



# Empowering the Next Generation

## 21C Movement

Trigg County Public Schools - Cadiz, Kentucky

*Orientation & Personalized Learning*

*at*

*Trigg County High School*

*August 2017*



The **VISION** of  
**TRIGG COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL**

is to create an **innovative** learning environment where students, staff, and faculty promote a **passion for learning** through a **cognitively challenging curriculum** that is **personalized**, **fosters tolerance** and **diversity**, and teaches the academic and social skills necessary for students to **realize their potential** as 21st century citizens in both academic and career settings.

# Competency BASED LEARNING

Instruction + Time = Learning  
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How?

- Standards Based Grading
- Students demonstrate knowledge of content through PRODUCTS & SKILLS

# Capacity BUILDING

- Teachers are given resources & supports to help design PERSONALIZED LEARNING & help students MASTER content

# Comprehensive SYSTEMS of SUPPORTS

- We develop interventions & extensions frequently throughout the school year addressing student needs

# MAKING Connections with Students

THROUGH

# Personalized LEARNING

THAT  
VALUES

# Student VOICE

# EMPOWERING

the NEXT generation

AT TRIGG COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# PBL

PROJECT BASED LEARNING

- Infuse curriculum with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills
- REAL WORLD Problems that need solutions
- Service Learning
- Presentations of learning to authentic audiences



# Blended LEARNING

LEADS TO anytime anywhere learning



ONLINE

Students work through the curriculum at THEIR OWN PACE

# mastery LEARNING

# TCHS Class of 2017

- Highest Number of College and Career Ready Students
- Highest Percentage of College and Career Ready Students
- Highest number of Honor Graduates (40)
- 150 Graduates, 400+ college courses
- Highest Number of Internships and Co-Op Experiences
- Intersession experiences from San Diego to Virginia Tech
- Initial Cohort of students to integrate 1:1, blended learning, & PBL initiatives

# Trigg County's Vision

Trigg County Public Schools will **empower** each student to thrive, compete and excel in an ever changing world.

## Trigg County Board of Education Mission Statement as of 4/26/16

**Empowering** the Next Generation with world class **knowledge, skills, and dispositions** essential for **success.**

## Kentucky Board of Education Mission Statement as of 10/4/16

**Each** and every **student empowered** and equipped with the **knowledge, skills and dispositions** to pursue a **successful** future.





What are the  
*knowledge, skills, and*  
*dispositions*  
that are needed for high  
school graduates to be  
ready for the future?



**"When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down 'happy'. They told me I didn't understand the assignment, and I told them they didn't understand life."**

**John Lennon**

Attachment: A deep and enduring emotional bond that connects one person to another across time and space.

Sense of belonging: A sense that one has a rightful place in a given setting and can claim full membership in a community.

Self-regulation: Regulation of attention, emotion and executive functions for the purposes of goal-directed actions.

Stress Management: Constantly changing cognitive and behavioral efforts to manage specific external and /or internal demands that are appraised as taxing or exceeding the resources of the person.

Growth Mindset: Wherein individuals ascribe to the belief: my ability and competence grow with my effort.

Self-efficacy: The perception that one can do something successfully.

