

Local Assistance Plan (LAP)  
Diagnostic Self-Review Document and Report Template



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Reason for LAP Designation:	Did not meet AYP in ELA and Mathematics for students with disabilities
Website Link for Published Report:	<a href="http://www.southcolonieschools.org/Academics/APPR/PDFs/LishaKill_LAP_APPR.pdf">http://www.southcolonieschools.org/Academics/APPR/PDFs/LishaKill_LAP_APPR.pdf</a>

School Principal's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date 11-9-15

I certify that the information provided above and in the attached documents is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the accountability status determination reported in the Information Reporting Services (IRS) portal/nySTART is official and that the district and its school must meet all federal and State requirements pertaining to such accountability designations and expected student performance improvements.

I further certify that I have reviewed the Diagnostic Self-Review Document and met with the school leadership to discuss and revise the rubric ratings as appropriate and that I concur that the ratings provided in the rubric are an accurate assessment of the school's current performance in relation to the tenets.

Superintendent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date 11-17-2015

For New York City schools, the Community School District Superintendent must sign the self-assessment.

A Message to School/District Leaders:

The purpose of the New York State Education Department (NYSED) school review is to provide all New York State (NYS) stakeholders currently involved in school and/or district evaluation with cogent messages around school improvement and highly effective educational practices. Our thinking is that the more the NYS educational community engages in common practices and uses common language to evaluate and describe effective schools, the more readily we, as an educational community, will be able to provide high-quality seats to all students in our state.

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## Guidance

The Diagnostic Self-Review Document provides an opportunity for the school, with the assistance of the district, to assess its current level of performance in regard to the school leadership, teacher practices and decisions, curriculum development and support, student social and emotional developmental health, and family and community engagement. Schools should use the self-review as an opportunity to identify actions to be taken to improve student academic results for the identified subgroup(s), describe the district resources to be used to implement the actions identified, and describe the professional development activities planned to support the implementation of the actions to improve student academic results.

The Diagnostic Self-Review Document and Report Template must be approved by the district's Board of Education (for New York City (NYC) schools, it must be approved by the Chancellor) and posted to the district's website by **Friday, November 20, 2015**, as well as kept on file at both the school and the district offices.

## Completing This Form

- ✓ Before completing this form, please examine the rubric, and discuss the tenets and the statements of practice with the district representative who will be assisting you in completing, reviewing and approving your LAP Self-Assessment. As the rubric used for the Diagnostic Self-Review is the same one as used for Diagnostic Review for School and District Effectiveness (DTSDE) conducted in Focus Districts, the DTSDE website (<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/accountability/diagnostic-tool-institute/home.html>) contains helpful information about the rubric.
- ✓ In collaboration with your school leadership team and your district representatives, complete the Self-Review by identifying the strategies and practices you either are planning to implement or have implemented that meet the needs of your school, as identified by the assessment.
  - Pay particular attention to the performance of the subgroups that caused the school to be identified as requiring a Local Assistance Plan (LAP).
  - Use evaluative language and connect how the strategies and practices have or will impact teaching and learning.
  - Make sure the activities proposed reflect a new and robust direction or a continuation of practices that are showing evidence-based positive results in closing the achievement gap(s).
- ✓ Be concise and clear when describing the evidence that supports your ratings.
- ✓ Provide information in the plan that addresses the "who, what, when, and why" of the strategies chosen to meet the needs of the school.
- ✓ **Please Note:** The designation of a school as a LAP means that a school has areas that need improvement, particularly as they relate to the subgroup(s) of students who are failing to make academic gains. These areas should be reflected in the ratings, evidence and action plans outlined in this assessment.
- ✓ Before the completed Self-Review Document and Report Template are submitted to the Board of Education (for NYC, the Chancellor) for approval, the school superintendent must meet with the school leadership to discuss and revise the rubric ratings as appropriate.

A successfully completed Self-Review provides an accurate picture of your school and its needs and describes the actions you and the district will take to address these needs. The evidence and plans for improvement described in the document will closely align to the expectations put forth in the rubric, therefore aligning the plan to the optimal conditions for school effectiveness.

If you have any questions regarding completion of the Local Assistance Plan Self Assessment, please send an email to [accountinfo@nysed.gov](mailto:accountinfo@nysed.gov).

<b>School Information Sheet</b>											
Grade Configuration	5--8	Total Enrollment	631	Title 1 Population	24%	Attendance Rate	96.2%				
Free Lunch	21%	Reduced Lunch	3%	Student Sustainability	96%	Limited English Proficient	0%	Students with Disabilities	12.3%		
<b>Types and Number of English Language Learner Classes</b>											
#Transitional Bilingual	0	#Dual Language	0	#Self-Contained English as a Second Language	0						
<b>Types and Number of Special Education Classes</b>											
#Special Classes	6	#Consultant Teaching	0	#Integrated Collaborative Teaching	0						
# Resource Room	4										
<b>Types and Number Special Classes</b>											
#Visual Arts	27	#Music	25	#Drama	0	# Foreign Language	14	# Dance	0	CTE	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.16%	Black or African American	6.34%	Hispanic or Latino	4.60%	Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	7.77%	White	77.18%	Multi-racial	3.96%
<b>Personnel</b>											
Years Principal Assigned to School	2	# of Assistant Principals	1	# of Deans	0	# of Counselors / Social Workers	2				
% of Teachers with No Valid Teaching Certificate	0	% Teaching Out of Certification	0	% Teaching with Fewer Than 3 Yrs. of Exp.	2.5	Average Teacher Absences	11.5 per year				
<b>Overall Accountability Status</b>											
ELA Performance at levels 3 & 4	38.35%	Mathematics Performance at levels 3 & 4	56.0%	Science Performance at levels 3 & 4	95.4%	4 Year Graduation Rate (HS Only)	NA				
<b>Credit Accumulation (High School Only)</b>											
% of 1 <sup>st</sup> yr. students who earned 10+ credits	NA	% of 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr. students who earned 10+ credits	NA	% of 3 <sup>rd</sup> yr. students who earned 10+ credits	NA	6 Year Graduation Rate	NA				
<b>Reason for LAP (Indicate under the Category)</b>											
Achievement Gap (AG), Cut Point (CP), and/or Did Not Meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)											
ELA	Mathematics	Science	Graduation Rate	Subgroup							
				American Indian or Alaska Native							
				Hispanic or Latino							
				White							
AYP	AYP			Students with Disabilities							
				Economically Disadvantaged							
				Black or African American							
				Asian or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander							
				Multi-racial							
				Limited English Proficient							

Rate each practice with an H, E, D, or I in the space provided. Before assigning a rating of Effective or Highly Effective to a Statement of Practice, the school should pay particular attention to how the statement of practice is related to the performance of the subgroup(s) of students who caused the school to be identified as requiring a LAP. When providing a response to a Statement of Practice that is Effective, Developing, or Ineffective, the school should specify whether actions will be targeted to the subgroup(s) of students who caused the school's identification or be part of a whole school transformation or turnaround strategy.

**Tenet 2 - School Leader Practices and Decisions:** Visionary leaders create a school community and culture that lead to success, well-being and high academic outcomes for all students via systems of continuous and sustainable school improvement.

**Rating** **Statement of Practice 2.2:** The school leader ensures that the school community shares the Specific, Measurable, Ambitious, Results-oriented, and Timely (SMART) goals/mission and long-term vision inclusive of core values that address the priorities outlined in the School Comprehensive Educational Plan (SCEP).

