

LINKING SCHOOL CLIMATE DATA TO ACADEMIC OUTCOMES

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Overview

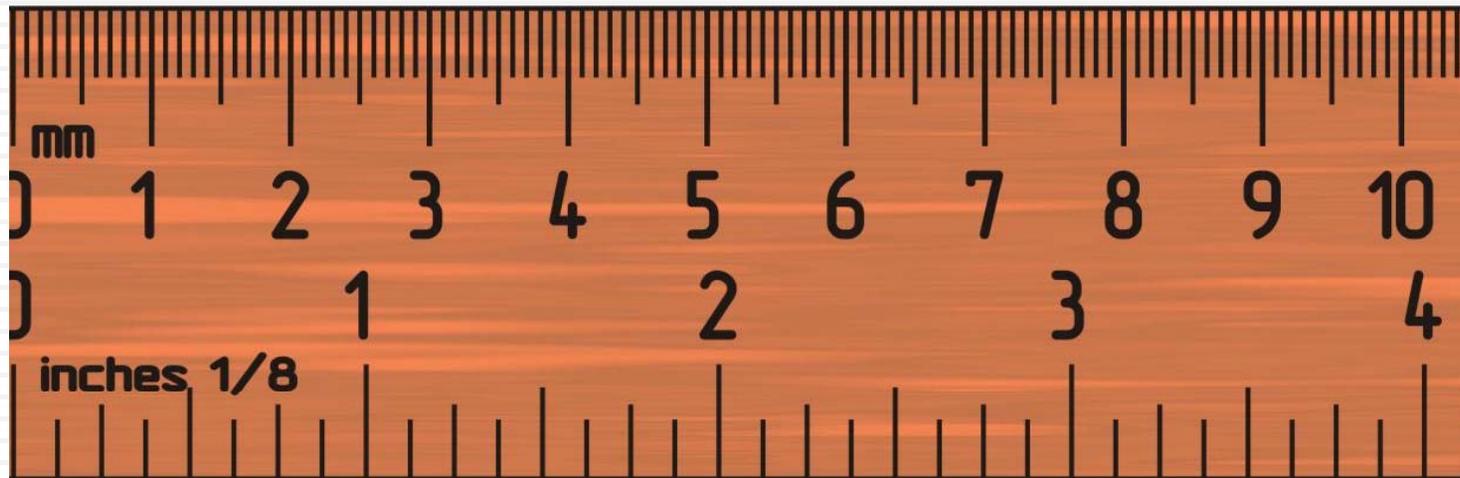


- Why is it Important to Link Climate and Academic Data
- Who Needs to Know What and Why
- How to Communicate Data
- Modes for Presenting Data for Analysis and Use
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- How Can Survey Data Be Connected to Academic Data

