

**Riverside Intermediate School #2500
Hamilton Southeastern Schools
Fishers, IN**

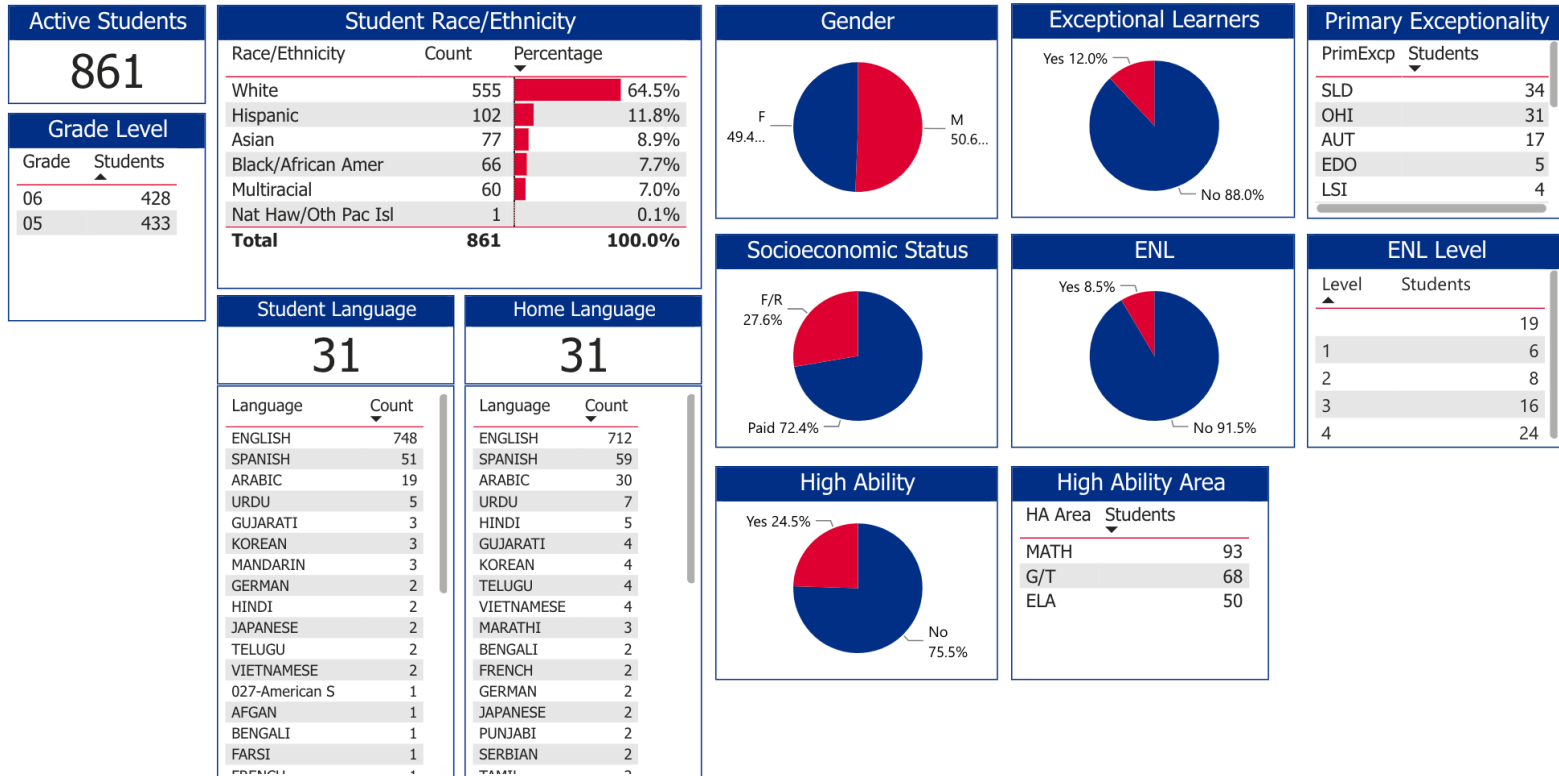
**School Improvement Plan
2021-2024**

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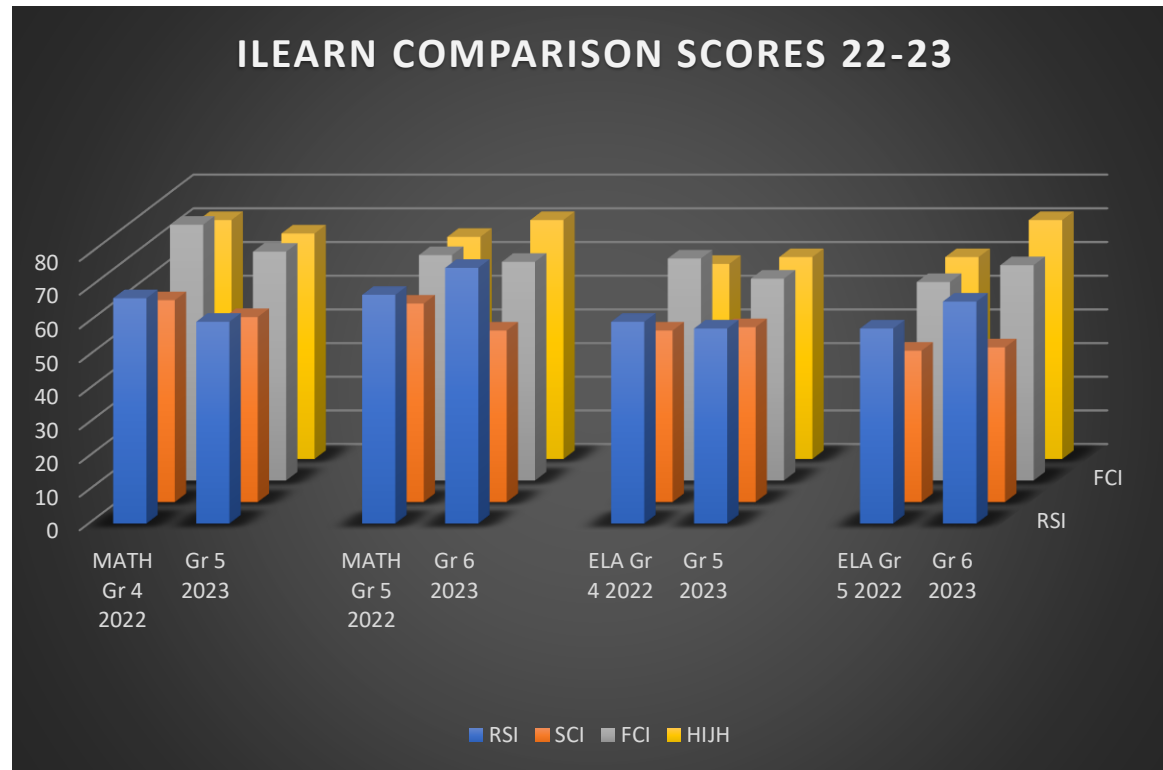
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Riverside Intermediate Demographics