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	<p>a) The SMART goals/mission and long-term vision are created and supported by staff, families, and students and are uniformly seen, heard, and known across the entire school community and affiliated partnerships.</p> <p>b) The school leader champions the implementation of a data-driven mission for student achievement and well-being and holds the school community of stakeholders accountable for working to realize the long-term vision and the school priorities as outlined in the SCEP and other school improvement documents.</p> <p>c) The school leader and community stakeholders regularly monitor and evaluate progress toward attainment of SMART goals and priorities in the SCEP that are aligned to the long-term vision, making adjustments when goals are not achieved, improvements are needed, and priorities become misaligned.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Effective</b>	<p>a) The SMART goals/mission and long-term vision are created and supported by a representative group of staff, families, and students and some affiliated partnerships.</p> <p>b) The school leader shares a data-driven mission for student achievement and well-being with the school community of stakeholders and has a plan for how to work together to realize this long-term vision and the school priorities as outlined in the SCEP and other school improvement documents.</p> <p>c) The school leader and community stakeholders monitor and evaluate progress once or twice a year toward SMART goals and priorities in the SCEP aligned to the long-term vision.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Developing</b>	<p>a) The SMART goals/mission and long-term vision are created with limited input by stakeholders, and are in the process of being shared with staff, families, and students across the school community.</p> <p>b) The school leader has a data-driven mission for student achievement and well-being, outlined in the SCEP, and is in the process of developing how the school community will work to realize the long-term vision.</p> <p>c) The school leader is in the process of adapting SMART goals that better align to the long-term vision, or these SMART goals exist but are not monitored and evaluated.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ineffective</b>	<p>a) The SMART goals/mission and long-term vision are unknown, not commonly understood, and/or have not been shared with staff, families, and students across the school community.</p> <p>b) The school leader has not developed a data-driven mission that is connected to the long-term vision.</p> <p>c) The school leader has not developed SMART goals or the current goals are not aligned to the long-term vision.</p>

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**If the SOP rating is Effective, Developing or Ineffective, please provide a response in the areas below.**

<p>Actions in this area to be taken to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.</p>	<p>The South Colonie and Lisha Kill Middle School Mission Statement will be reviewed periodically at staff meetings, student assemblies, and PTA meetings.</p> <p>The Lisha Kill Middle School mission statement will be posted on the school website and ASPEN banner.</p> <p>The Mission Statement will be posted in every Lisha Kill classroom.</p>
<p>Describe the district resources to be used to implement the actions in this area to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.</p>	<p>ASPEN parent portal, district website, annual Open House, SNN.</p> <p>AIMS letters will be updated to include the mission statement.</p>
<p>Describe the professional development activities planned to support the implementation of the actions in this area.</p>	<p>Ensure each faculty member has the ability to discuss students' academic progress and state assessment scores with parents in a meaningful way. Utilize department meetings and/or faculty meeting to provide training and support for teachers.</p> <p>Utilize the Building Planning Team to evaluate current SMART goals and the mission statement.</p>

Timeline for Implementation of Activities and Professional Development – Please provide milestone dates for the planning, implementation, and review of activities implemented in this area.	By June 2016 documentation will be available to substantiate that the information has been shared with shareholder groups.
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Rating	Statement of Practice 2.3: Leaders make strategic decisions to organize programmatic, human, and fiscal capital resources.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	<p>a) The school leader collaborates with staff to create and use transparent systems and protocols that afford students and teachers the ability to fully benefit from a flexible and thoughtful program, which includes a creative expanded learning time program, that are aligned to student achievement.</p> <p>b) The school leader strategically recruits, hires, and sustains personnel. The leader uses a variety of partner organizations to create a pool of internal and external human capital that enables the school to creatively, equitably, and adequately meet the academic and social needs of all students. Where the district makes the hiring decisions, the school leader articulates successfully the need for appropriate staff.</p> <p>c) The school leader analyzes and identifies fiscal capital available to the school community throughout the school year, making on-going strategic and sustainable decisions to fund targeted efforts aligned to school-wide goals, considering the needs of all students and staff members. Where the district makes the fiscal decisions, the school leader articulates successfully the need for appropriate funding.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Effective</b>	<p>a) The school leader collaborates with staff to create and use systems and protocols for programming for students and teachers, which incorporates an expanded learning time program, that are aligned to student achievement.</p> <p>b) The school leader uses some partnerships to recruit, hire, and sustain personnel that enable the school to meet the academic and social needs of the students. Where the district makes the hiring decisions, the school leader articulates the need for appropriate staff.</p> <p>c) The school leader analyzes and identifies fiscal capital available to the school community throughout the school year, making interim strategic decisions to fund targeted efforts aligned to school-wide goals, considering the needs of all students and staff members. Where the district makes the fiscal decisions, the school leader articulates the need for appropriate funding.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Developing</b>	<p>a) The school leader uses systems, including an expanded learning time program, for programming for students and teachers that are aligned to student achievement for some groups of students.</p> <p>b) The school leader has taken some steps to secure personnel who will enable the school to meet the academic and social needs of the students. Where the district makes the hiring decisions, the school leader has not clearly articulated the school’s needs.</p> <p>c) The school leader makes decisions sporadically on the use of available fiscal capital to fund efforts aligned to school-wide goals. Where the district makes the fiscal decisions, the school leader has not clearly articulated the school’s funding need.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ineffective</b>	<p>a) The school leader does not have systems for programming for students and teachers or the systems, including an expanded learning time program, are not aligned to student achievement, or an expanded learning time program does not exist and there are no plans to create one.</p> <p>b) The school leader is not addressing the need to hire personnel to meet the academic and social needs of the students. Where the district makes the hiring decisions, the school leader has not made an effort to communicate with the district about hiring needs.</p> <p>c) The school leader does not connect the use of fiscal capital to school goals. Where the district makes the fiscal decisions, the school leader has not made an effort to communicate with the district about funding needs.</p>

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Actions in this area to be taken to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	Allocate time in the schedule to provide additional AIS services for students with disabilities. Review the master schedule and individual student schedules to determine when additional AIS services may be provided to students with disabilities.
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Describe the district resources to be used to implement the actions in this area to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	CAI Lab will be used to provide individual support in reading comprehension and math fluency for students with disabilities. Reevaluate the use of push in/pull out support in addition to daily ELA/Math instruction for students with disabilities. Utilize literacy facilitator to consult with special education providers.
Describe the professional development activities planned to support the implementation of the actions in this area.	Utilize the knowledge and expertise of staff members who can support their colleagues with the implementation of teaching strategies to improve student success in ELA/Math for students with disabilities. Develop a master scheduling committee. Provide professional development opportunity to enhance collaboration between general education and special education staff members.
Timeline for Implementation of Activities and Professional Development – Please provide milestone dates for the planning, implementation, and review of activities implemented in this area.	By the beginning of the second semester, conduct meetings to discuss utilization of resources in an effort to better meet the needs of students with disabilities. By the end of the school year, develop a master schedule that includes the investigation of allocating blocks of time to provide supplemental reading and math instruction to students with disabilities.

Rating	<b>Statement of Practice 2.4:</b> The school leader has a fully functional system in place aligned to the district's Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) to conduct targeted and frequent observation and track progress of teacher practices based on student data and feedback.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	<p>a) The school leader and other school administrators collaboratively developed a formal school-wide plan, known to all staff and aligned to the district’s APPR plan, for frequently observing and providing actionable feedback throughout the school year on teaching practices based on student data.</p> <p>b) The school leader and other school administrators are implementing the school’s observation plan and providing timely, on-going, evidence-based, actionable feedback to staff that is directly aligned to established criteria, including the teaching rubric and other agreed upon evaluation instruments, and which encourages and supports staff to take ownership for the next stage of their development.</p> <p>c) The school leader and other school administrators monitor the plan for observing teachers and use observation data and other measures of teacher effectiveness to assign/reassign, counsel, and provide on-going targeted professional development opportunities in multiple formats (e.g., coaching, mentoring, peer support) to staff.</p>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Effective</b>	<p>a) The school leader has developed a plan, aligned to the district's APPR plan, for frequently observing and providing actionable feedback on teaching practices throughout the school year based on student data.</p> <p>b) The school leader and other school administrators are implementing the school’s observation plan and providing timely on-going, evidence-based, actionable feedback to staff that is directly aligned to established criteria, including the teaching rubric and other agreed upon evaluation instruments.</p> <p>c) The school leader and other school administrators monitor the plan for observing teachers and use observation data and other measures of teacher effectiveness to assign/reassign, counsel, and provide on-going professional development opportunities to staff.</p>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Developing</b>	<p>a) The school leader and other school administrators use an informal schedule for observing and providing feedback on teaching practices throughout the school year and/or are developing a formalized plan aligned to the district’s APPR plan.</p> <p>b) The school leader and other school administrators are providing feedback to staff that is aligned to established criteria, including the teaching rubric and other agreed upon evaluation instruments.</p> <p>c) The school leader and other school administrators do not consistently use observation data to provide on-going professional development opportunities to staff.</p>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ineffective</b>	<p>a) The school leader and other school administrators have no formal plan or schedule for frequently observing teaching practices and/or providing feedback.</p> <p>b) The school leader and other school administrators are not providing feedback to staff aligned to established criteria, including the teaching rubric and other agreed upon evaluation instruments.</p> <p>c) The school leader and other school administrators do not use observation data and other measures of teacher effectiveness to inform staffing and professional development decisions.</p>				
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Actions in this area to be taken to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	
Describe the district resources to be used to implement the actions in this area to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	
Describe the professional development activities planned to support the implementation of the actions in this area.	
Timeline for Implementation of Activities and Professional Development – Please provide milestone dates for the planning, implementation, and review of activities implemented in this area.	