Dr. Stafford-Brizard

# Happiness & Self-Sufficiency



# Behaviors Necessary for Success in Academic Settings

Note Taking

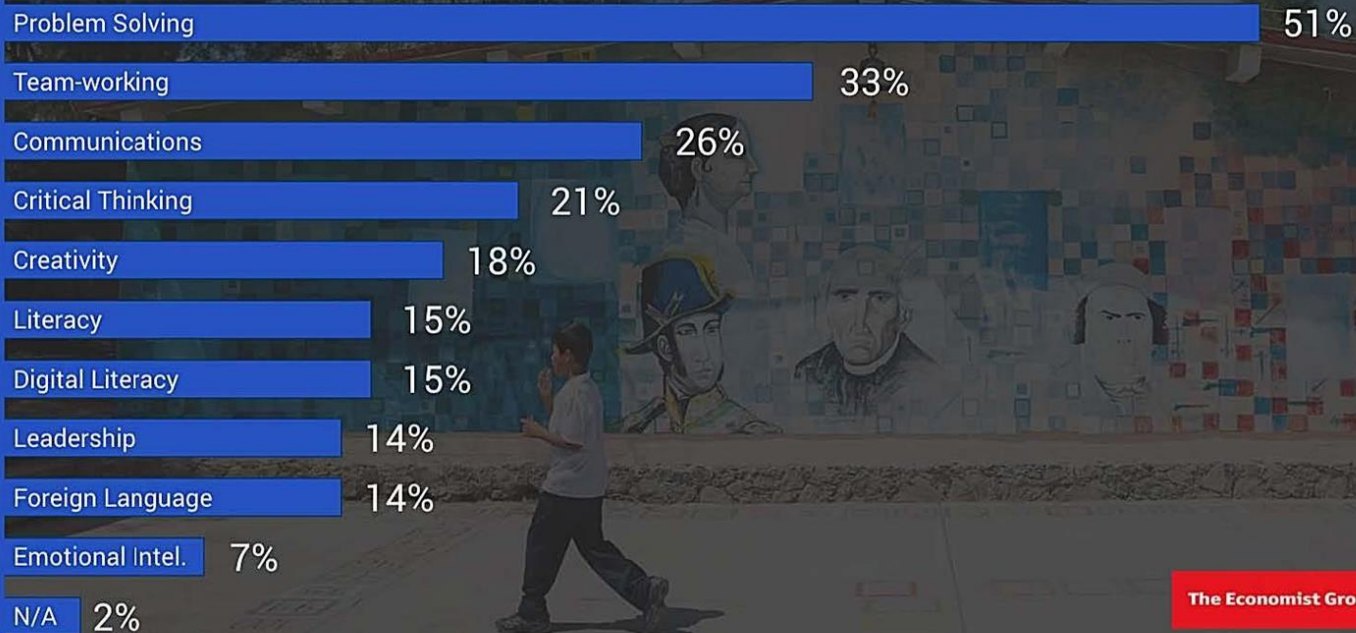
Reading Comprehension

Self-Assessment

Test Taking & Studying

Time Management

# Top 3 Skills Currently Needed in the Workplace



*“ . . . And that list - thinking critically, communicating, collaborating - keeps popping up every time someone thinks about preparing students for their future, whether for college, career, or citizenship. It is a set of skills, not a body of facts. It's a list of verbs, not nouns. **If we agree on their importance, then we must design educational experiences that allow students to practice and teachers to coach those skills in action.**”*



## Trigg County Public Schools Graduate Profile

### Knowledge

Kentucky Core Academic  
Standards (KCAS)

Kentucky Occupational  
Skills & Standards

Essential Competencies  
(Financial, Economic,  
Business, &  
Entrepreneurial; Health;  
Environmental; Information  
& Media)

### +Skills

Critical Thinking &  
Problem Solving

Collaboration

Communication

Creativity & Innovation

Self Awareness  
⇒ Think about your  
own thinking  
⇒ Learning how to  
learn

Study skills

### +Dispositions

Agency (think, question,  
pursue, create)

⇒ Curiosity

⇒ Initiative

⇒ Perseverance

Adaptability (Flexibility)

Leadership

Ethical behavior & civic  
responsibility

Social Awareness & Empathy  
(Perspective)

# **TCPS Graduate Profile (2.0)**

## **DRAFT**

### **Critical Thinker**

- Effectively solves problems
- Creates original work that demonstrates thoughtful and reflective approaches
- Provides original solutions to problems using modeling, prototyping, and testing
- Conducts research and uses multiple resources to seek solutions
- Justifies decision making processes
- Analyzes and evaluates information critically

### **Collaborator**

- Works effectively with others to accomplish a common goal
- Assumes leadership responsibilities
- Develops and maintains positive relationships with peers and adults
- Engages in the community through service and civic responsibility
- Demonstrates respect for different cultures, perspectives, and beliefs
- Demonstrates social awareness, empathy, and ethical behavior