Riverside Intermediate



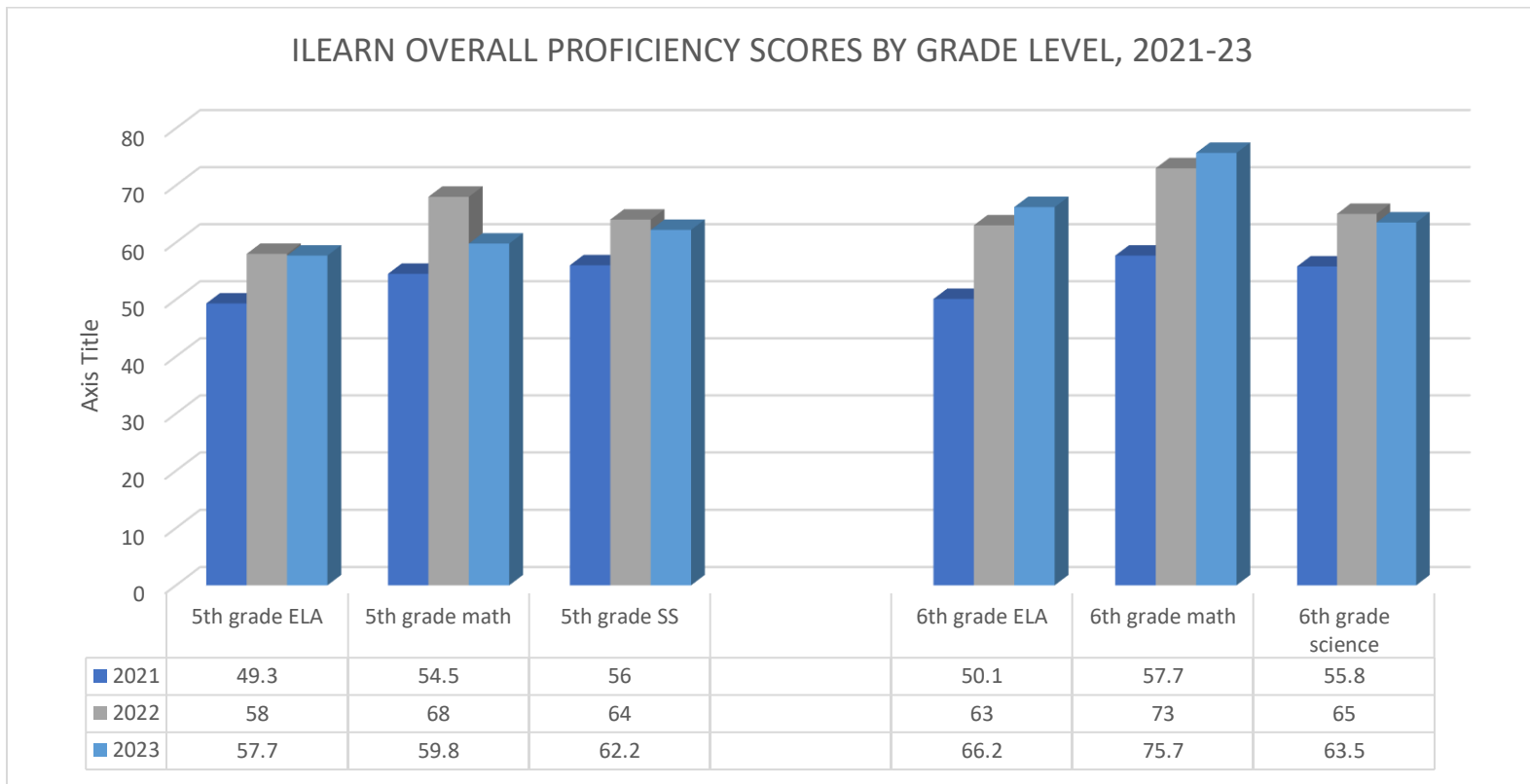
Riverside Intermediate ILEARN Data



	MATH Gr 4 2022	MATH Gr 5 2023	MATH Gr 5 2022	MATH Gr 6 2023	ELA Gr 4 2022	ELA Gr 5 2023	ELA Gr 5 2022	ELA Gr 6 2023
RSI	67	60	68	76	60	58	58	66
HSE Overall	69	62	65	65	59	57	55	61

ILEARN DISAGGREGATED DATA 2021 -2023

ILEARN 2021											
ELA Overall	Paid	F/R	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Multi-R	White	Female	Male	ExL Learners	ELL
53.3%	52.6%	36.5%	70.8%	27.0%	30.4%	53.8%	53.7%	51.2%	48.1%	14.5%	13.3%
ILEARN 2022											
ELA Overall	Paid	F/R	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Multi-R	White	Female	Male	ExL Learners	ELL
56.3%	66.8%	35.4%	64.7%	29%	34.2%	58.2%	67.8%	62.8%	58.8%	22.8%	10.2%
ILEARN 2023											
ELA Overall	Paid	F/R	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Multi-R	White	Female	Male	ExL Learners	ELL
61.9%	68.8%	36.5%	58.3%	34.9%	44.6%	52.6%	68.7%	63.1%	60.8%	27.8%	16.1%
ILEARN 2021											
Math Overall	Paid	F/R	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Multi-R	White	Female	Male	ExL Learners	ELL
61.4%	61.4%	33.6%	67.6%	23.0%	27.5%	53.8%	62.6%	52.7%	59.8%	17.1%	16.7%
ILEARN 2022											
Math Overall	Paid	F/R	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Multi-R	White	Female	Male	ExL Learners	ELL
66.6%	75.8%	47.9%	79.4%	36.2%	46.6%	68.7%	76.6%	64.1%	76.4%	32.9%	32.7%
ILEARN 2023											
Math Overall	Paid	F/R	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Multi-R	White	Female	Male	ExL Learners	ELL
67.7%	75.8%	37.6%	73.6%	30.2%	50.6%	57.9%	74.4%	62.3%	72.3%	38%	27.4%



Additional ILEARN, NWEA, and WIDA scores and breakdowns can be found Appendices A-D.

