building-wide common language and framework to develop and support instructional practices and expectations for all staff; Lack of systemic implementation and use of a comprehensive teaching and learning framework in all content areas.

Name: Academic Interventions

Description: On-going, yet incomplete development of adequate and appropriate interventions for students; Lack of early identification of students in need of differentiated academic support. Opportunities for blended learning will be developed and implemented.

Name: Graduation

Description: Students are not successfully completing coursework in a timeframe to keep them on track to graduate in four years. Academic progress for all students will be monitored regularly (weekly and/or bi-monthly) and appropriate and timely interventions will be implemented to ensure an on-time graduation.

Major Improvement Strategies

Major Improvement Strategies: Identify the major improvement strategy(s) that will address the root causes determined in the data narrative.

Name: Standards-based Teaching and Learning Framework

Description: Staff will use common academic language and processes to support consistent best practices as aligned to the 5D+ Framework.

Name: Academic Interventions

Description: Targeted, specific academic interventions are in place in response to the learning needs of all students.

Name: Graduation

Description: Graduation rate will meet or exceed state average

Access the School Performance Framework here:<http://www.cde.state.co.us/schoolview/performance>

Improvement Plan Information

Additional Information about the school

Comprehensive Review and Selected Grant History

Related Grant Awards

Has the school received a grant that supports school improvement efforts? When was the grant awarded?

No

School Support Team or Expedited Review

Has (or will) the school participated in an SST or Expedited Review? If so, when?

No

External Evaluator

Has the school partnered with an external evaluator to provide comprehensive evaluation? Indicate the year and the name of the provider/tool used.

No

Improvement Plan Information

The school/district is submitting this improvement plan to satisfy requirements for (check all that apply):

State Accreditation

School Contact Information

Mark Eversole
Principal
3400 Lambkin Way
Fort Collins CO 80525
Phone: (970) 488-8003
Email: marke@psdschools.org

Monica Welch
SAC chairperson
3400 Lambkin Way
Fort Collins CO 80525
Phone: (970) 488-8004

Narrative on Data Analysis and Root Cause Identification

Description of school Setting and Process for Data Analysis

Provide a brief description of the school to set the context for readers. Include the general process for developing the UIP and participants (e.g., SAC involvement). The description may include demographics and local context, such as location, performance status, notable recent events or changes, stakeholders involved in writing the UIP, and an overview of the general process.

Description of School and Process

Fort Collins High School is home to 1,783 students in grades 9 through 12. The following represents the composition of the student body at FCHS: 49% female, 51 % male, 0.8% - American Indian or

Alaskan Native; 3.87% - Asian; 2.41% Black or African American; 21.59% - Hispanic or Latino; 67% - White; 4.15% - two or more races. 7.74% are identified as receiving special education services and 5.55% have active 504 plans. 4.54% are identified as English Language Learners. Approximately 34% of the student population qualify for free or reduced lunch benefits. 18% of our students are identified as Gifted and Talented.

At Fort Collins High School, the development of the Unified Improvement Plan is a collaborative process involving staff, leadership teams, building and district administration, community members and parents. The 2017 School Performance Framework was shared with the entire staff at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year in a presentation by Mark Eversole, Principal. Based on the data in the SPF and the subsequent, on-going, and year-to-year collaboration, the Leadership Team, the School Accountability Team, and the FCHS Administrative Team decided to continue to focus on the following priority challenges: to boost school-wide Academic Growth and to address the Academic Growth Gaps in Reading, Mathematics and Writing for all subgroups. The major improvement strategies in the SUIP to address the priority challenges are shared monthly with the staff as are relevant, benchmark data.

Looking at the results of the 2017 CMAS testing, the data support a continued focus on increasing school-wide Academic Growth, particularly in English Language Arts and Math, and addressing the academic growth gaps in English Language Arts and Mathematics for subgroups. In addition, test participation rates will be monitored with a goal of 95% participation rate for all exams.

In response, three major improvement strategies were developed and incorporated into the UIP:

- 1) implement a standards-based teaching and learning framework building-wide to support and improve the universal tier of instruction and,*
- 2) develop, refine and implement appropriate academic interventions to provide access to rigorous, grade level curriculum and support the academic growth of all students and specifically the growth of subgroups, to include the development of blended learning opportunities,*
- 3) building-wide consistent monitoring of student academic progress toward on-time graduation.*

Current Performance

Provide a description of the trend analysis that includes at least three years of data (state and local data). Trend statements should be provided in the four performance indicator areas and by disaggregated groups. Trend statements should include the direction of the trend and a comparison (e.g. state expectations, state average) to indicate why the trend is notable.

Due to low participation rates in CMAS testing, our achievement and growth data does not reflect our student population. Efforts will be made to improve participation rates on state assessments. Local data will be used for analysis. Additionally, the drop-out rate and on-time graduation rate, both of which are approaching, will be measured using local "on-track" graduation data.