### **Mastery Learner**

- Demonstrates mastery of standards
- Applies learning across content areas

### **Self-Directed Learner**

- Sets long and short term goals
- Develops action plans related to goals
- Adapts plans to achieve goals
- Uses obstacles and setbacks as opportunities to learn, reflect, and improve
- Prioritizes tasks and manages time effectively
- Uses a variety of strategies to support learning (e.g. note taking, study skills, information literacy)
- Pursues passions and interests

### **Communicator**

- Reads, writes, speaks, listens, and adapts to an audience in diverse settings
- Engages in conversations and discussions
- Shares thoughts and information clearly during presentations
- Listens to seek understanding
- Advocates for self and others

Relationships

Continuous Improvement

Personalized Learning

Mastery Learning

Authentic Learning





# COMPETENCY-BASED

Transitioning away from seat time, in favor of a structure that creates flexibility, allows students to progress as they demonstrate mastery of academic content, regardless of time, place, or pace of learning. Competency-based strategies provide flexibility in the way that credit can be earned or awarded, and provide students with personalized learning opportunities.

- USDOE

# STANDARDS-BASED GRADING IN A NUTSHELL

- Provides opportunities for variable learning paces
- Rewards students who continue to try mastering the information/concepts
- Gives a clear indication of what students know and don't know
- Gives a clear picture of where instruction is being effective/ineffective



# EQUALITY VERSUS EQUITY



Field Guide to the Species of  
Trigg County



Trigg County High School  
Academy 2  
2015-2016

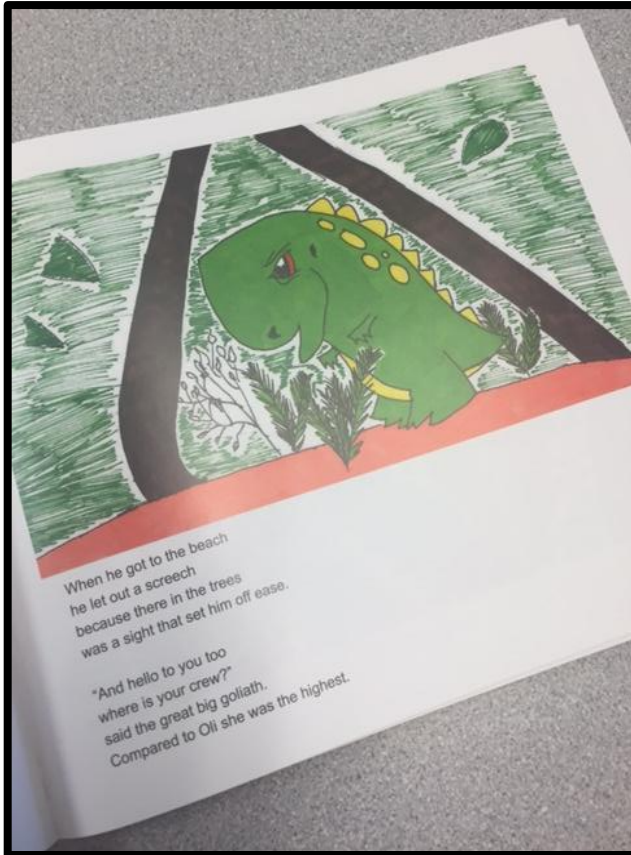
SOPHOMORE  
ELA & BIOLOGY  
BOOK  
PROJECT



# SOPHOMORE CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT



Sophomore Classes partnered  
With Kindergarteners Classes



"Presenting the book to my little buddy made me want to do a better job because I knew it was for real and not just an assignment in class."