Rating	<b>Statement of Practice 2.5:</b> Leaders effectively use evidence-based systems and structures to examine and improve critical individual and school-wide practices as defined in the SCEP (student achievement, curriculum and teacher practices; leadership development; community/family engagement; and student social and emotional developmental health).					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	a) The school leader models excellence for the staff in the creation and use of evidence-based systems that are dynamic, adaptive, and interconnected and address individual and school-wide practices. b) The school leader, in collaboration with the school community, monitors and revises evidence-based systems that address practices used by staff members connected to improvement areas in the SCEP.				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Effective</b>	a) The school leader requires the staff to use evidence-based systems that are dynamic, adaptive, and interconnected and address individual and school-wide practices. b) The school leader monitors and revises evidence-based systems that address practices used by staff members connected to improvement areas in the SCEP.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Developing</b>	a) The school leader encourages the staff to use systems that are interconnected and/or systems are not modified based on analysis of school-wide practices. b) The school leader is working to develop an evidence-based system to monitor and revise practices used by staff members.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ineffective</b>	a) The school leader does not encourage the staff to use systems, or systems do not exist to address school-wide practices. b) The school leader has not taken steps to develop an evidence-based system to monitor and revise practices used by the staff members.				
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Actions in this area to be taken to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	Provide special education teachers with NYS testing data in both ELA and Math to assist in identifying curricular areas that may need to be adjusted for students with disabilities. Provide special education teachers with textbooks necessary to instruct students with disabilities at their instructional level. For students with disabilities, identify specific achievement goals/strategies, with check points at intervals throughout the year, to improve performance on NYS tests in ELA and Math.
Describe the district resources to be used to implement the actions in this area to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	Reorganization of trade books in grades 5-8 to make materials more accessible to special education teachers. Mathematics and ELA supervisors will provide professional development to assist teachers in providing instruction for student with disabilities.

Describe the professional development activities planned to support the implementation of the actions in this area.	Provide instructional support through literacy facilitator for grade 5-8 teachers who work with students with disabilities. Explore instructional resources such as Castle Learning to help provide instruction to students with disabilities.
Timeline for Implementation of Activities and Professional Development – Please provide milestone dates for the planning, implementation, and review of activities implemented in this area.	Document through literacy facilitator meeting minutes on a monthly basis Document use of trade book inventory by teachers of students with disabilities.



**Tenet 3 - Curriculum Development and Support:** The school has rigorous and coherent curricula and assessments that are \*\*\*appropriately aligned to the Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS) for all students and are modified for identified subgroups in order to maximize teacher instructional practices and student-learning outcomes.

<b>Rating</b>	<b>Statement of Practice 3.2:</b> The school leader ensures and supports the quality implementation of a systematic plan of rigorous and coherent curricula appropriately aligned to the Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS) that is monitored and adapted to meet the needs of students.									
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	<p>a) The school leader, using a distributive leadership model, ensures that a systematic plan (i.e., a plan that has targeted goals to address the needs of all students and subgroups, a schedule for professional development support, and vertical/horizontal collaborative meeting time) exists for the quality implementation of rigorous CCLS curricula.</p> <p>b) The school leader uses the systematic plan to provide teachers access to robust pedagogical support (i.e., inter-visitation, cross-grade conversations, exemplar curriculum models, access to expert CCLS curriculum writers, and CCLS conferences), materials, and training aligned to CCLS curricula and instructional shifts for individual and subgroups of students.</p> <p>c) The school leader ensures that a cohesive, comprehensive, and adaptive curricula, inclusive of clearly developed units aligned to CCLS and NYS standards, is used across all areas of study, including interventions, AIS/RTI, dual credit courses, and electives, by monitoring the implementation of the curricula and regularly examining formative and summative assessments and student work.</p>								
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Effective</b>	<p>a) The school leader ensures that a systematic plan (i.e., a plan that has targeted goals to address the needs of all students and subgroups, a schedule for professional development support, and vertical/horizontal collaborative meeting time) exists for the quality implementation of rigorous CCLS curricula.</p> <p>b) The school leader uses the systematic plan to provide teachers access to pedagogical support, materials, and training aligned to CCLS curricula and instructional shifts for individual and subgroups of students.</p> <p>c) The school leader ensures that staff use a comprehensive and adaptive curricula, inclusive of clearly developed units aligned to CCLS and NYS standards, across all areas of study, including interventions, AIS/RTI, dual credit courses, and electives, by monitoring the implementation of curricula.</p>								
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Developing</b>	<p>a) The school leader is in the process of developing a written plan that includes targeted goals to address the needs of students, schedule/calendar for professional development support, and vertical/horizontal collaborative meeting time for implementing CCLS curricula.</p> <p>b) The school leader is beginning to provide appropriate access to pedagogical support, materials, and training to teachers aligned to CCLS curricula and instructional shifts for individual and subgroups of students.</p> <p>c) The school leader encourages staff to use comprehensive curricula, inclusive of clearly developed units aligned to CCLS and NYS standards, across all areas of study, including interventions, AIS/RTI, dual credit courses, and electives.</p>								
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ineffective</b>	<p>a) The school leader has no written plan for CCLS and NYS curricula alignment across all areas of study and is not developing one.</p> <p>b) The school leader does not provide access to pedagogical support, materials, and training to teachers aligned to CCLS curricula and instructional shifts for individual and subgroups of students.</p> <p>c) The school leader does not ensure and makes little effort to encourage teachers across all areas of study to use curricula aligned to CCLS and NYS standards.</p>								
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Actions in this area to be taken to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	Put into practice "I Can" statements for ELA/Math instruction for students with disabilities. Provide special education teachers in grades 5-8 with copies of the instructional units that correspond to the general education curriculum.									
Describe the district resources to be used to implement the actions in this area to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	ELA/Math/Special Education Meetings - Grade level meetings for ELA/Math instruction will include special education teachers to discuss instructional strategies to meet the individual learning needs of students with disabilities.									

Describe the professional development activities planned to support the implementation of the actions in this area.	Professional learning groups will include special education teachers in the discussion of ELA and mathematics instruction.
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Rating	<b>Statement of Practice 3.3:</b> Teachers develop and ensure that unit and lesson plans used include data-driven instruction (DDI) protocols that are appropriately aligned to the CCLS and NYS content standards and address student achievement needs.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	<p>a) Teachers use targeted agendas based on student and school data to develop collaboratively unit and lesson plans to meet the demands of CCLS and grade level DDI protocols (e.g., documentation of ongoing analysis of formative and summative assessments, student work, use of rubrics) in all grades and subject areas.</p> <p>b) Teachers use a full complement of curricula tools, such as pacing calendars, curriculum maps, unit and lesson plans, across all grades, content areas, and classes that incorporate a progression of sequenced and scaffolded skills for all groups of students (including special education and English language learners) and use a variety of complex materials appropriately aligned to the CCLS.</p> <p>c) Teachers consistently monitor and adjust curricula to support the CCLS instructional shifts and NYS content standards and ensure higher-order thinking skills are consistently present by providing necessary supports and extensions for all groups of students across all content areas and grades.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Effective</b>	<p>a) Teachers develop collaboratively unit and lesson plans that meet the demands of CCLS and grade-level DDI protocols (e.g., documentation of ongoing analysis of formative and summative assessments, student work, use of rubrics) and address student achievement needs in all grades and subject areas.</p> <p>b) Teachers use unit and lesson plans across all grades, content areas, and classes that incorporate a progression of sequenced and scaffolded skills for all groups of students (including special education and English language learners) and use a variety of complex materials appropriately aligned to the CCLS.</p> <p>c) Teachers monitor and adjust curricula to support the CCLS instructional shifts and NYS content standards and ensure higher-order thinking skills are consistently present by providing necessary supports and extensions for all groups of students across core content areas and grades.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Developing</b>	<p>a) Teachers individually or inconsistently collaborate to develop unit and lesson plans based on student data to meet the demands of CCLS and grade level DDI protocols (e.g., documentation of ongoing analysis of formative and summative assessments, student work, use of rubrics) in all grades and subject areas.</p> <p>b) Teachers use lesson plans that are either inconsistently aligned to CCLS or are aligned to the CCLS but do not use a variety of complex materials that incorporate a progression of sequenced and scaffolded skills.</p> <p>c) Teachers either are in the process of developing protocols to monitor and adjust curricula to support the CCLS instructional shifts and NYS content standards, or teachers inconsistently monitor and adjust curricula across the school, or teachers monitor and adjust no more than twice a year for all groups of students across content areas and grades.</p>