Riverside Intermediate

Achievement Goal I: Language Arts:

Problem Statement with Baseline Data:

The language arts achievement gap for a variety of subgroups (listed below) exceeds gap data from the previous ILEARN assessment data in 2021 (See page 3). The growth gap for each student subgroup will be reduced by the outcome target listed.

Expected SMART Outcome 1:

- Black/African American students will achieve a passing score of 50% or above on ILEARN and will have a mean score of 65th percentile in NWEA by the end of year three (2024).
- ENL students will achieve a passing score of 20% or above on ILEARN and will have a mean score 65th percentile in NWEA by the end of year three (2024)
- Exceptional learners' students will achieve a passing score of 30% or above on ILEARN and have a mean score of 50th percentile in NWEA by the end of year three (2024).

ILEARN 2023											
ELA Overall	Paid	F/R	Asian	Black	Hispan ic	Multi-R	Whit e	Fema le	Male	ExL Learner s	ELL
61.9%	68.8%	36.5%	58.3%	34.9%	44.6%	52.6%	68.7%	63.1%	60.8%	27.8%	16.1%
				50%						21% MET	20%

Strategy	Resources Needed	Progress Monitoring Incl. Data	Timeline	Person Responsible
<p>Core Tier 1 Focus: Standards informed instruction (Scholastic) - Instruction to create independent thinkers, readers, and writers.</p> <p>Reading: Leverage small group instruction to the workshop model, ensuring differentiation student level</p> <p>Design and deliver explicit instruction that engages and is accessible to all learners. (UDL).</p> <p>Differentiated Instruction: Use data from formative and summative assessments to create student groups. Provide standards-based instruction at appropriate levels for each student group.</p> <p>Writing: Implement curricular materials (Newsela, Scholastic) to provide writing experiences that develop elaboration and stamina.</p> <p>Development/Focus</p> <p>DOK 2.0 within reading/writing workshop</p> <p>Use assessment data to identify student needs and target instruction based on those needs.</p> <p>Opportunity to create conferring toolkits to support both reading and writing workshop.</p>	<p>UDL</p> <p>Scholastic Literacy, Lit Pro, and WORD digital programs.</p> <p>PLC Planning Time Model</p> <p>Scope and Storyworks</p> <p>IXL 6th Grade</p> <p>Newsela</p> <p>Sonday Level 1&2</p>	<p>Authentic and thoughtful reading responses. Discussion and comparison in PLC.</p> <p>Formative and summative data from conferring, assessments, writing samples, etc. Discussion and comparison in PLC</p> <p>Formative and summative data from Scholastic Literacy</p> <p>NWEA – (ALL) Fall/Winter/Spring</p>	<p>2023-2024</p>	<p>5th & 6th Grade Humanities teachers in coordination with Admin/TDS</p> <p>Intermediate Principal Collaboration</p> <p>PLC Humanities Leads and Intermediate Collaboration Volunteers</p> <p>PTO financial support</p>

<p><i>Note: Teachers will have mentor texts with targeted teaching points highlighted and ready for use with students. Students will use these in their writing and confer with a teacher until they achieve their specific writing goals.</i></p> <p>Scholastic Teacher Dashboard- data analysis and grouping students for small group instruction during PLCs.</p> <p>Staff Colleague Visits - w/ D. Kaminski including goal & reflection</p>				
<p>Reflect Diversity in Humanities Curriculum – School Literacy Collection (Library)</p>	<p>Increased number of diverse literary sources. Diverse current reading and visual materials.</p> <p>Scholastic Literacy mentor texts and diverse leveled bookroom.</p> <p>Scholastic Literacy Pro-diverse interactive e-bookroom for students.</p>	<p>Collection summary and addition of new collections. Monthly</p>	<p>2021-2024</p>	<p>Teacher Librarian Equity Team Administration</p>
UDL – Equitable Learning Opportunities				

<p>Develop staff capacity to create equitable learning outcomes through UDL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restorative Practices Lev 2 - Local • Celebration of Culture – 3rd annual International Fair – Oct. 2023 • Global Read Aloud – One School One Book – Spring 2024 • Introduction to Universal Design for Learning (UDL) • Professional learning and collaboration focused on developing UDL practices 	<p>Articles and Research shared by District Equity</p> <p>Equity by Design, delivering on the Power and Promise of UDL, Chardin & Novak</p> <p>UDL Now, A Teacher's Guide to Applying UDL, K. Novak.</p> <p>UDL in the Cloud, How to Design and Deliver UDL, Novak and Thibodeau.</p>	<p>Monitor staff capacity in implementation of UDL strategies – Admin/TDS</p> <p>Staff self-reflection and documentation of UDL learning/implementation - All Staff.</p>	<p>2023-2024</p>	<p>Equity Team Principal, Assistant Principal, Librarian, TDS, and Staff</p>
<p>Communication with the school community stakeholders will be both further established and monitored by the school improvement team along with the equity and inclusion team.</p>	<p>SMORE</p>	<p>Weekly Community Newsletter Monthly Student Newspaper Student Advisory Committee Parent Advisory Committee (PTO) Student Announcements (daily) Student Council ParentSquare</p>	<p>2023-2024</p>	<p>Teachers, Students, Principals, Counselors, Office Staff, Parents and Community Members.</p>

<p>MTSS – Fully Active</p> <p>Continue to address and monitor student needs (academic/behavior) through the MTSS process.</p> <p>Increase accessibility to Tier 1 (core) through UDL.</p> <p>Fully implemented Tier II/III</p>	<p>MTSS Committee Meeting - Monthly</p> <p>MTSS Child Study – Bi-Monthly by grade level.</p>	<p>District MTSS Committee Resources and Collaboration.</p> <p>Student Study Team</p> <p>Scheduled RTI Data Review Fall, Winter, and Spring (NWEA)</p>	<p>2023-2024</p>	<p>Administration, Teachers, Counselors/MTSS Coordinators, School Psychologists, and District MTTS Support Team</p>
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Achievement Goal II: Mathematics

Problem Statement with Baseline Data:

The mathematics achievement gap for a variety of subgroups (listed below) exceeds gap data from the previous ILEARN assessment data in 2022 (See page 1). The growth gap for each student subgroup will be reduced by the outcome target.