Keleigh Mabry  
(TCHS sophomore)





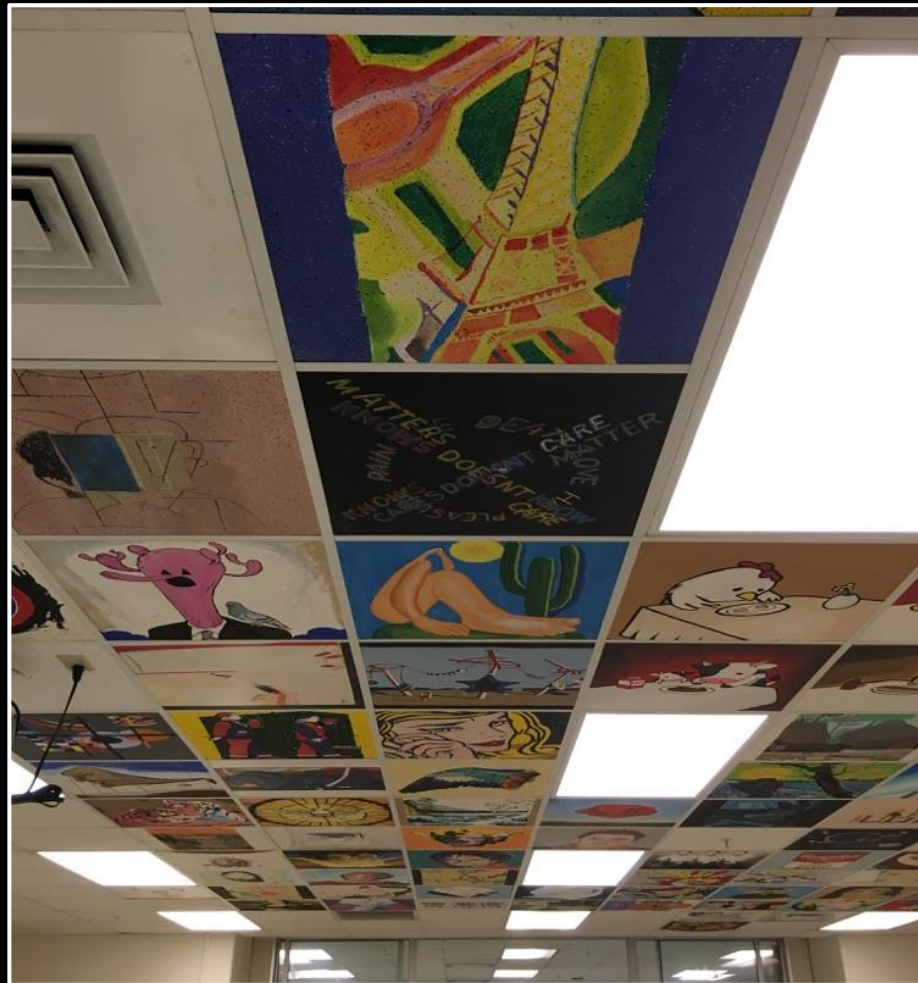


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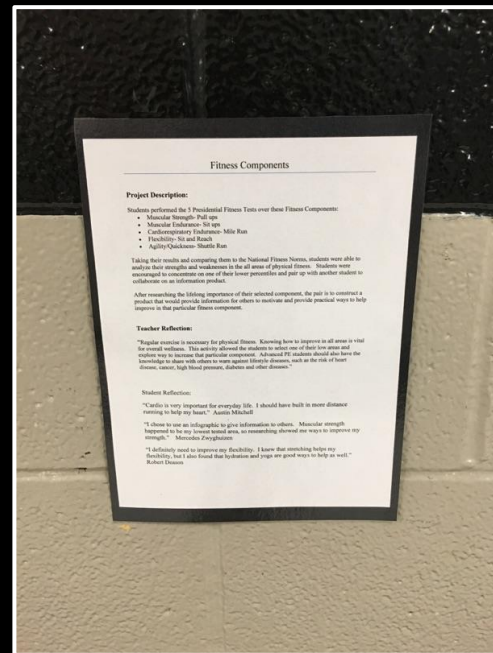
### Questions You Could Ask a Student:

1. What is a thematic statement?
2. What does it mean to "show" versus "tell" when writing?
3. What is the difference between dialogue and internal monologue?