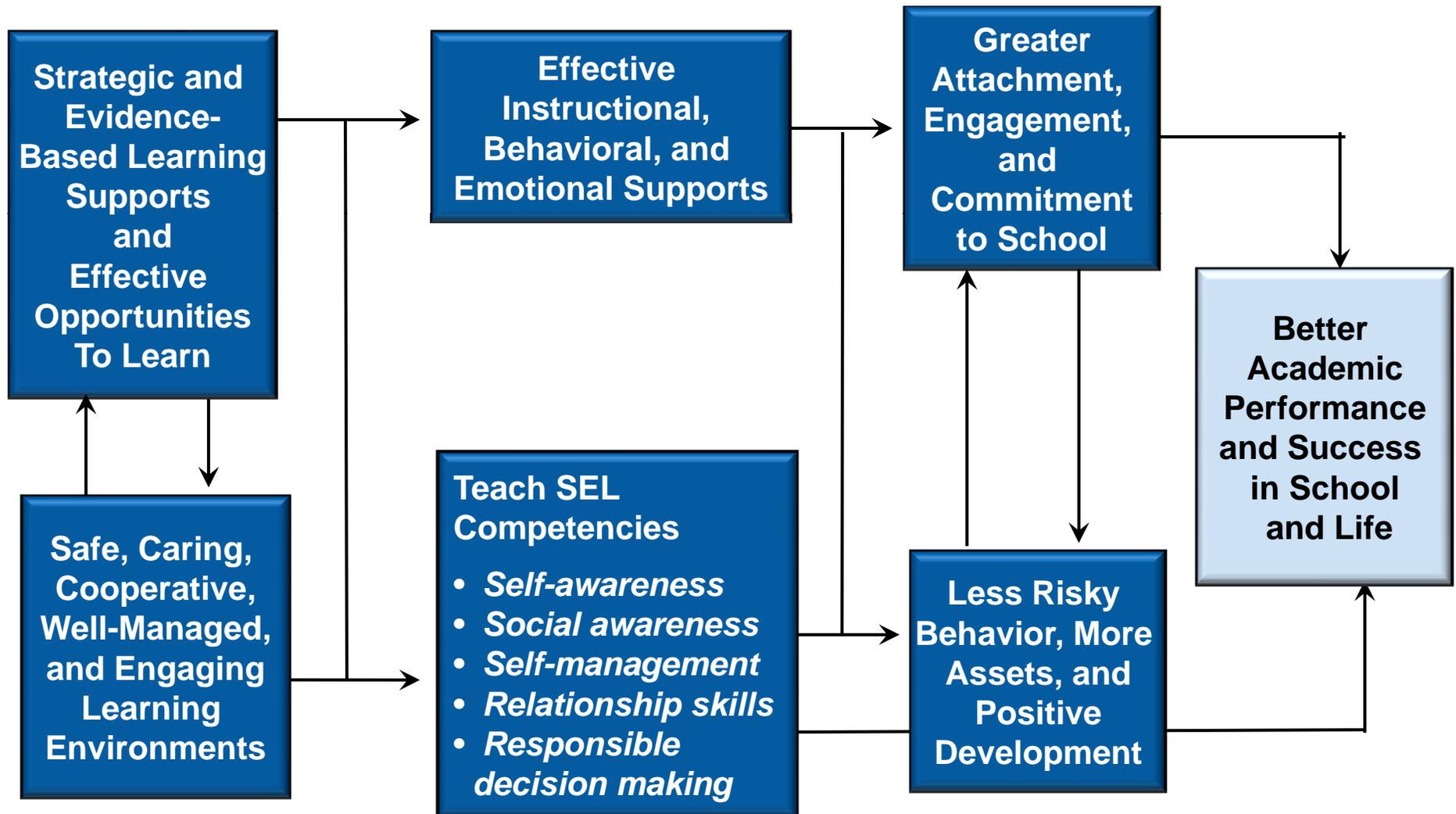
Why is it Important to Link Climate and Academic Data

- Enhancing students' connection to school, commitment to achieve, and social, emotional, and civic competencies should improve both academic performance and positive development (Greenberg et al., 2003; McNeeley, Nonnemaker, & Blum, 2002; Osher et al., 2008; Zins et al., 2004).
- Some students experience barriers to learning (social, economic, health) that even the best instruction cannot overcome (Adelman & Taylor, 2000; Osher, Dwyer, & Jackson, 2004).

What Gets Measured is What Gets Done



Logic Model for Safe and Successful Schools



The Importance of the Conditions for Learning

Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physically safe• Emotionally safe• Treated fairly and equitably• Avoid risky behaviors• School is safe and orderly	Support , Care, & Connection <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meaningful connection to adults• Experience of Care & Respect• Strong bonds to school• Positive peer relationships• Effective and available support
Challenge & Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• High expectations• School is connected to life goals• Strong personal motivation• Academic Engagement• Rigorous academic opportunities	Social Emotional Competency <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emotional intelligence• Self Regulation• Culturally competence• Responsible and persistent• Cooperative team players• Contribute to school community

Who Needs to Know What and Why



Functions



- ❑ Persuasion and Motivation
- ❑ Transparency
- ❑ Performance Management
- ❑ Surveillance
- ❑ Accountability
- ❑ Continuous Quality Improvement
- ❑ Guide Action
- ❑ Collaboration

Different People May Need Different Information At Different Times For Different Purposes



- Policy Makers
- State, District, and School Leaders
- State, Regional, District, and School Level TA Providers
- School Leadership Teams
- Community Leaders and Agencies
- School Staff
- Students
- Families



