

**West Towson Elementary School
Community School Progress Summary 2020-2021
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BCPS Vision: Baltimore County Public Schools will be among the highest performing school systems in the nation as a result of creating, sustaining, and investing in excellence for every student, every school, and every community.

School Mission: The West Towson community will collaborate to empower and inspire all students to reach their greatest potential. Through a safe, authentic, and engaging learning environment, the West Towson learners will become insightful, compassionate leaders equipped to make a positive impact on our world.

Mathematics

Goal: All students will achieve mathematics proficiency as indicated by the MCAP assessment.

Action Step(s):

Teachers will provide opportunities for guided practice and provide timely and specific feedback to students.

Teachers will identify and implement appropriate scaffolds for instruction to promote student independence and to ensure students receiving special education services can access grade level content.

Literacy

Goal: All students will achieve literacy proficiency as indicated by the MCAP assessment.

Teachers will identify and implement appropriate scaffolds for instruction to promote student independence and to ensure students receiving special education services can access grade level content.

Teachers will use a process for formative assessment including checks for understanding during instruction and adjust teaching as needed based on student progress.

Safe and Secure Environment

Action Step(s):

Educators will examine and interrogate their personal biases to become aware of the ways in which their own cultural experiences influence the conditions and learning opportunities that they create for students.

Teachers will demonstrate cultural competency in making instructional decisions regarding the students they serve, including their strengths and needs.

Culture

How will the leadership team create the conditions that support this instruction?

Action Step(s):

Using the school's data wall, student performance in mathematics and ELA will be monitored and connected to small group planning and instruction.

Professional learning opportunities will be provided with emphasis upon improving instructional practices which will meet the needs of all students.

Professional learning opportunities will be provided to increase teachers' capacity to integrate SEL strategies and practices as an essential part of the overall program.

Professional learning opportunities will be provided to increase teachers' abilities to provide culturally responsive instruction.