# TRIANGLES IN ART

## A NEW WAY TO ASSESS

Students will be verbally assessed over the following three areas using a setup similar to that of a photo gallery. The gallery is specially designed due to the artwork being created by the students themselves.

### Congruence

States that all of their measurements are identical. A square that has sides measuring 4 inches will be congruent to another square that also has 4-inch sides. Even if the other square is placed in a different place or flipped around, the two squares are still congruent to each other.

1

2

3

### Modeling with Geometry

Students can apply geometric concepts in modeling situations and visualize relationships between two- and three-dimensional figures.

### Similarity

Two geometrical figures are known as similar figures, if either both the objects have the same shape or one possesses the same shape as the mirror image of another. An image can be similar to another by shrinking or enlarging the original image.

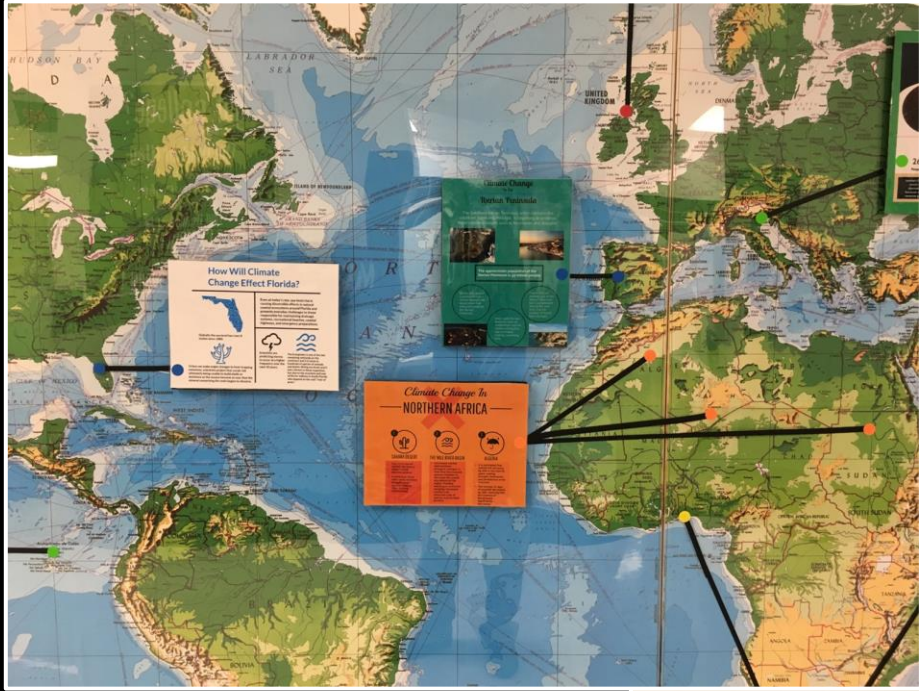










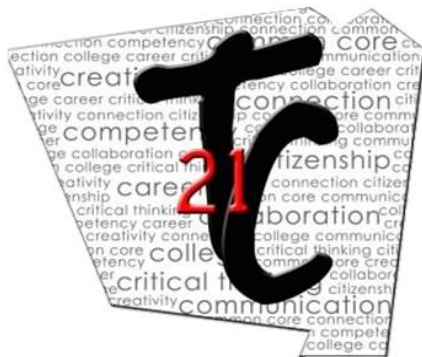


# PLACE





# TAKE IT AND MAKE IT



# Implementing a Personalized Approach

Personalized learning empowers teachers to meet the individual needs of their students and helps students to reach their full potential.

Students become self-directed learners, building the knowledge and skills that will help them succeed in college and the workplace—like critical thinking, collaboration, and perseverance.



# Projects & Personalized Learning Time

Each student participates in blocks of time each week dedicated to projects and personalized learning at a ratio of approximately 2:1.

Projects help students develop the deeper thinking and life skills that will help prepare them for college and life. Project time is student-centered, teacher initiated, and used to support students develop the cognitive skills necessary to succeed in school, work, and life.