Expected SMART Outcome 1:

- Black/African American students will achieve a passing score of 58% or above on ILEARN and will have a mean score in the 50th percentile in NWEA by the end of year three (2024).
- ENL students will achieve a passing score of 38% or above on ILEARN and will have a mean score in the 65th percentile in NWEA by the end of year three (2024).
- Exceptional learners' students will achieve a passing score of 42% or above on ILEARN and will have a mean score in the 45th percentile in NWEA by the end of year three (2024).

Math Overall	Paid	F/R	Asian	Black	Hispanic	Multi-R	White	Female	Male	ExL Learners	ELL
67.7%	75.8%	37.6%	73.6%	30.2%	50.6%	57.9%	74.4%	62.3%	72.3%	38%	27.4%
				58%						37% MET	38%

Strategy	Resources Needed	Progress Monitoring Incl. Data	Timeline	Person Responsible
<p>Core Tier 1 Focus: Math workshop model implementation to increase students' deep learning of mathematics concepts.</p> <p>Provide Professional Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Math best practices as described by NCTM Principles to Actions NCTM's Effective Math Teaching Practices, especially as they define equitable classrooms STEM Integration Rich Math Tasks: accessible to all students, encourage discourse and strategic thinking 	<p>NCTM Principles to Actions resource, IDOE Math Framework, Science Framework</p> <p>Mathematical Mindsets and grade level Mindset Math resource books, Youcubed DOE Learning Lab, NCTM, NGSS</p> <p>Open Middle, nrich.maths.org, and other sites providing rich math learning experiences.</p>	<p>Periodic formative assessments - PLC developed</p> <p>ILEARN data</p> <p>Do the Math Module Assessments</p> <p>Fluency Interviews</p> <p>IXL</p> <p>NWEA – Fall, Winter, and Spring</p>	2023-2024	<p>STEM teachers in collaboration with TDS, Amy Knerr</p> <p>ENL Lead Teacher, Heather Jahn</p> <p>Principal and Assistant</p> <p>Amy Knerr - TDS</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inquiry approach in STEM, dispositions necessary for students to construct their own deep understandings NCTM's Facilitating Productive Math Discourse 	<p>Building Thinking Classrooms: Peter Liljedahl</p> <p>Taking Action: Implementing Effective Math Teaching Practices, NCTM</p>			
<p>Analyze Strengths and Weaknesses of Math Instruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review ILEARN and NWEA data. Fall/Spring Continue to participate in STEM lesson review and development Collaborate on STEM unit update to provide consistency in all intermediate schools. Reflect on next steps – Add future development. 	<p>Collaboration with district intermediate STEM teachers and STEM TDS</p> <p>PLC allocated vertical team discussions.</p>	<p>Periodic formative assessments</p> <p>ILEARN</p> <p>NWEA</p>	2023-2024	<p>STEM teachers in collaboration with TDS, Amy Knerr</p> <p>PLC Leaders</p> <p>Principal & Assistant Principal</p>
<p>Student-centered coaching cycles for STEM teachers - Intermediate Collaboration</p>	<p><i>Diane Sweeney's</i> Student -Centered Coaching model</p>	<p>Ongoing documentation of coaching cycle, including student learning outcomes</p>	2023-2024	<p>STEM teachers in collaboration with TDS, Amy Knerr</p>

<p>UDL – Equitable Learning Opportunities</p> <p>Develop staff capacity to create equitable learning outcomes through UDL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restorative Practices Lev 2 - Local • Celebration of Culture – 3rd annual International Fair – Oct. 2023 • Global Read Aloud – One School One Book – Spring 2024 • Introduction to Universal Design for Learning (UDL) • Professional learning and collaboration focused on developing UDL practices 	<p>Articles and Research shared by District Equity</p> <p>Equity by Design, delivering on the Power and Promise of UDL, Chardin & Novak</p> <p>UDL Now, A Teacher's Guide to Applying UDL, K. Novak.</p> <p>UDL in the Cloud, How to Design and Deliver UDL, Novak and Thibodeau.</p>	<p>Monitor staff capacity in implementation of UDL strategies – Admin/TDS</p> <p>Staff self-reflection and documentation of UDL learning implementation - All Staff.</p>	<p>2023-2024</p>	<p>Equity Team Principal, Assistant Principal, Librarian, TDS, and Staff</p>
<p>Communication with the school community stakeholders will be both further established and monitored by the school improvement team along with the equity and inclusion team.</p>	<p>SMORE</p>	<p>Weekly Community Newsletter Monthly Student Newspaper Student Advisory Committee Parent Advisory Committee (PTO) Student Announcements (daily) Student Council ParentSquare</p>	<p>2023-2024</p>	<p>Teachers, Students, Principals, Counselors, Office Staff, Parents and Community Members.</p>

<p>MTSS – Fully Active</p> <p>Continue to address and monitor student needs (academic/behavior) through the MTSS process.</p> <p>Increase accessibility to Tier 1 (core) through UDL.</p> <p>Fully implemented Tier II/III</p>	<p>MTSS Committee Meeting - Monthly</p> <p>MTSS Child Study – Bi-Monthly by grade level.</p>	<p>District MTSS Committee Resources and Collaboration.</p> <p>Student Study Team</p> <p>Scheduled RTI Data Review Fall, Winter, and Spring (NWEA)</p>	<p>2023-2024</p>	<p>Administration, Teachers, Counselors/MTSS Coordinators, School Psychologists, and District MTSS Support Team</p>
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Goal #3: Innovation (HSE21)