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ineffective</b>	<p>a) Teachers do not use formal structures and data to work collaboratively to develop unit and lesson plans.</p> <p>b) Teachers use lesson plans that are not aligned to CCLS.</p> <p>c) Teachers do not monitor and adjust curricula, and there is no plan to begin to do so.</p>		
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<p>Actions in this area to be taken to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.</p>	<p>Using data gathered from local and State assessments, teachers will adjust and monitor curricula to insure meeting of content standards and the use of higher order thinking skills by students with disabilities.</p>			
<p>Describe the district resources to be used to implement the actions in this area to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.</p>	<p>ELA and mathematics department meetings will include special education teachers for the planning and discussion of unit and lesson plans to insure meeting of content standards and use of higher order thinking skills by students with disabilities.</p>			
<p>Describe the professional development activities planned to support the implementation of the actions in this area.</p>	<p>ELA, mathematics, and special education department meetings.</p>			
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<b>Rating</b>	<b>Statement of Practice 3.4: The school leader and teachers have developed a comprehensive plan for teachers to partner within and across all grades and subjects to create interdisciplinary curricula targeting the arts, technology, and other enrichment opportunities.</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	<p>a) The school leader and teachers consistently use comprehensive and adaptive plans to form partnerships and create interdisciplinary curricula targeting the arts, technology, and other enrichment opportunities within and across all grade levels and subjects.</p> <p>b) Teachers consistently collaborate within and across grades and subjects to deliver interdisciplinary curricula that incorporate the arts, technology, and other enrichment opportunities, and there is evidence that teachers regularly develop innovative strategies for connecting these curricula with subject-specific curricula.</p> <p>c) Teachers consistently collaborate in grade/subject level teams to formally reflect on the impact of the interdisciplinary curricula, take immediate action to make revisions when needed, and ensure that there is a common understanding about what is taught and why it is taught.</p>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Effective</b></p>	<p>a) The school leader and teachers use plans to form partnerships and create interdisciplinary curricula targeting the arts, technology, and other enrichment opportunities within and across all grade levels and subjects.</p> <p>b) Teachers periodically collaborate within grades and subjects to deliver interdisciplinary curricula that incorporate the arts, technology, and other enrichment opportunities, and there is evidence that teachers regularly develop innovative strategies for connecting these curricula with subject-specific curricula.</p> <p>c) Teachers periodically collaborate in grade/subject level teams to formally reflect on the impact of the interdisciplinary curricula, take action according to a set schedule (e.g., beginning, middle, and end of the year), make revisions when needed, and ensure that there is a common understanding about what is taught and why it is taught.</p>					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Developing</b></p>	<p>a) The school leader and teachers address interdisciplinary curricula and develop partnerships in the absence of a plan or are in the process of developing a plan to create interdisciplinary curricula and partnerships targeting the arts, technology, and other enrichment opportunities within and across all grade levels and core subjects.</p> <p>b) Teachers are beginning to collaborate and discuss ways to deliver interdisciplinary curricula that incorporate the arts, technology, and other enrichment opportunities, or limited numbers of teachers deliver interdisciplinary curricula within grades and subjects.</p> <p>c) Teachers individually reflect on the impact of interdisciplinary curricula, or the school leader and teachers are in the process of planning formal reflection time to discuss the impact of interdisciplinary curricula and make revisions.</p>					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ineffective</b></p>	<p>a) The school leader and teachers do not have formal partnerships to address interdisciplinary curricula.</p> <p>b) Teachers do not collaborate and discuss ways to deliver interdisciplinary curricula within grades and subjects.</p> <p>c) Teachers have not developed interdisciplinary curricula, or there are no plans or processes for reflecting and revising current curricula.</p>					
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<p>Actions in this area to be taken to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.</p>	<p>Grades 5-8 ELA curriculum writing will be conducted to infuse interdisciplinary curricula. Utilize the literacy facilitator at building level in collaboration with ELA supervisor and building principal to provide curriculum support to teachers.</p>						
<p>Describe the district resources to be used to implement the actions in this area to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.</p>	<p>The Literacy Facilitator along with the ELA and mathematics supervisors will support collaborative efforts.</p> <p>Expand use of Chromebooks as instructional tools.</p> <p>Expand the use of digital technology, such as projection units, in all instructional spaces, to support interdisciplinary instruction for students with disabilities.</p>						
<p>Describe the professional development activities planned to support the implementation of the actions in this area.</p>	<p>Provide all instructors the opportunity for in-service Google Apps training to encourage and enhance opportunities and make greater awareness of this resource to all staff.</p>						
<p>Timeline for Implementation of Activities and Professional Development – Please provide milestone dates for the planning, implementation, and review of activities implemented in this area.</p>	<p>Weekly grade level meetings will be conducted. January 12th, 2016- 5-8 Special Education Chromebook training</p>						

Rating	<b>Statement of Practice 3.5:</b> Teachers implement a comprehensive system for using formative and summative assessments for strategic short and long-range curriculum planning that involves student reflection, tracking of, and ownership of learning.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	<p>a) Teachers have and use strategic comprehensive assessment system for using multiple measures of data: structure and protocols for analysis, plan to track progress over time on explicitly identified targets, creation of pre- and post-unit assessments and have a process for adapting curriculum that demonstrates improving individual and subgroup achievement.</p> <p>b) Teachers create and use a variety of appropriate, common assessments data (including pre-, post-, formative and summative) across all grades and subject areas ensuring alignment between the curriculum and assessment tools.</p> <p>c) Teachers have a system for providing regular and explicit feedback to students that is based on data and facilitates student ownership of learning. This system includes student use of rubrics to complete assignments, student self-assessment, student tracking of individual progress, and student reflection upon and adjustment of individual learning strategies to address explicit teacher feedback.</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Effective</b>	<p>a) Teachers have and use a comprehensive system for using data: identified targets, pre-and post-unit assessments and have a process for adapting curriculum that demonstrates improving individual and subgroup achievement.</p> <p>b) Teachers use pre-, post-, formative and summative assessment data across all grades and subject areas, ensuring alignment between the curriculum and assessment tools.</p> <p>c) Teachers provide on-going feedback on data to students, supporting student ownership of learning.</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Developing</b>	<p>a) Teachers are beginning to develop a system to analyze and use data to make curricular decisions.</p> <p>b) Teachers are in the process of developing multiples types of assessments to ensure alignment between curriculum and assessment, or the use of the variety of assessments is inconsistent throughout the school.</p> <p>c) Teachers are learning to provide feedback based on data to students to address student ownership of learning.</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ineffective</b>	<p>a) Teachers discuss data, but these discussions do not inform curricular decisions.</p> <p>b) Teachers do not use a variety of assessments, or the assessments used are misaligned.</p> <p>c) Teachers do not provide feedback based on data.</p>		
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Actions in this area to be taken to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	Continue to administer district summative assessments. Hold grade level/curriculum area meetings to review and analyze formative and summative assessments. Continue to develop pre-test data to provide students with disabilities with valuable feedback. Utilize pre-test data to guide instruction for students with disabilities. Develop a common pre-test philosophy to communicate to students.			
Describe the district resources to be used to implement the actions in this area to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	Utilize faculty meeting time to discuss the philosophy of pre-testing South Colonie Assessment of Learning (SCAAL) Department meetings, data meetings and staff development day Pre-test data on Testwiz ASPEN – student gradebook			
Describe the professional development activities planned to support the implementation of the actions in this area.	Training and professional development and support to assist teachers with utilizing student information systems and student testing data.			