Priority Performance Challenges and Root Cause Analysis

Review the DPF and local data. Document any areas where the school did not at least meet state/federal expectations. Priority Performance Challenges and Root Cause Analysis Priority Performance Challenges: Identify notable trends (or a combination of trends) that are the highest priority to address (priority performance challenges). No more than 3-5 are recommended. Provide a rationale for why these

challenges have been selected and address the magnitude of the school's overall performance challenges. Root Cause: Identify at least one root cause for every priority performance challenge. Root causes should address adult actions, be under the control of the school, and address the priority performance challenge(s). Provide evidence that the root cause was verified through the use of additional data. A description of the selection process for the corresponding major improvement strategies is recommended.

Relationship of UIP Elements

Priority Performance Challenges

Root Cause

Standards-based Teaching and Learning Framework

Standards-based Teaching and Learning Framework

Academic Interventions

Academic Interventions

Graduation

Graduation

Root Causes

Priority Performance Challenge: Standards-based Teaching and Learning Framework

Standards-based Teaching and Learning Framework

On-going, yet incomplete development of building-wide common language and framework to develop and support instructional practices and expectations for all staff; Lack of systemic implementation and use of a comprehensive teaching and learning framework in all content areas.

Priority Performance Challenge: Academic Interventions

Academic Interventions

On-going, yet incomplete development of adequate and appropriate interventions for students; Lack of early identification of students in need of differentiated academic support. Opportunities for blended learning will be developed and implemented.

Priority Performance Challenge: Graduation

Graduation

Students are not successfully completing coursework in a timeframe to keep them on track to graduate in four years. Academic progress for all students will be monitored regularly (weekly and/or bi-monthly) and appropriate and timely interventions will be implemented to ensure an on-time graduation.

Provide a rationale for why these challenges have been selected and address the magnitude of the overall performance challenges:

These challenges have been selected based on prior data that indicates the school's drop-out rate and graduation rate do not meet expectations. Continued focus on early intervention per the major improvement strategies for students off-track to graduate will positively impact these indicators. The 2016-17 drop-out rate is 2.3% for all students. A reduction in the drop-out rate to 2% or lower will move students from "approaching" to "meets". The 6 year graduation rate for English Learners, Free/Reduced, and Students with Disabilities is currently "approaching" with a range of 81.8% - 84.2%. Increasing this rate to 85% for all 'approaching" disaggregated groups will move this indicator to "meets".

Action Plans

School Target Setting

Directions: Schools are expected to set their own annual targets for academic achievement, academic growth, and postsecondary and workforce readiness. At a minimum, schools should set targets for each of the performance indicators where state expectations are not met; targets should also be connected to prioritized performance challenges. For each annual performance target, identify interim measures that will be used to monitor progress toward the annual targets at least quarterly during the school year.

Priority Performance Challenge : Standards-based Teaching and Learning Framework

Priority Performance Challenge : Academic Interventions

Priority Performance Challenge : Graduation

Planning Form

Major Improvement Strategy Name:

Standards-based Teaching and Learning Framework

Major Improvement Strategy Description:

Staff will use common academic language and processes to support consistent best practices as aligned to the 5D+ Framework.

Associated Root Causes:

Standards-based Teaching and Learning Framework: On-going, yet incomplete development of building-wide common language and framework to develop and support instructional practices and expectations for all staff; Lack of systemic implementation and use of a comprehensive teaching and learning framework in all content areas.

Action Steps Associated with MIS

| Name | Description | Start/End Date | Resource | Key Personnel | Status | School Year |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| Purpose and Assessment for Learning | Administration and staff will focus on Success Criteria and Formative Assessment | 08/16/2017 05/31/2018 | local | Admin Team | In Progress | Next School Year |
| Purpose and Assessment for Learning | All staff will write a PD goal for Success Criteria and Formative Assessment | 08/16/2017 10/13/2017 | local | Admin Team | Complete | Next School Year |
| New Teacher Academy | new teachers will participate in a year-long PLC to jumpstart their proficiency with all | 09/18/2017 05/14/2018 | local | Admin | In Progress | Next School Year |

Dimensions
of the 5D+
Framework

Implementation Benchmark Associated with MIS

| Action Step Name (Association) | IB Name | Description | Start/End/Repeats | Key Personnel | Status | School Year |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| | Observation Feedback | Feedback from Evaluators will include focus on use of daily success criteria and formative assessment | 09/11/2017 04/13/2018 | Admin Team | | Next School Year |
| | Monthly New Teacher PLC meetings | New teachers demonstrate increasing understanding and application of 5D+ Framework | 09/18/2017 05/14/2018 | Admin Team | Partially Met | Next School Year |
| | PD goal for Success Criteria and Formative Assessment | Evaluators will ensure that all staff have created an appropriate PD goal. The goal will be re-assessed in the summative evaluation. | 10/13/2017 04/20/2018 | Admin Team | | Next School Year |

Major Improvement Strategy Name:

Academic Interventions

Major Improvement Strategy Description:

Targeted, specific academic interventions are in place in response to the learning needs of all students.