Problem Statement with Baseline Data:

Through innovation, we plan to promote the long-term development and success of all children through providing rich opportunities to explore interests, identify gifts, and grow their skills/abilities. Teachers will take actionable steps towards providing their students with the opportunity to apply learning in real-world contexts. Utilizing the Next Generation Science Standards *3-Dimensional Framework*, activities will focus on Science & Engineering Practices and Cross-Cutting Concepts to promote students doing STEM and thinking like real scientists and engineers. Through these experiences, students will understand communities of practice by engaging in authentic tasks conducted by scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians. Our plan involves local industry and RSI engaging in the learning community of STEM to provide authentic learning experiences to students. Given that our building sits directly to the east of the White River and south of the Nonie Werbe Kraus Nature Preserve, Riverside Intermediate School is located in an ideal area for this type of place-based learning to study the environment as well. Our major school projects have been divided into three categories which maximize learning in these areas:

1. **Agriculture:** goats, chickens, and bees
2. **Environment:** river watch studies, bird watching, support endangered species (butterflies), and seasonal changes to the outdoors
3. **Engineering:** innovative uses of technology to involve the design process within Humanities and STEM projects

While grounded in foundational skills, we believe in *situated cognition theory*- understanding how skills can be applied is as important as the knowledge and skills itself. As a long-term goal of becoming an IDOE STEM Certified school, a situated learning environment will move us towards this objective:

Expected SMART Outcome:

Teachers will provide integrated STEM and Humanities opportunities for students to apply their learning in real-world contexts-employing a great deal of inquiry, design, exploration, problem solving, project-based learning, community partnerships, student-centered classrooms, and out-of-school/outdoor activities. The Innovation Team will continue to:

- 1) Use the [IDOE STEM Certification Rubric](#) as a guide. Additionally, we are expanding our targets to improve in all domains: Domain 1- Culture, Domain 2- Curriculum, Domain 3- Instruction, Domain 4- Partnerships. In the future, the rubric will transfer to goals associated with the [Ford NGL 3E](#): Explore, Engage, and Experience.
- 2) In order to hone articulation and focus aligned to best practice and Indiana Academic Standards, mission statements will be written for our three pillars of innovation: [Environment, Agriculture, and Engineering](#). The mission statements will be utilized to outline our vision and provide purpose and direction for each of the pillars that impact our instruction.
- 3) Establish a working document to manage the scope of logistics for major projects: goats, chickens, hydroponics, aquaponics, native plants, river study, and invasive species.

Strategy	Resources Needed	Progress Monitoring Incl. Data	Timeline	Person(s) Responsible
Project-based Experiences Place-based Situated Learning Design-based Learning	Book: Project Based Teaching: How to Create Rigorous and Engaging Learning Experiences by Suzie Boss & John Larmer (ASCD)	-Indiana Phenology: 5 th and 6 th grade ongoing study of area of nature preserve. Increase the number of trained teachers, from 1 to 13	2021- Pilot	

	<p>The Power of Place: Authentic Learning Through Place-Based Education by Tom Vander Ark, Emily Liebtog, Nate McClennen (ASCD)</p> <p>Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Fishers Maker Playground at Hub & Spoke -Indiana Phenology -Purdue TRAILS -Hoosier Riverwatch -Agriculture: Bees, chickens, and goats. Begin garden and hydroponics projects 	<p>-Purdue TRAILS: Pilot year to scale DBait engineering design challenge to the 5th grade level. Connection to Hoosier Riverwatch & DNR fishing studies.</p> <p>-White Riverwatch: 6th grade will monitor key factors aligned to the Environmental Pillar</p> <p>-Butterfly Waystation</p> <p>-Aquaponics project in conjunction with AgriPark initiative</p> <p>Schedule: Continue rotations of Innovation Time for students to experience agriculture</p>	<p>2022- Growth & training</p> <p>2023- Each class involved in PBL</p>	<p>Principal, Assistant Principal, TDS, and Teachers</p>
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<p>Science & Engineering Practices</p> <p>Cross-cutting Concepts & Integrating Content Areas</p> <p>Integrated STEM Education</p>	<p>Book: Lesson Imaging in Math + Science- Anticipating Student Ideas and Questions for Deeper STEM Learning</p> <p>Standards: ITEEA Standards for Technology and Engineering Literacy (STEL)</p> <p>Articles: A Conceptual Framework for Integrated STEM Education by Dr. Todd Kelley and Dr. J. Geoff Knowles</p> <p>Prompts for Integrating Crosscutting Concepts Into Assessment and Instruction by William Penuel and Katie Van Horne</p> <p>Where is the T in STEM? Education Week</p>	<p>NGSS: Cross-cutting concepts & Science/Engineering Practices</p> <p>PLC meetings and PD with Amy Knerr to align curricular standards and maps to fit STEM & Humanities frameworks</p> <p>Teachers and teacher librarian will explore ways to incorporate innovative technologies and design thinking into lessons/projects.</p>	2021-2023	TDS, Teachers and Innovation Team
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Partnerships: <u>Community of Practice</u> Students will understand and engage in authentic practices conducted by scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishers Maker Playground • Hamilton County Parks & Recreation • Central Indiana Land Trust (CILT) • Indiana Phenology • Purdue Polytechnic • Remedy Farm • Indiana DNR: Fishing in Education • 	-Fishers Maker Playground: 5 th grade Fall & Spring experiences -Naturalists from HC P&R, CILT -Agriculture support from Remedy Farm *See above Purdue and Indiana Phenology	2021-2024	Partnering groups & RSI teachers/administration
RSI Shorts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create brief posts about innovative activities in classrooms • Write mission statements for Agriculture, Engineering, and Environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers sharing examples of innovative activities in their classroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Smore ○ Podcasts ○ Vodcasts ○ RSI Website ○ Social Media 	Review Smore "RSI Shorts" completion	2021-2024	Innovation Team
MakerSpace and Math Museum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inquiry Options for Constructivist Concepts • Rich tasks for exploring math concepts 	MakerSpace and Math Museum Tools/Resources Organization Systems for Usage	Track teacher/student usage of MakerSpace and Math Museum	2021-2024	Innovation Team

Professional Development Plan

Each building will use dedicated time for professional development which supports the goals of the school district and serves to provide the knowledge and skills necessary for staff to perform their instructional or assigned duties. The professional development plan included in the School Improvement Plan will be supported by the Superintendent and by the district association representation.