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**Tenet 4 - Teacher Practices and Decisions:** Teachers engage in strategic practices and decision-making in order to address the gap between what students know and need to learn, so that all students and pertinent subgroups experience consistent high levels of engagement, thinking and achievement.

Rating	Statement of Practice 4.2: School and teacher leaders ensure that instructional practices and strategies are organized around annual, unit, and daily lesson plans that address all student goals and needs.					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	a) School and teacher leaders ensure that teachers use daily a transparent, targeted plan that is informed by data (summative, interim, attendance, IEPs, NYSESLAT, etc.) and grade-level and school-wide goals for all groups of students. b) Teacher leaders and coaches ensure that teachers use instructional practices and strategies that are adaptive and aligned to plans for groups of students with a variety of needs and learning styles (including students with disabilities, English language learners and other sub-groups) and provide timely and appropriate instructional interventions and extensions for all students. c) Teacher leaders and coaches ensure that teachers use data to establish short- and long-term goals with learning trajectories for groups of students based on identified and timely needs.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Effective</b>	a) School and teacher leaders ensure that teachers use a plan that is informed by data (summative, interim, attendance, IEPs, NYSESLAT, etc.) and grade-level goals for all groups of students. b) Teacher leaders and coaches ensure that teachers use instructional practices and strategies that are adaptive and aligned to plans for groups of students with a variety of needs and learning styles (including students with disabilities, English language learners and other sub-groups) and provide instructional interventions to students. c) Teacher leaders and coaches ensure that teachers establish short- and long-term goals for groups of students based on grade-level benchmarks.				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Developing</b>	a) School and teacher leaders are beginning to engage teachers in a conversation about aligning plans to data. b) Teacher leaders and coaches support teachers' use of instructional practices and strategies that are aligned to plans to provide instructional interventions to students, or teacher leaders and coaches are beginning to support the alignment of teachers' instruction to newly developed plans. c) Teacher leaders and coaches are beginning to work with teachers to establish short or long-term goals for groups of students.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ineffective</b>	a) School and teacher leaders do not support or engage teachers in a conversation about aligning plans to data. b) Teacher leaders and coaches do not support teachers in the use of instructional practices and strategies aligned to plans, or teachers are not providing instructional interventions to students. c) Teachers have not created goals for groups of students, and there is no plan for teacher leaders and coaches to support this effort.				
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Actions in this area to be taken to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	Schedule time to meet as grade level to share and review ELA/Mathematics. Continue to use Literacy Facilitators at building level in collaboration with ELA/Mathematics supervisors and building principals. Provide training to general education teachers on researched-based instructional practices that are adaptive and aligned to plans for students with disabilities. In addition, provide training on differentiating instruction aimed at assisting students with disabilities to access to curriculum.					
Describe the district resources to be used to implement the actions in this area to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	Ensure uniform access to students' IEPs. Utilize ASPEN student information system to provide all teachers access to students' IEPs. Faculty meetings, departmental meetings (ELA/Mathematics/Special Education)					
Describe the professional development activities planned to support the implementation of the actions in this area.	Access to in-service opportunities to provide teachers with strategies for differentiation Utilize grade level meetings, special education meetings, Math, ELA meetings to review specialized strategies for differentiation					

Timeline for Implementation of Activities and Professional Development – Please provide milestone dates for the planning, implementation, and review of activities implemented in this area.	<p>October 13 5/6 ELA/Math Meeting 2:55 p.m.  October 13 5/8 Special Education Meeting 2:55 p.m.  November 10 7/8 ELA Meeting 2:55 p.m.  November 10 5/8 Special Education Meeting 2:55 p.m.  November 17 7/8 Math Meeting 2:55 p.m.  December 8 5/6 ELA Meeting 2:55 p.m.  December 8 5/8 Special Education Meeting 2:55 p.m.  December 15 5/6 Math Meeting 2:55 p.m.  January 12 7/8 ELA Meeting 2:55 p.m.  January 19 7/8 Math Meeting 2:55 p.m.  February 9 5/6 ELA Meeting 2:55 p.m.  February 23 5/6 Math Meeting 2:55 p.m.  March 8 7/8 ELA Meeting 2:55 p.m.  March 8 5/8 Special Education Meeting 2:55 p.m.  March 15 7/8 Math Meeting 2:55 p.m.  April 12 5/6 ELA Meeting 2:55 p.m.  April 12 5/8 Special Education Meeting 2:55 p.m.  April 19 5/6 Math Meeting 2:55 p.m.  May 10 7/8 ELA Meeting 2:55 p.m.  May 10 5/8 Special Education Meeting 2:55 p.m.  May 17 7/8 Math Meeting 2:55 p.m.  May 24 5/6 ELA Meeting 2:55 p.m.  May 31 5/6 Math Meeting 2:55 p.m.</p>
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<b>Rating</b>	<b>Statement of Practice 4.3:</b> Teachers provide coherent, and appropriately aligned Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS)-based instruction that leads to multiple points of access for all students.					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	<p>a) Teachers use instructional practices that are systematic and explicit, based on sequential lesson plans appropriately aligned to CCLS (or content based standards), and reflective of the CCLS SHIFTS to instruct all groups of students.  b) Teachers stimulate deep levels of thinking and questioning in students through the use of adaptive CCLS (or content based standards) instructional materials that contain high levels of text and content complexity and multiple strategies to provide a wide variety of ways to engage in learning.</p>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Effective</b>	<p>a) Teachers use instructional practices appropriately aligned to CCLS (or content based standards) lesson plans are reflective of the CCLS SHIFTS to instruct all groups of students.  b) Teachers stimulate student thinking by asking questions through the use of adaptive CCLS (or content-based standards) instructional materials that contain high levels of text and content complexity.</p>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Developing</b>	<p>a) Teachers are beginning to develop lesson plans that are appropriately aligned to CCLS (or content based standards) and reflective of the CCLS SHIFTS to inform their instructional practices, or some teachers use instructional practices aligned to CCLS lesson plans and reflective of the CCLS SHIFTS in specific content areas.  b) Teachers across the school do not consistently ask higher-order thinking questions, or the instructional materials do not contain high levels of text and content complexity.</p>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ineffective</b>	<p>a) Teacher instruction is not aligned to CCLS or content-based standards and not based on lesson plans.  b) Teachers use strategies and ask questions that require only basic knowledge of the subject and limit ways in which students are able to acquire learning by providing a single point of access for all students.</p>				
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Actions in this area to be taken to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	Provide multiple levels of text in every content area to provide all students access to classroom learning.					
Describe the district resources to be used to implement the actions in this area to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	In collaboration with the Assistant Supervisor of Instruction, provide funding for instructional materials that contain high levels of content complexity for varying levels of classroom learning. Utilize on-line resources, such as ReadWorks, Newsela.					



Describe the professional development activities planned to support the implementation of the actions in this area.	Utilize ELA/Math/Special Education meetings to explore and select appropriate instructional materials.
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Rating	<b>Statement of Practice 4.4:</b> Teachers and students work together to implement a program/plan to create a learning environment that is responsive to students' varied experiences and tailored to the strengths and needs of all students.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	<p>a) Teachers use a program/plan that contributes to positive reinforcements of behaviors by using behavioral expectations that are explicitly taught and promotes an environment in which students are citizens of their class, and there is a common understanding of how one is treated and treats others.  b) Teachers work together with students across the school to acknowledge diversity, provide access to learning and social opportunities, and encourage students to have a voice in their educational experience.  c) Teachers foster student buy-in and adapt to the changing needs of the student population and collaborate with other teachers to create thoughtful learning environments that incorporate student values and perspectives.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Effective</b>	<p>a) Teachers use a program/plan that promotes a common understanding of the classroom environment envisioned by the school community and explicitly teaches students behavioral expectations and recognition of acceptable and safe behaviors.  b) Teachers work together with students to use strategies that acknowledge diverse groups of students and their needs.  c) Teachers foster student understanding and adapt to the changing needs of the student population and create thoughtful learning environments that incorporate student values and perspectives.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Developing</b>	<p>a) Teachers have a program/plan for acceptable student expectations and are developing strategies for the program/plan to be consistently enforced or recognized by students, or teachers have a program/plan for acceptable student expectations, but do not enforce it.  b) Some teachers use strategies that acknowledge diverse groups of students and their needs, or teachers are developing strategies that acknowledge diverse groups of students and their needs.  c) Teachers are discussing strategies that address the changing needs of the student population and reflect student values and perspectives.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ineffective</b>	<p>a) Teachers do not have a program/plan that establishes acceptable classroom expectations for behavior.  b) Teachers' strategies do not acknowledge diverse groups of students and their needs.  c) Teachers do not use strategies that address the changing needs of the student population and reflect student values and perspectives.</p>