During Personalized Learning Time, we focus on mastering the content knowledge to apply in projects. Content knowledge is the facts and information that students learn about a particular topic. We call them Focus Areas. Each Focus Area has an associated playlist with learning resources. Teachers will check-in with students regularly about their academic progress and provide coaching and tutoring.

# Personalized Learning Time (PLT)

## Workshops

Teachers will use data regularly to review student performance, group students based upon need, and provide direct instruction to students in academic skills and content knowledge.

Teachers have worked together to create norms, routines, and structures for the personalized learning time environment.

Norm: Technology is for learning

Structures:

- Screens visible to teacher at all times
- Bring pen/pencil, notebook, headphones, chromebook, & charger to class daily
- Choice of seating, cellphones, music, etc... are earned. Students must first demonstrate their ability to manage their academic behavior and be on target in order to be allowed additional freedoms.
- Individual classrooms will be designed to facilitate four actions: independent learning, teacher led workshops, collaboration between students, & assessment.



# Content Assessment Norms, Routines, & Structures

## Test with Integrity

- Formal assessments request process
- Assessment in a designated area
- Notes/headphone/music free
- One tab open prior to assessment
- Formula sheet provided
- Screens visible
- Work must be shown with math
- Celebration for success
- CAT for re-assessment

# Content Assessment Procedures

## Procedures

- Before 1st Assessment
  - Take diagnostic
  - Show some evidence of learning
- Before 2nd Assessment
  - Complete CAT
  - Provide additional evidence
- Before 3rd Assessment
  - Complete CAT with additional evidence
  - Use teacher recommended resources
  - Participate in teacher-led workshop or collaborate with a peer
- Before 4th Assessment
  - Complete CAT with additional evidence
  - Create a list of things they don't understand/what are the questions I have and what I can do (t-chart)
  - 1:1 check-in with teacher

# Relationships

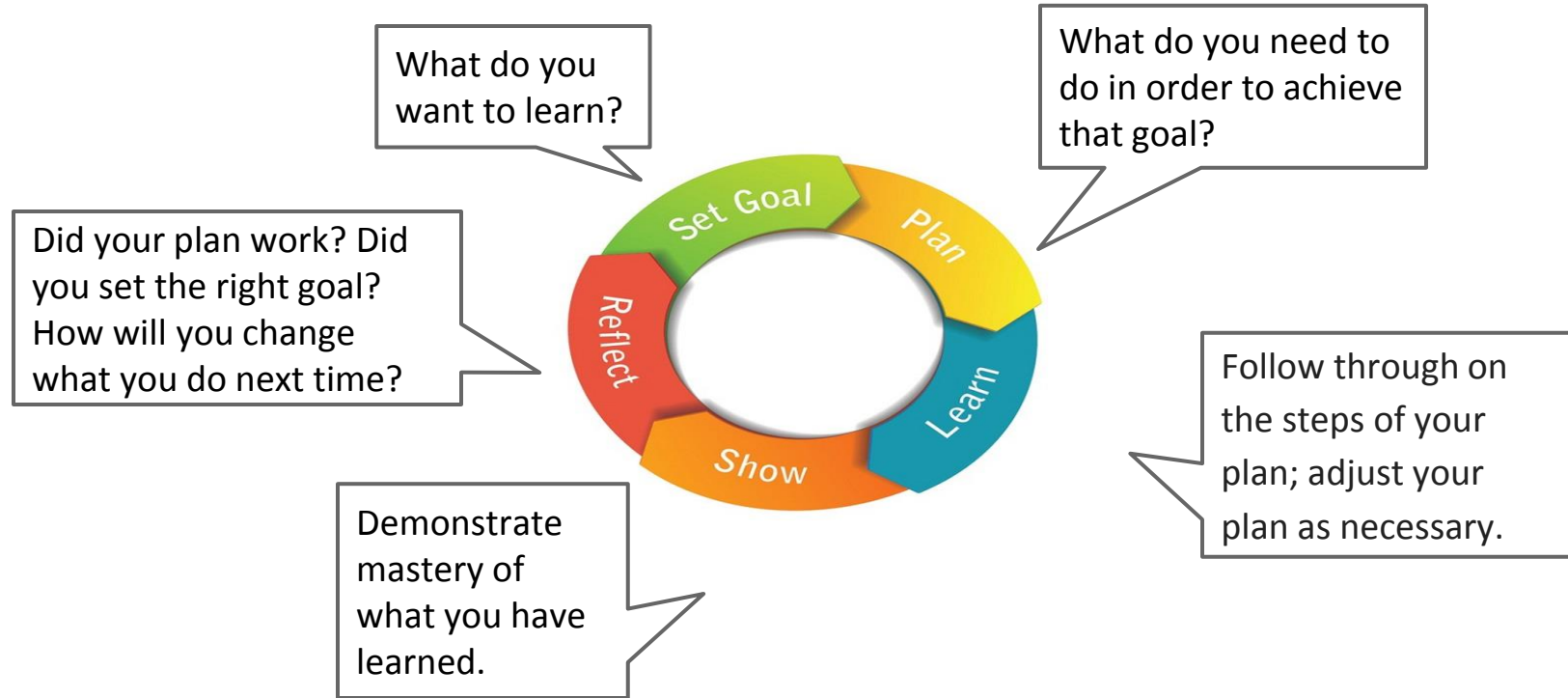
A commitment to know and be known as demonstrated through trusting interactions, investing time, and taking a personal interest with and among students, teachers, and community members to ensure every individual feels valued.

