Strategic Plan Update: Life Readiness

Board of Education Meeting

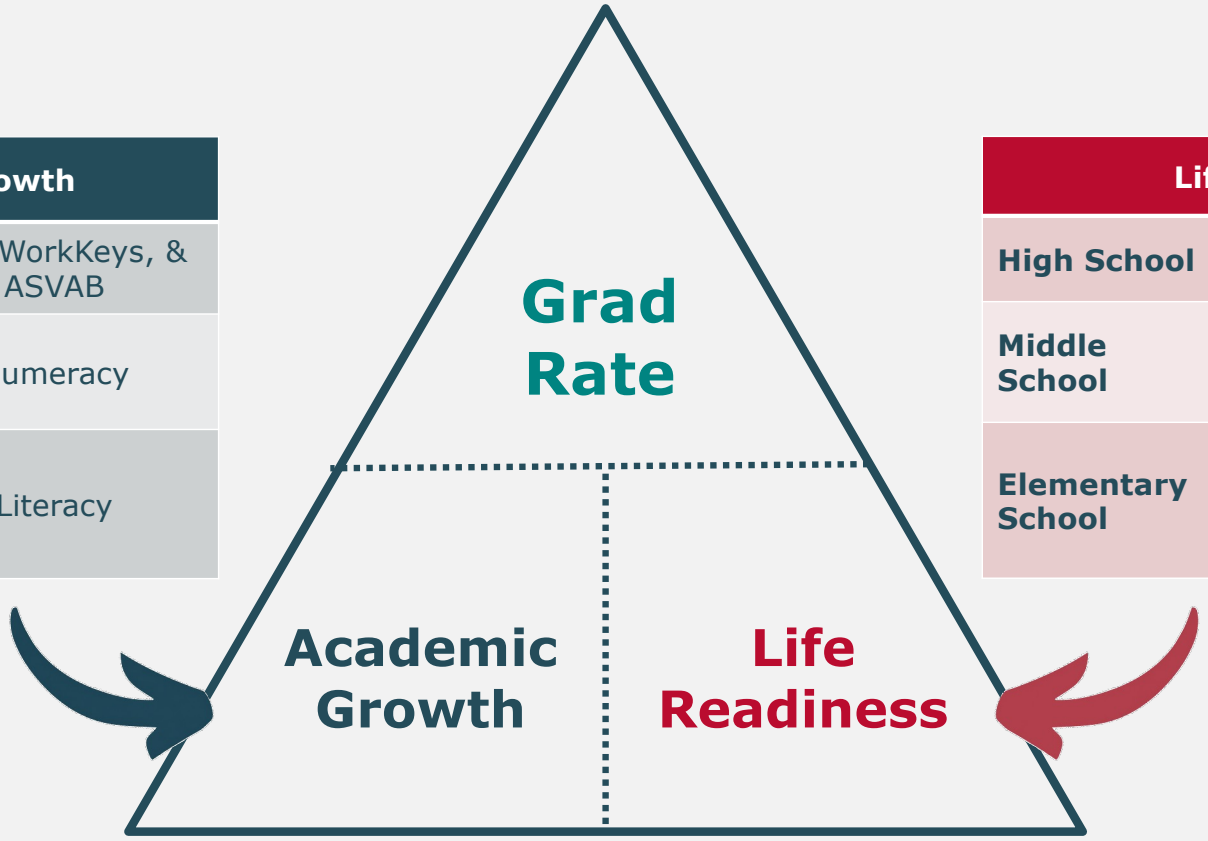
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2026-2027 Strategic Plan

Academic Growth	
High School	ACT, WorkKeys, & ASVAB
Middle School	Numeracy
Elementary School	Literacy



Life Readiness	
High School	Postsecondary Assets
Middle School	Early Exposure to High School Opportunities
Elementary School	Expanded Opportunities for Middle School Enrichment

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Graduation Rate – Increase the graduation rate from **85.1%** to **86%** by the class of 2027.

	Academic Growth	Life Readiness
High School	Increase students scoring a 21+ on the ACT, silver+ on ACT WorkKeys, or 31+ on the ASVAB from **44.6%** to **46%** by the class of 2027.	Increase students in the class of 2028 with one or more postsecondary asset from **53%** to **65%** by fall of 2027.
Middle School	Increase middle school students scoring level 2 or higher on the math state assessment from **55.2%** to **58%** by spring of 2027.	Increase early exposure to high school opportunities from **227** to **245** by fall of 2027.
Elementary School	Increase 3rd – 5th grade students scoring level 2 or higher on the ELA state assessment from **57.8%** to **60%** by spring of 2027.	Increase outgoing 5th grade students who do not need Tier 3 reading intervention from **82.6%** to **85%** by spring of 2027.

Elementary Life Readiness Goal



Increase outgoing 5th grade students who do not need Tier 3 reading intervention from **82.6%** to **85%** by spring of 2027

- **How does it connect?**
- **Why does it matter?**

Middle School Life Readiness Goal

Increase early exposure to high school opportunities from **227** to **245** by fall of 2027.

- **Which courses count?**
- **How do we increase?**
- **How does it connect?**
- **Why does it matter?**



High School Life Readiness Goal



Increase students in the class of 2028 with one or more postsecondary asset from **53%** to **65%** by fall of 2027.

- **How does it connect?**
- **Why does it matter?**

STRATEGIES FOR PROGRESS

- Goal Alignment
- Intentional Intervention
- Postsecondary Asset Awareness & Understanding

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Questions

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