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<b>If the SOP rating is Effective, Developing or Ineffective, please provide a response in the areas below.</b>		
Actions in this area to be taken to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	We will implement PBIS and iCARE programs across grade levels. This will include staff and student training on the tenets of the PBIS program. Staff will promote activities related to the districtwide iCARE character education initiative.	
Describe the district resources to be used to implement the actions in this area to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	Teacher led PBIS team. iCARE building level and district committee.	
Describe the professional development activities planned to support the implementation of the actions in this area.	Staff development for PBIS implementation.	
Timeline for Implementation of Activities and Professional Development – Please provide milestone dates for the planning, implementation, and review of activities implemented in this area.	Initial training implementation, November, December 2015, and January 2016 faculty/staff meetings. Student/parent training to begin in Spring 2016.	

Rating	<b>Statement of Practice 4.5: Teachers inform planning and foster student participation in their own learning process by using a variety of summative and formative data sources (e.g., screening, interim measures, and progress monitoring).</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	a) Teachers use a wide variety of relevant data to create adaptive lesson plans that account for student grouping and determine the appropriate intensity and duration of instruction. b) Teachers use summative and formative assessments, including screening, progress monitoring, interim measures and outcome assessments, to develop highly dynamic and responsive plans based on students' strengths and needs. c) Teachers provide frequent and relevant feedback to students based on the analysis of timely data, and students draw on the feedback so that they can reflect upon and assess their own progress.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Effective</b>	a) Teachers use data to create targeted plans and adjust student groupings and instructional strategies for most students. b) Teachers use summative and formative assessment data to inform instructional decision making, including student grouping and instructional strategies. c) Teachers provide frequent feedback to students based on the analysis of timely data and provide students with next steps for students to take to progress.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Developing</b>	a) Teachers are beginning to use plans for adjusting student groupings and instructional strategies. b) Teachers are in the process of using summative and formative assessments that inform instructional decision making, or the practice of using data sources and analyzing the information to inform instructional decision making is inconsistent. c) Teachers provide limited data-based feedback to students.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ineffective</b>	a) Teachers do not have or use plans for grouping students and adjusting their instruction. b) Teachers do not use summative and formative assessments to inform instructional decision making. c) Teachers provide feedback that is not purposeful or based on data.
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Actions in this area to be taken to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	<p>Train students how to use the ASPEN portal</p> <p>Review student progress with students/parents via the ASPEN parent portal.</p> <p>Continue to administer district summative assessments.</p> <p>Hold grade level/curriculum area meetings to review and analyze formative and summative assessments.</p> <p>Continue to develop pre-test data to provide students with disabilities with valuable feedback.</p> <p>Utilize pre-test data to guide instruction for students with disabilities.</p> <p>Develop a common pre-test philosophy to communicate to students.</p>
Describe the district resources to be used to implement the actions in this area to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	<p>Utilize faculty meeting time to discuss the philosophy of pre-testing</p> <p>South Colonie Assessment of Learning (SCAAL)</p> <p>Department meetings, data meetings and staff development day</p> <p>Pre-test data on Test wiz</p> <p>ASPEN – student gradebook</p>
Describe the professional development activities planned to support the implementation of the actions in this area.	<p>Provide all instructors the opportunity for in-service Google Apps training to encourage and enhance opportunities and make greater awareness of this resource to all staff.</p>
Timeline for Implementation of Activities and Professional Development – Please provide milestone dates for the planning, implementation, and review of activities implemented in this area.	<p>Weekly grade level meetings will be conducted.</p> <p>January 12th, 2016- 5-8 Special Education Chromebook training</p>

**Tenet 5 - Student Social and Emotional Developmental Health:** The school community identifies, promotes, and supports social and emotional development by designing systems and experiences that lead to healthy relationships and a safe, respectful environment that is conducive to learning for all constituents.

**Rating** **Statement of Practice 5.2:** The school leader establishes overarching systems and understandings of how to support and sustain student social and emotional developmental health and academic success.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	<p>a) The school leader, using a distributive leadership model, establishes a deliberate system, understood and followed by all staff members, that allows each student to be well known by a designated adult and positively reinforces academic success for all students.</p> <p>b) The school leader ensures that all staff members know and use a strategic and comprehensive system for referral and support for all students that includes researched-based programs and practices intended to promote academic success, family engagement, and student emotional health and wellness.</p> <p>c) The school leader ensures that all stakeholders strategically use data to identify areas of need, cultivates purposeful partnerships to promote student social and emotional health and academic achievement, and leverages internal or external resources to support and sustain the system.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Effective</b>	<p>a) The school leader, together with staff, establishes a system that allows each student to be known by a designated adult and positively reinforces academic success for all students.</p> <p>b) The school leader ensures that all staff knows and uses research-based programs and practices for referral and support for all students that address social and emotional developmental health and academic success.</p> <p>c) The school leader ensures that all staff members use data to identify areas of need and leverages internal resources to promote student social and emotional developmental health.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Developing</b>	<p>a) The school leader is working with staff to develop a system that will allow each student to be known well by an adult, or the system that exists is inconsistently practiced by staff members.</p> <p>b) The school leader is developing a system of referral and support that addresses the social and emotional developmental health and academic success of students, or the system that exists is not consistently used across the school.</p> <p>c) The school leader is developing or improving the mechanism for staff members to use data to identify areas of need connected to student social and emotional developmental health, or data is used by some staff members to promote student social and emotional developmental health.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ineffective</b>	<p>a) The school leader has not prioritized the development of an effective system that will allow each student to be known by an adult.</p> <p>b) The school leader has not developed a system of referral and support, or the system in place does not address the needs of the students.</p> <p>c) The school leader has not made the use of data a priority in identifying student areas of need connected to social and emotional developmental health.</p>

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Actions in this area to be taken to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	We will implement PBIS and iCARE programs across grade levels. This will include staff and student training on the tenets of the PBIS program. Staff will promote activities related to the districtwide iCARE character education initiative.
Describe the district resources to be used to implement the actions in this area to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	Teacher led PBIS team. iCARE building level and district committee.
Describe the professional development activities planned to support the implementation of the actions in this area.	Staff development for PBIS implementation.
Timeline for Implementation of Activities and Professional Development – Please provide milestone dates for the planning, implementation, and review of activities implemented in this area.	Initial training implementation, November, December 2015, and January 2016 faculty/staff meetings. Student/parent training to begin in Spring 2016.

Rating	<b>Statement of Practice 5.3:</b> The school articulates and systematically promotes a vision for social and emotional developmental health that is aligned to a curriculum or program that provides learning experiences and a safe and healthy school environment for families, teachers, and students.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	a) There is a comprehensive and coherent curriculum or program that incorporates research-based practices aligned to the school vision that enables students to articulate a sense of belonging and ownership in their school community and facilitates the teaching of student social and emotional developmental health. b) All stakeholders receive professional development support to consistently act upon a shared understanding of skills and behaviors that address the social and emotional developmental health needs of students linked to academic success and promote the school community's vision of a safe and healthy environment. c) There is a comprehensive plan to monitor and revise the professional development provided stakeholders to build adult capacity to facilitate learning experiences to support student social and emotional developmental health within a safe and healthy environment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Effective</b>	a) There is a curriculum or program that incorporates research-based practices aligned to the school vision that facilitates the teaching of student social and emotional developmental health. b) The school staff receives professional development support to use skills and behaviors that address the social and emotional developmental health needs of students and promote the school community's vision of a safe and healthy environment. c) There is a plan to monitor and revise the professional development provided staff that builds adult capacity to support student social and emotional developmental health within a safe and healthy environment.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Developing</b>	a) The school is developing a curriculum or program to support and promote the teaching of student social and emotional developmental health. b) The school is developing ways to support the stakeholders' understanding of the skills and behaviors that address the social and emotional developmental health of students, or some staff members use skills and behaviors that address social and emotional developmental health needs of students. c) The school is beginning to monitor the professional development plan to build adult capacity to support student social and emotional developmental health.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ineffective</b>	a) The school does not have a curriculum or a program in place to support the teaching of student social and emotional developmental health, or the program in place does not meet student needs. b) The school has not identified skills and behaviors that address the social and emotional developmental health of students, and there are no plans to provide support aligned to this work. c) The school does not provide professional development to build adult capacity to support student social and emotional developmental health.
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Actions in this area to be taken to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	Implement PBIS Educate all staff about the management needs of individual students Educate all staff on de-escalation techniques Continue implementation of iCARE, Best Buddies and related character education initiatives/assemblies/programs.	
Describe the district resources to be used to implement the actions in this area to improve the identified subgroup(s) student performance levels.	Parsons training for special education and related staff members District character education committee	
Describe the professional development activities planned to support the implementation of the actions in this area.	We are going to use staff development opportunities (such as Parsons training) to educate staff members on strategies for interacting and de-escalating students. Provide in-service training for the implementation of PBIS.	