- Initial Start Meeting – MTSS, Playbook, and Procedure Reviews.
- ALICE Training (RJH/RSI)
- Ford NGL – Three E’s...general background/information.
- Canvas Refresh and Skyward Grades (frequency)
- Restorative Practices (Part 2)
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL)
- Breaking Down Boundaries – Exceptional Learners
- MTSS Training – IEP Tech Support (MTSS Leaders)
- Purdue STEM Conference
- Phenology STEM training
- Bee/Goat/Butterfly Station Training
- Building Thinking Classrooms
- Empowering Writers/The Writing Rope
- NCTM focused staff development
- Elevating Education 2023
- 2nd Thursday of the month – Staff Meeting/ 4th Thursday of the month - Committee Meetings
 - Topics: Designed to implement the SIP plan details above: Promoting best practices in STEM/Humanities instruction, best use of resources, MTSS engagement for all students/staff, and promotion of the equity and inclusive plan for RSI.

Important Professional Development Links:

Intermediate Humanities:

www.humanitieshighlights.com password: hsehumanities

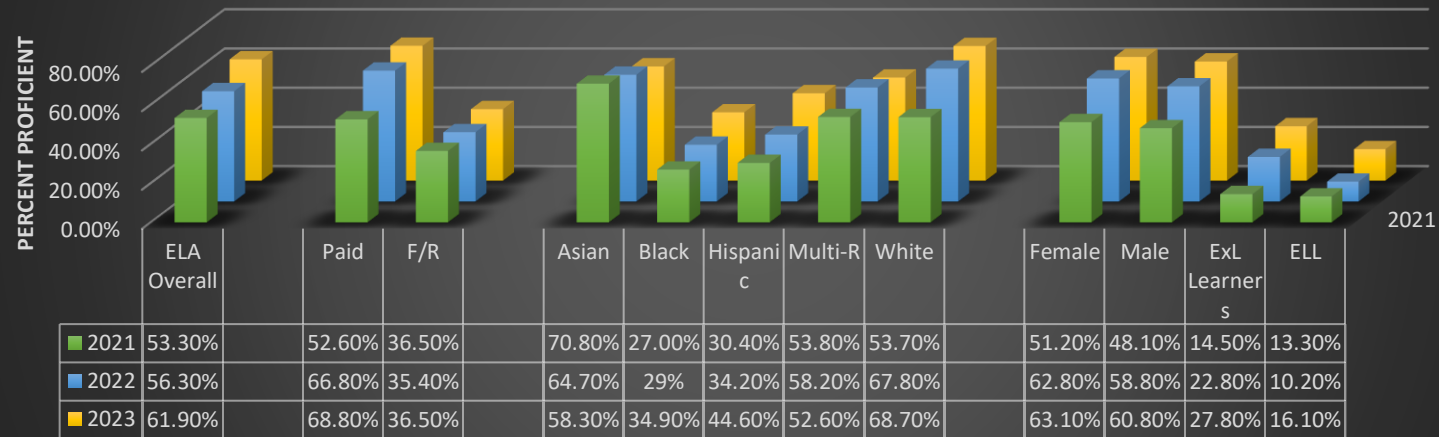
Intermediate STEM:

- Creating a STEM community for productive struggle
- Establishing *learning* goals to facilitate conceptual understanding
- Implementing phenomenon-based science units in alignment with Next Generation Science Standards
- Planning inquiry-based STEM units that facilitate hands-on exploration of STEM concepts
- Utilizing Crosscutting Concepts as a bridge between STEM disciplines

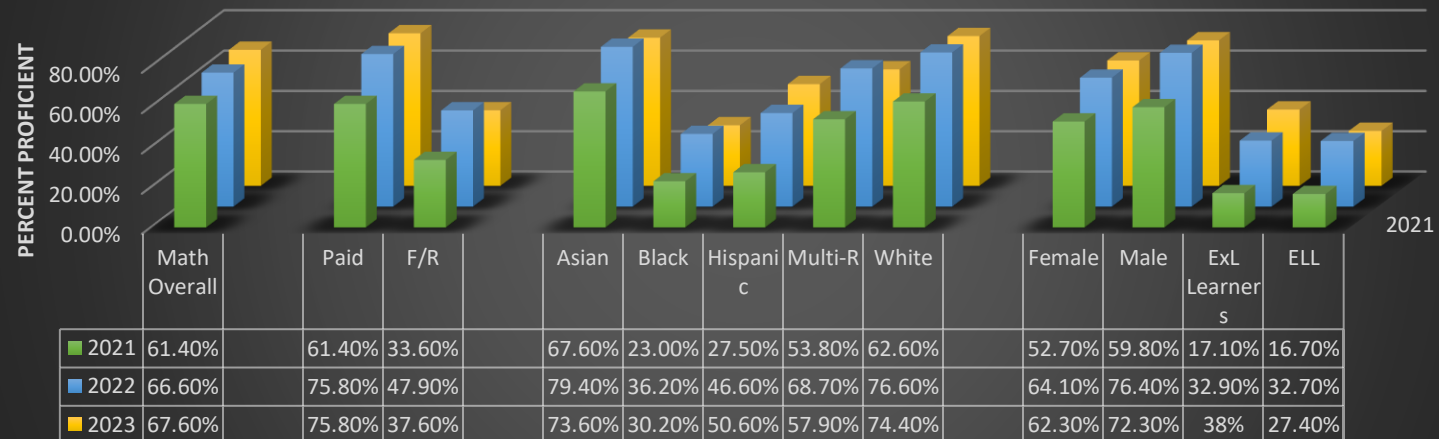
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Appendix A