Associated Root Causes:

Academic Interventions: On-going, yet incomplete development of adequate and appropriate interventions for students; Lack of early identification of students in need of differentiated academic support. Opportunities for blended learning will be developed and implemented.

| Action Steps Associated with MIS | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Name | Description | Start/End Date | Resource | Key Personnel | Status | School Year |
| EL Achieve | Continued training of staff and implementation of EL Achieve strategies to support Emerging Bilingual students | 08/15/2017 05/31/2018 | local and district | ELD team | In Progress | Next School Year |
| Co-teaching | Continued implementation and expansion of co-teaching model to inclusion of students with IEPs and increase LRE percentages | 08/15/2017 05/31/2018 | local | FC Team | In Progress | Next School Year |
| Intervention Classes | continued development of intervention classes including reading-supported classes, the Mind Center, the summer bridge program (CAPP) | 08/15/2017 06/15/2018 | local | Admin Team | In Progress | Next School Year |
| Math Curriculum | Implementation of restructured math offerings to support successful completion of math graduation requirements and improved | 08/21/2017 05/31/2018 | local and district | Math Department | In Progress | Next School Year |

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| | math growth in Algebra and Geometry. | | | | | |
| School-wide AVID | Continued implementation of School-wide AVID, focusing on building-wide note-taking and organizational strategies | 10/13/2017 05/25/2018 | local | AVID Site Team | | Next School Year |
| Blended Learning Opportunities | Development and implementation of blended learning classes to meet the needs of students needing to catch up. | 11/01/2017 08/20/2018 | local | select staff and admin | Not Started | Next School Year |

Implementation Benchmark Associated with MIS

| Action Step Name (Association) | IB Name | Description | Start/End/Repeats | Key Personnel | Status | School Year |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | Track LRE percentages | monitor LRE percentages regularly to show improvement in inclusion | 09/04/2017 05/25/2018 Quarterly | IS Dept Chair | Partially Met | Next School Year |
| | Math Sequencing | monitor success of math sequencing including how many students repeat a math class to determine success of new sequencing | 10/25/2017 05/16/2018 Quarterly | counseling and Math Dept Chair | | Next School Year |
| | EL Achieve cohort PLC | EL achieve-trained staff will meet | 01/08/2018 05/25/2018 Monthly | EL Achieve teachers and admin | | Next School Year |

monthly
during spring
semester to
share strategies
and ideas

**Major Improvement
Strategy Name:**

Graduation

**Major Improvement
Strategy Description:**

Graduation rate will meet or exceed state average

Associated Root Causes:

Graduation: Students are not successfully completing coursework in a timeframe to keep them on track to graduate in four years. Academic progress for all students will be monitored regularly (weekly and/or bi-monthly) and appropriate and timely interventions will be implemented to ensure an on-time graduation.

Action Steps Associated with MIS

| Name | Description | Start/End Date | Resource | Key Personnel | Status | School Year |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Student Progress Monitoring | Counselors, teachers and Student Success Teams monitor student grades bi-monthly to ensure on-time progress toward graduations | 09/01/2017 05/25/2018 | local | all certified staff | In Progress | Next School Year |

Implementation Benchmark Associated with MIS

| Action Step Name (Association) | IB Name | Description | Start/End/Repeats | Key Personnel | Status | School Year |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------|------------------|
| | Mind Center grade checks | Mind Center teachers will | 08/21/2017 05/25/2018 | Mind Center teachers | | Next School Year |

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--|------------------|
| | check grades weekly and make necessary academic referrals | Weekly | | | |
| Study skills grade checks | Study skills teachers and case managers will check grades weekly, make necessary academic referrals and implement necessary interventions | 08/21/2017 05/25/2018 | teachers | | Next School Year |
| Lambkin Way grade checks | Lambkin Way teachers will check grades weekly and make necessary academic referrals | 08/24/2017 05/16/2018 Weekly | Lambkin Way teachers | | This School Year |
| SST grade checks | Counselor/admin teams will check grades every two weeks, make necessary academic referrals and implement necessary interventions | 08/30/2017 05/25/2018 Monthly | counselor and admin | | This School Year |
| Counselor grade checks | Counselors will check senior grades weekly, make necessary academic referrals and implement necessary interventions | 08/30/2017 05/23/2018 | counselors | | This School Year |

Attachments List

~V1_FORT COLLINS HIGH SCHOOL UIP 2017-18 - 10/27/2017 12:53 PM.pdf

~V2_FORT COLLINS HIGH SCHOOL UIP 2017-18 - 10/27/2017 1:53 PM.pdf