Timeline for Implementation of Activities and Professional Development – Please provide milestone dates for the planning, implementation, and review of activities implemented in this area.	November, December, January faculty meeting dedicated to PBIS. Lunch meeting on ½ days with support staff to review protocols for deescalating/managing students with disabilities.
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<b>Rating</b>	<b>Statement of Practice 5.4:</b> All school stakeholders work together to develop a common understanding of the importance of their contributions in creating a school community that is safe, conducive to learning, and fostering of a sense of ownership for providing social and emotional developmental health supports tied to the school’s vision.
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	<p>a) The school community collaborated to develop and uses a plan that incorporates protocols and processes to communicate the important roles and contributions of all stakeholders in ensuring appropriate supports are provided to all students.</p> <p>b) Across the school community, students, teachers and parents have a voice in the decision-making process for developing their school culture and work together and have active roles in ensuring the school's vision pertaining to social emotional developmental health is achieved.</p> <p>c) The school community has implemented a system for monitoring and responding to student social and emotional developmental health needs, which ensures that adaptive measures are implemented specific to individual student needs when growth is not actualized.</p>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Effective</b>	<p>a) The school community has and uses a plan that incorporates protocols and processes to address stakeholders’ roles in contributing to how student supports are provided to all groups of students.</p> <p>b) Across the school community, students, teachers and parents work together and have an active role in ensuring the school's vision pertaining to student social and emotional developmental health is achieved.</p> <p>c) The school community has implemented a system for monitoring and responding to student social and developmental health needs, which is used to support teachers as they address student needs.</p>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Developing</b>	<p>a) The school community is developing protocols and processes for stakeholders to discuss their role in providing appropriate student supports for all groups of students.</p> <p>b) Across the school community students, teachers and parents inconsistently contribute towards ensuring the school's vision pertaining to student social and emotional developmental health is achieved.</p> <p>c) The school community is developing a system for monitoring and responding to student social and emotional developmental health needs.</p>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ineffective</b>	<p>a) The school community has no protocols and processes in place to identify stakeholders’ roles, or the protocols and processes that exist are not aligned to student supports.</p> <p>b) Across the school community, students, teachers and parents do not understand or act on their role in ensuring the school's vision pertaining to student social and emotional developmental health is achieved.</p> <p>c) The school community has not prioritized the development of a system to monitor and respond to student social and emotional developmental health needs.</p>
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<b>Rating</b>	<b>Statement of Practice 5.5:</b> The school leader and student support staff work together with teachers to establish structures to support the use of data to respond to student social and emotional developmental health needs.
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	<p>a) The school leader, in collaboration with stakeholders, has a plan with systems and structures (time, space and resources) for how to collect, analyze, and use a wide variety of data to address student social and emotional developmental health needs.</p> <p>b) The school community uses a strategic plan based on data to deliver and monitor timely services and supports to students.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Effective</b>	<p>a) The school leader, in collaboration with student support staff, has a plan with structures (time, space and resources) to use data to address student academic and social emotional developmental health needs.</p> <p>b) The school community uses a plan based on data to deliver services and supports to students.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Developing</b>	<p>a) The school leader and the support staff are developing a plan for teachers to begin to understand how to use data to address student social and emotional developmental health needs.</p> <p>b) The school community collects data and is developing a plan to address ways to use the data to support students.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ineffective</b>	<p>a) The school has no specific plan for how to use data to address student social emotional developmental health needs.</p> <p>b) The school community has not prioritized the need for using data to support students.</p>

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**Tenet 6 - Family and Community Engagement:** The school creates a culture of partnership where families, community members and school staff work together to share in the responsibility for student academic progress and social-emotional growth and well-being.

**Rating**      **Statement of Practice 6.2:** The school leader ensures that regular communication with students and families fosters their high expectations for student academic achievement.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	<p>a) The school leader, in collaboration with the staff, ensures that staff members are knowledgeable about the school's priority and plan for students to graduate from high school and complete postsecondary education (college, CTE) with advanced competence, and school staff regularly communicate this priority to students, parents, and community leaders in ways that are appropriate for the grade level of the students.</p> <p>b) The school community implements proactively the plan to create diverse and meaningful opportunities for engaging students, families, and community stakeholders in the conversation regarding high expectations for student academic achievement and uses multiple points of entry to provide tips and tools focused on student learning and development.</p> <p>c) The school leader and community review and assess routinely how parents respond to the efforts to build family-school partnerships to foster high expectations for student academic achievement and make timely adjustments if strategies are not working.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Effective</b>	<p>a) The school leader makes it a school-wide priority for all students and their families to be aware of the school-wide expectations and plan pertaining to graduating from the school and provides age appropriate information about college and postsecondary CTE programs to students and their families.</p> <p>b) The school community implements the plan to foster conversations with students and families regarding high expectations for student academic achievement and provides tips and tools focused on student learning and development.</p> <p>c) The school staff reviews and assesses how parents respond to the efforts to build family-school relationships and makes periodic adjustments to those efforts if strategies are not working.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Developing</b>	<p>a) Most of the school staff members are knowledgeable about the expectations for student academic achievement, or the school leader is developing a plan to communicate the expectations to students and families.</p> <p>b) The school community is beginning to use a plan to encourage students and families to learn about the expectations for student academic achievement, or a limited number of staff members are having these conversations with students and families.</p> <p>c) The school staff is working to adjust their efforts to build family-school relationships, or only some staff regularly review and adjust their efforts to building relationships to foster high expectations for student academic achievement.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ineffective</b>	<p>a) The school leader has not prioritized communicating high expectations for student academic achievement, and there is little or no evidence that staff communicates these expectations to students and families.</p> <p>b) The school community does not promote or engage students and families in conversations regarding student academic expectations.</p> <p>c) The school staff is neither examining nor adjusting the school's efforts to build relationships with students and families to foster high expectations for student academic achievement.</p>