## Mentor Time

Grades 9 & 10

- Each week every student meets individually with their mentor teacher for 10 minutes to:
  - ◆ Discuss challenges and successes
  - ◆ Reflect on previous goals
  - ◆ Set new goals for the following week
  - ◆ Monitor overall progress for the year
- As mentors we push our students to become self-directed learners who set and achieve their own goals and pursue challenges.
- We strive to build a relationship of trust with each mentee, understand their passions and help them develop college and career goals.
- Students in grades 11 & 12 have continuous academic monitoring in their content classes. Should students need additional supports, they will become eligible for increasingly intensive approaches that mirror the mentoring process provided in earlier grades.
- Additionally, all students in grades 9-12 have a Connections advisor that adds another level of support.

# Transforming Students to Become Self-Directed Learners



# Communication Plan

- Teachers will send out bi-weekly communication informing parents about projects students are working on and other events happening in classes.
- Students will send home weekly communication informing parents of their goals and their plan to meet their goals.
- Teachers will use REMIND to send messages, notifications, and celebrations happening in classrooms.
- Additional meetings will occur on a regular basis to inform parents about student progress, the learning management system, and the effort to personalize learning at TCHS.

# How Do You Gauge Your Student's Success

## Grading:

**Projects make up 70% of a course's grade and are graded based on a student's cognitive skills.**

Cognitive Skills are assessed through project-based learning experiences. Students develop deeper learning skills, or cognitive skills, such as critical thinking, communication, problem-solving and collaboration.

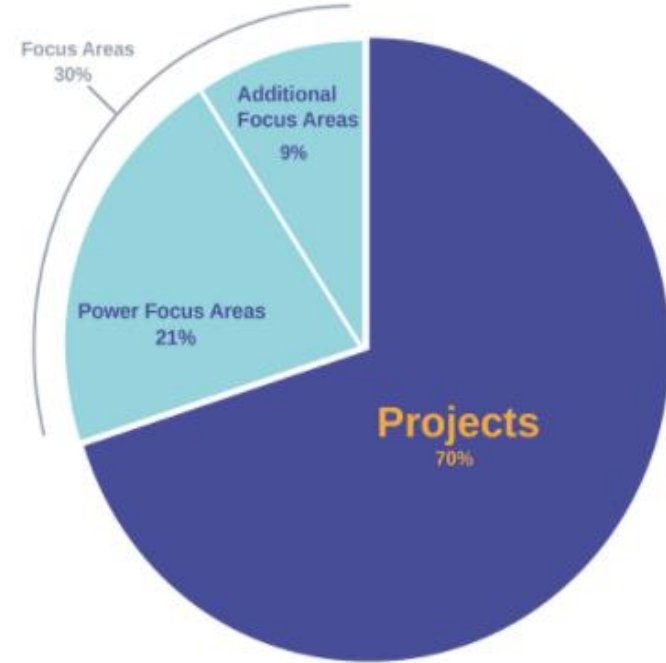
Students must complete every project to pass a class

**Focus Areas make up 30% of a student's grade with 21% made up of Power Focus Areas and 9% made up of Additional Focus Areas**

Students pass a Focus Area by passing Content Assessments (tests) to reflect the mastery of content.