ILEARN ELA PROFICIENCY SCORES 2021-23

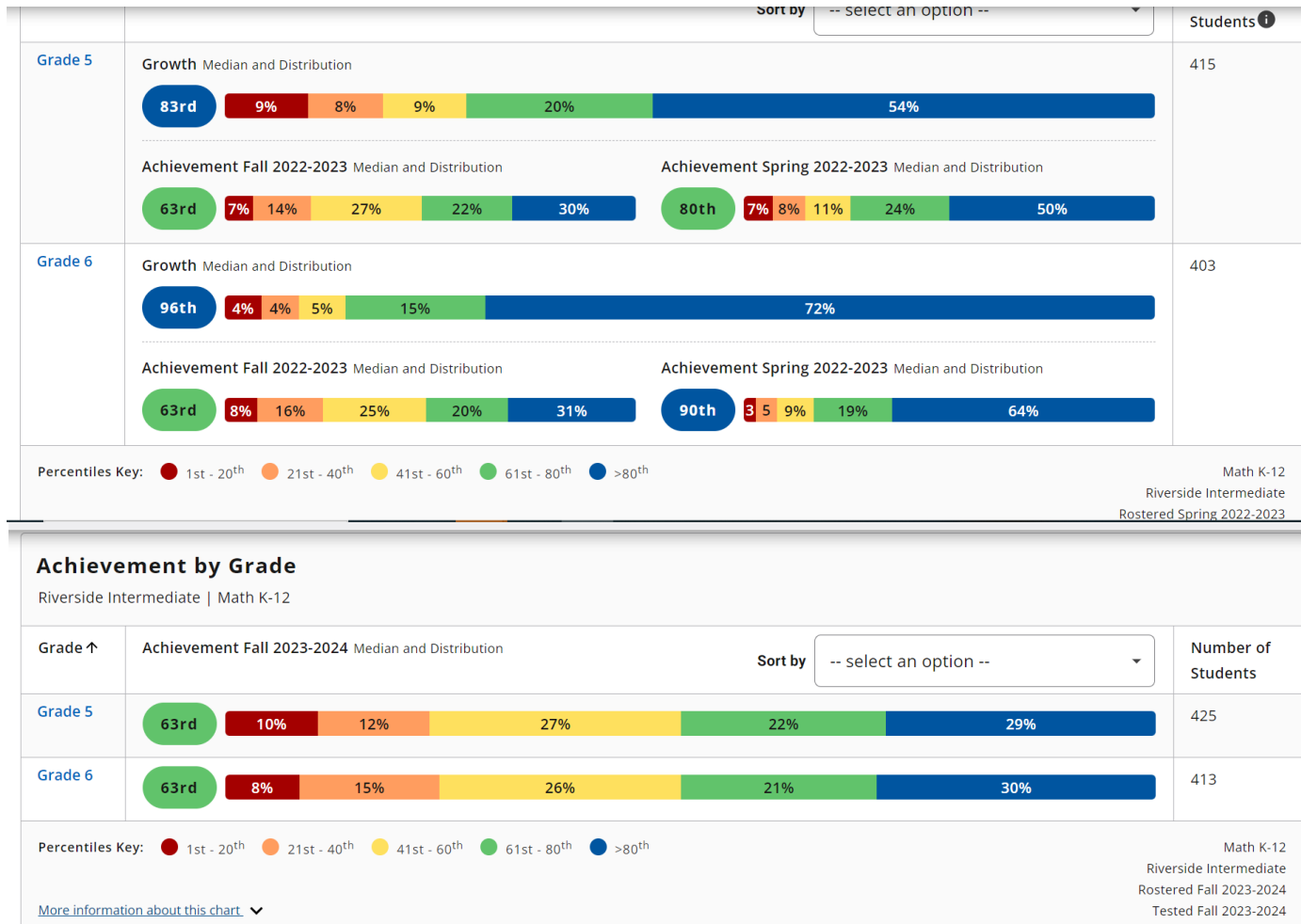


ILEARN MATH PROFICIENCY SCORES 2021-23



Appendix B

MATH NWEA AVERAGE SCORES AND DISTRIBUTION



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READING NWEA AVERAGE SCORES AND DISTRIBUTION

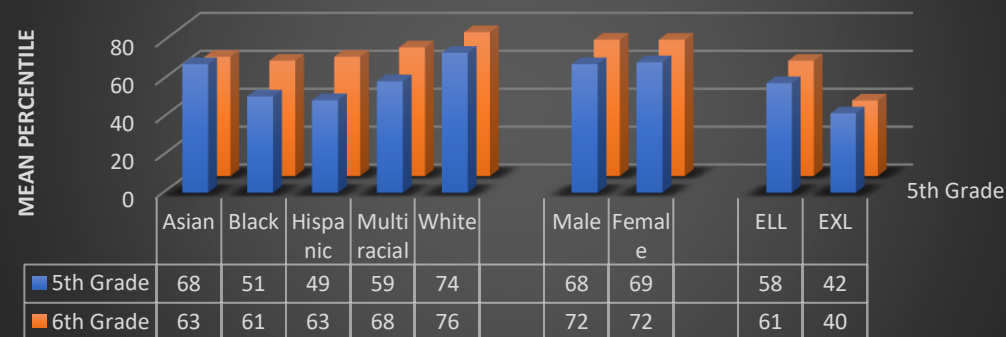


Appendix C

NWEA Mean Percentiles - MATH Disaggregated Groups - Fall 2023

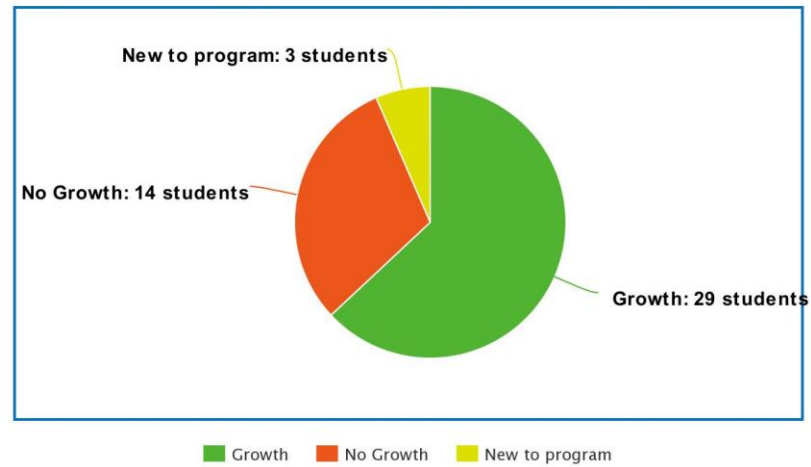


NWEA Mean Percentiles - READING Disaggregated Groups - Fall 2023



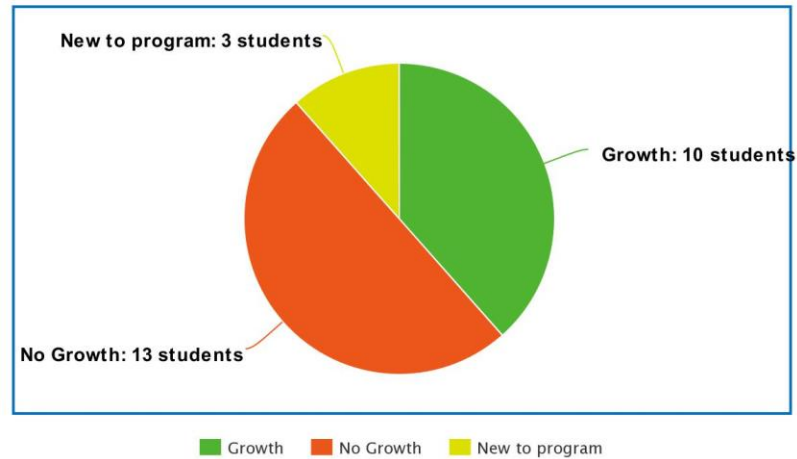
Appendix D

5th Grade WIDA Scores from 22-23 to 23-24



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6th Grade WIDA Scores from 22-23 to 23-24



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Appendix E

Career Development

HSE Schools is committed to providing work-based learning and career exploration experiences across grades PK-12. Every single HSE student will have guaranteed, meaningful career coursework and experiences that lead to **employment, enrollment, and enlistment** after graduation. These experiences include Community-based experiential learning in partnership with the City of Fishers and Conner Prairie, Career Days, Guest Speakers, Career Fairs, Career Simulations, Career-focused Clubs, Community Service Days and Clubs, Interactive/ Hands-On Experiences, Online and Digital Career Exploration tools, Job Shadowing, Mock Interviews, Internships, Career course work including Advanced Career/ Technical Education Courses in 28 different Next Level Programs of Study (NLPS), Work-Based Learning, and Apprenticeships. Through the support of multiple IDOE 3E grants, these experiences will exponentially grow throughout the district with community engagement and support.

Cultural Competency at RSI

Riverside Intermediate School will continue to build sustainable systems and practices to improve the cultural competencies of our stakeholders. While there are complex and varied interpretations of cultural competency, we define it as "*the ability of individuals and systems to work or respond effectively across cultures in a way that acknowledges and respects the culture of the person or organization being served*" (Williams, 2001) for the purpose of enhancing the learning process and academic achievement for all students. HSE is committed to understanding the unique experiences and perspectives of students and how those experiences shape instruction and students' ability to learn and grow.

Riverside Intermediate School's tailored and personalized approach to teaching and learning will directly impact academic growth and achievement in each of our main demographic groups. These demographic groups include Exceptional Learners, Race/Ethnicity, Socio-Economic Groups, and English Language Learners.

To improve the cultural competencies of our stakeholders and the academic growth of our students, we have identified five focus areas that align with the goals and objectives of our School Improvement Plan (SIP). These focus areas are; Access and Equity, Climate, Diversity in the Curriculum/Co-Curriculum, Learning and Development, and Intercultural Engagement.

Curriculum Location

The curriculum used in HSE Schools is determined based on the Indiana Academic Standards. HSE strives to use a curriculum that provides students with the needed lessons and rigor to prepare them not only for upcoming grades and courses but also equip them for the path they choose following graduation.

Information about the curriculum can be found at www.hseschools.org