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Rating	Statement of Practice 6.3: The school engages in effective planning and reciprocal communication with family and community stakeholders so that student strength and needs are identified and used to augment learning.								
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	a) The school has a comprehensive plan to use multiple, interactive communication tools to provide families regular opportunities for purposeful, strategic, and authentic dialogue about school and student issues and concerns. b) The school staff has a shared commitment to use consistently the plan for communicating with parents and stakeholders (i.e., translating all documents in multiple languages and communicating in variety of ways) to ensure that they clearly understand the school’s priorities concerning student progress, achievement, and needs. c) The school staff regularly monitors the effectiveness of their communication to and solicitations of family feedback in all languages concerning student achievement, needs, issues, and concerns using multiple interactive communication tools and makes revisions to the plan when necessary.							
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Effective</b>	a) The school staff has a plan to use multiple tools to communicate with families about school and student issues and concerns. b) The school staff uses a plan to communicate with parents (i.e., translating all documents in multiple languages and communicating in a variety of ways) concerning student progress, achievement, and needs. c) The school staff monitors the effectiveness of its communication in all languages and responds to family feedback concerning issues and concerns.							
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Developing</b>	a) The school is creating a plan for communicating with families about school and student issues and concerns in pertinent languages, or the school communicates with families about school and student issues and concerns using the most prevalent languages. b) The school staff is developing a mechanism for sending documents to families in their native languages, or the school staff translates select documents into languages they identify as prevalent. c) The school is beginning to have conversations about the effectiveness of its strategies for communicating with parents.							
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ineffective</b>	a) The school communicates with families about school and student issues and concerns without considering translation needs. b) The school staff does not send translations of documents to families. c) The school does not reflect on its strategies for communicating with parents.							
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Rating	Statement of Practice 6.4: The school community partners with families and community agencies to promote and provide training across all areas (academic and social and emotional developmental health) to support student success.						
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	a) The school leader, in collaboration with pertinent school staff and community agency partners, has developed a plan to ensure that all staff members understand how to create and sustain high levels of family engagement by teaching all parents ways to support student learning and growth. b) After consulting teachers, student support professionals, and representative parents, the school leader provides professional development to all school staff on how to actively seek and sustain partnerships with families and community organizations that are linked to the school’s plan for engaging parents to support student success.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Effective</b>	a) The school leader, in collaboration with pertinent school staff and community agency partners, has developed a plan to ensure that classroom teachers and guidance staff understand how to create and sustain family engagement by teaching a group of parents, representative of student demographics, ways to support student learning and growth. b) The school provides professional development to school staff on how to actively seek and sustain partnerships with families and community organizations that are linked to the school’s plan for engaging parents to support student success.					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Developing</b>	a) The school leader is in the process of developing a plan to teach parents ways to support student learning and growth. b) The school is in the process of implementing a plan to provide professional development to school staff on how to develop partnerships with families and/or the community, or the staff is not fully implementing the strategies in the school’s plan.					
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ineffective</b>	a) The school leader is not working on a plan to teach parents ways to support student learning and growth. b) The school does not provide professional development for staff concerning developing partnerships with families and/or the community.					
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Describe the professional development activities planned to support the implementation of the actions in this area.	Provide faculty/staff with resources available to families on a regular basis (e.g. websites, additional homework resources) ASPEN SNN

Timeline for Implementation of Activities and Professional Development – Please provide milestone dates for the planning, implementation, and review of activities implemented in this area.	Immediate and ongoing To be updated on a regular basis
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<b>Rating</b>	<b>Statement of Practice 6.5:</b> The school shares data in a way that promotes dialogue among parents, students, and school community members centered on student learning and success and encourages and empowers families to understand and use data to advocate for appropriate support services for their children.
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Highly Effective</b>	a) School leaders, data specialists, student support professionals, program coordinators, and community agencies share data and integrate data systems in order to identify family needs and target appropriate support strategies. b) The entire school community ensures that student data is shared in a way that families can understand a child’s learning needs and successes, proactively advocate for their children, and partner with the school to provide appropriate student support.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Effective</b>	a) School leaders, data specialists, student support professionals, and program coordinators use data to identify family needs and target strategies to address them. b) The school community ensures that student data is shared in a way in which families can understand student learning needs and successes and are encouraged to advocate for student support.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Developing</b>	a) The school staff recognizes that there is a need to share and integrate data systems to identify family needs, and a plan is being developed to do so, or the school staff uses data but is not working with the school's partnerships to share and respond to data pertaining to family needs. b) The school community inconsistently shares data regarding student learning needs and success that families can access and understand.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ineffective</b>	a) There is no evidence that school leaders, data specialists, student support professionals, and program coordinators have prioritized or recognized the need to share and integrate data systems. b) The school community does not share data with parents in ways they can understand.

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Describe the process used to develop this plan pursuant to Commissioner's Regulations 100.11.

In October 2015, a committee was formed to examine the academic program and support systems in place at Lisha Kill Middle School for students with disabilities. The committee utilized the Self-Diagnostic Review documents and the rubric ratings to guide discussion of each of the tenets and statements of practice. In doing so, this team identified specific actions to be taken to improve the academic results of students with disabilities in both English Language Arts and mathematics. Additional interviews were conducted with stakeholders in the school community, including parents and students. Their comments, concerns, and ideas were included in the completion of this document. The completed document was then reviewed in unison by the building principal and the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction prior to submission to the Board of Education and the Superintendent.

Provide any additional information that is relevant to the Local Assistance Plan but is not addressed in the tenets and/or SOPs.

As outlined in the LAP Self-Assessment, several key elements emerged as the committee discussed and developed strategies to assist students with disabilities. Careful consideration was given to identify the specific actions, resources, and professional development required. In doing so, several reoccurring themes emerged. Included here is a brief description of the elements to the LAP Self-Assessment that the committee deemed most important.

### **Building Culture**

While Lisha Kill has a well-established discipline process, committee members acknowledged that the Student Code of Conduct served as a list of rules rather than of a set of guiding principles and positive behavioral objectives. In our discussions, committee members acknowledged that the discipline policies were reactive instead of proactive. Furthermore, the committee concluded that the school's mission statement and statement of core belief and values were not embedded into the curriculum and culture.

Two specific initiatives have been identified to assist in promoting a school climate that includes a plan for positive reinforcements by using behaviors that are explicitly taught. The faculty and staff will also work with students and families to promote a positive, supportive leaning community that emphasizes personal responsibility and respect for others. To this end, Lisha Kill will begin the implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. In the fall of 2015, a team of faculty members attended a two day training offered by Capital Region BOCES. This team will conduct a peer training throughout the winter of 2015-2016. Core elements of PBIS will be implemented during the spring of 2016, with full implementation commencing in the fall of 2016. Simultaneously, Lisha Kill Middle School will adopt a new district-wide character education initiative. The district's iCARE program is a grassroots program that began at Colonie Central High School several years ago when a group of community minded students collaborated to launch an effort to build school spirit and supportive learning environment. The program that emerges is now known as iCARE. The name is an acronym based on the core values of integrity, community, accountability, respect and empathy. The themes of iCARE will be revisited each day in various settings throughout the school day. In addition, monthly programs will be held schoolwide and/or at each grade level to reinforce these values.

### **Professional Development**

Discussions regarding school climate also carried over into a dialogue about the interactions that take place each day between students and adults in the building. Lisha Kill Middle School is extremely fortunate to have a dedicated professional and paraprofessional staff. In addition, Lisha Kill has experienced limited turn-over in staff. Most faculty and staff are seasoned veterans with many years of service in the school and district. The committee members specifically identified the need for meaningful, targeted professional development for the paraprofessional staff who work as hall monitors and cafeteria supervisors. It was determined that all students, but especially students with disabilities, would benefit from staff development that emphasized strategies for working with students with disabilities.

Other areas for targeted professional development include training for faculty members on analyzing and interpreting testing data, use of the Aspen student information system, and strategies for differentiating instruction. Embedded throughout the discussions was the need for staff development to include opportunities for all instructional staff to access in-service opportunities together. The team suggested that hosting separate sessions for special education teachers reduced the opportunity for all instructional staff to collaborate.

### **Delivery of Academic Services**

As the committee discussed New York State testing as it applies to students with disabilities, the paramount concern and objective was to provide students with the compensatory skills and tailored instruction to ensure their academic success and satisfactory performance on New York State assessments. Several specific suggestion were made that will be brought back to the South Colonie Leadership Team for discussion.

Currently, at grades five and six, students receive double periods of instruction in mathematics and ELA. This amounts to 80 minutes of instruction in each of these academic areas. The 80 minutes of mathematics instruction is currently scheduled consecutively in order to provide students with an extended learning block. It is suggested that a building level scheduling committee be developed to investigate the allocation of instructional time for math and ELA instruction.

Discussion of the delivery of academic intervention services to students with disabilities by utilizing Computer Assisted Instruction was also suggested. Students in the general education setting currently access a computer lab for supplemental mathematics instruction. The committee suggests that the use of the lab setting be extended to providing opportunities for ELA and mathematics instruction and re-teaching. The possibility of providing enhanced Academic Intervention Service (AIS) to students with disabilities was also deemed essential. It was agreed that a review of the master schedule was necessary to determine when additional services could be provided..

**Instructional Resources**

Special education teachers reported that there is a need for textbooks and trade books at multiple reading levels to provide all students with access to the curriculum. In collaboration with the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction of the Special Education Supervisor, the Lisha Kill faculty and principal will determine the resources that are necessary to provide instructional materials containing high levels of content complexity for students at varying reading levels. Lisha Kill Middle School’s Literacy Facilitator will also assist teachers in utilizing the trade book inventory with students with disabilities.