Students must receive an 80% on a Content Assessment to pass it

Students must pass all content assessments in the Power Focus Areas to pass a class





# Personalized Learning Platform

## Focus Area: Playlist + Content Assessment

SCIENCE

Biology

Cognitive Skills4.5

Power9 / 9

Additional1 / 5

Challenge0 / 4

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✓ ...

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Genetic Counselor

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Food Web...<sub>2</sub>

Cells<sub>3</sub>

Photosynt...<sub>1</sub>

Climate Ch...<sub>1</sub>

Structure ...<sub>2</sub>

DNA to Pr...<sub>4</sub>

Punnett S...<sub>2</sub>

Biodiversity<sub>2</sub>

Carrying Capacity

Mitosis and Stem Cells

Reproduction

Genetic Variation

Advanced Cells

Advanced Photosynthesis & Ce...

Advanced DNA to Protein

Advanced Mitosis and Meiosis

ENGLISH

English 9

Cognitive Skills3.25

Power10 / 10

Additional3 / 8

Personal Narrative  
✓ Oct 7

Textual Analysis P...  
↑ Nov 13

Creative Writing a...

Literary Analysis E...

Argumentative Pre...

Persuasive Speech

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Stock Market  
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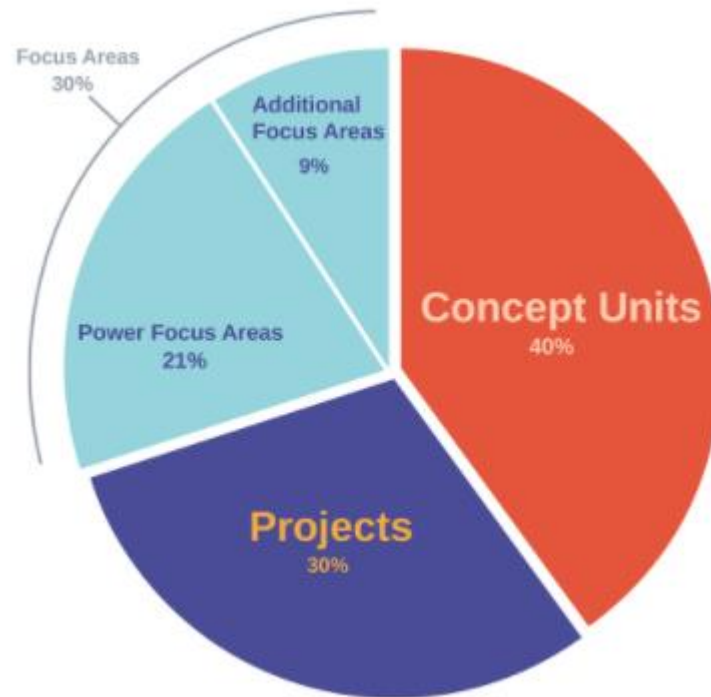
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# Grading for MATH

- **30%: Projects through Cognitive Skills**
  - Students must complete all projects to pass a course
- **40%: Mastery of Math Concept Units**
- **30%: Mastery of Content in Focus Areas**
  - **21%: Power focus areas**
    - Students must pass all content assessments for power focus areas to pass a course
  - **9%: Additional focus areas**



# **The Summit Learning Platform will be used to:**

- **Meet each student where they are and help them to become self-directed learners.**
- **Challenge students while providing supports to help them succeed.**
- **Allow teachers to use data to personalize the learning experience for each student.**

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