MTSS - Addressing the Needs of All Learners

HSE uses a tiered approach to academics called Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) to ensure all students achieve their highest potential. This structure provides the necessary instruction and support for all students to achieve their academic goals. HSE Schools staff utilizes a variety of data to identify and assist students needing additional instruction and/or supports. This data includes but is not limited to, course grades, NWEA assessments, attendance, and standardized scores such as IREAD-3 and ILEARN.

If a student is having academic difficulties, school personnel work to assist the student with skills that will help them improve. As supplemental supports become more intense, results are used to make decisions about the need for further evidenced-based instruction and possible educational evaluation for special education services. HSE places an emphasis on early identification through universal screenings, supplemental supports and self-advocacy supports for student learning.

If a student is determined to be eligible for special education services, and individual education plan is developed to support their unique needs considering their disability.

English as a New Language (ENL) collaborative teachers and instructional assistants to work with language learners that qualify for the ENL program and receive an Individualized Learning Plan (ILP). The ILP is based on the language level of the student and indicate the accommodations necessary.

Safe Learning Environment

Hamilton Southeastern Schools provides a safe and disciplined learning environment for all students and teachers. Each school's handbook is provided annually to parents, available on the district's website, and clearly defines the guidelines and expectations for students and families. HSE Schools uses positive behavior supports and restorative practices to promote and maintain a safe and

positive learning environment. Schools regularly collect and analyze students' behavior and attendance data as well as surveys regarding the school environment. School safety training is provided at a district level for all staff including School Resource Officers. Students are encouraged to report any school safety or mental health concern through the anonymous reporting system "HSE Report It." School Safety is a mindset that we build into the school climate emphasizing the "See Something, Say Something, Do Something" mindset.

We are committed to providing a secure and nurturing environment for all students, staff, and visitors through the following safety measures: Physical Security, Emergency Response, Staff Training, Safety Communication, Mental Health Support, Collaboration with Authorities, Infrastructure Review, and Technology Implementation.

We believe that by implementing these measures and continuously evaluating our safety protocols, we can create a secure environment that fosters learning and growth for everyone at Hamilton Southeastern Schools.

Technology Initiatives

The Director of Educational Technologies works closely with the Teaching and Learning team to vet any proposals for new technology initiatives. During such time, proposals will be examined to determine if there is something already purchased in the district that provides similar outcomes. If no current technology exists, a decision will need to be made as to whether any initiative will be funded into perpetuity and is compatible with our systems.