How to Communicate Data

Coming to Judgment

- **Stage 1: Lack of awareness**—Being unaware of the importance of school safety, supportive environments, student mental health, and their links to academic improvement.
- **Stage 2: Awareness**—Becoming aware of the importance of school safety, supportive environments, student mental health, and their links to academic improvement.
- **Stage 3: Urgency**—Feeling a need to address these matters.
- **Stage 4: Looking for answers**—Searching for ways to improve school safety, student support, student mental health, and academic performance.
- **Stage 5: Resistance**—Resisting possible solutions.
- **Stage 6: Weighing the choices**—Rationally weighing choices and balancing the pros and cons of different choices.
- **Stage 7: Intellectual acceptance**—Changing their attitude so that they are ready to support the school improvement effort.
- **Stage 8: Full acceptance**—Implementing an individual and a schoolwide commitment to change behavior and to implement change to benefit the school community as a whole.

Concerns Based Adoption Model (CBAM)

Stage 6, Refocusing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Encourage individual interests in “finding a better way” ■ Help individuals channel their ideas and energies into productive activities
Stage 5, Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Provide opportunities for people to work collaboratively to address shared concerns ■ Help collaborators establish reasonable expectations of, and guidelines for, the collaborative effort
Stage 4, Consequence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Provide positive feedback and needed support ■ Provide opportunities for people to learn from other similar efforts and/or models ■ Share information obtained through evaluations
Stage 3, Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Answer specific “how to” questions ■ Provide training and answers that address the specific “how to” issues that often produce management concerns ■ Avoid considering future impact at this time
Stage 2, Personal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Legitimize the existence and provide opportunities for the expression of personal concerns ■ Show how change can be implemented in small steps over time
Stage 1, Informational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Provide clear and accurate information ■ Relate changes to current practices ■ Share information in a variety of ways
Stage 0, Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Involve teachers, administrators, community leaders in discussion and decisions ■ Provide current data on the need for mental health in district

Communicating Results

- ❑ Present a lot of data in a friendly format
- ❑ Provide actionable information
- ❑ Multiple formats for varying audiences

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Response Rate: **72%**

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2006 Student Connection Survey

Dear School Community,

As part of the High School Transformation Project, a multi-year effort focused on helping all high schools improve, CPS has produced the High School Scorecard to share data about our schools in a variety of areas. One area, Student Connection, reports information about student perceptions of safety, educational expectations, school support, social and emotional skills, and extracurricular participation, all of which have been shown to be necessary conditions for learning. These data were collected through a student survey. The survey results for your school are contained within this report.

This report is from the point of view of our students, while their perceptions may not match our own, it is essential that we value and respect their voice. Listening to what the students have to say is an important step toward keeping them engaged as partners in producing meaningful change in our schools.

The data from this survey, together with other information such as attendance, disciplinary referrals, and test gains, provide information to enhance your school's approach to student connection.

I am very proud that CPS is the first large urban school district in the country to systematically measure student connection information, share it transparently, and provide additional tools that school leaders can use to improve in this area. I am confident that your school will be able to use this information to improve the learning conditions and learning outcomes available to all our students.

Sincerely,
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Chief Executive Officer

What is in this report?

Pages 2-5 of this report present your school's results on the four scales of the Student Connection Survey and compare those results with the district average.

Results are shown as the percentage of students whose responses fall into the excellent, adequate, and needs improvement categories. Results are also shown for subgroups of students.

Pages 6 and 7 of this report present results for individual survey questions; these results should be interpreted with caution because individual items are not as trustworthy as scale scores.

On the back page of the report, you can find suggested next steps for using these results for school improvement. As you work with your school community to make plans for school improvement, remember to focus on all students even if the majority of students rated your school positively.

What role can principals play?

When principals work together with staff, students, and parents on the conditions for learning in a school, powerful instructional communities are built. Principals can personally model the process of using data to make decisions about how to improve schoolwide and classroom practices.

Percentage of students whose responses indicate that your school is performing adequately or better:

Safe and Respectful Climate	62%
High Expectations	78%
Student Support	78%
Social and Emotional Learning	73%

Response Rate by Grade:

Freshmen	68%
Sophomores	70%
Juniors	75%
Seniors	68%

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Roberto Clemente Community Academy High School
2007 Student Connection Survey Results

Download 2007 Survey Report PDF

The elements of student connection measured within the Student Connection Survey have been shown, both by research and through the experience of our CPS educators, to be critical to student learning.

Safe and Respectful Climate

The Safe and Respectful Climate scale measures two things: how physically safe students feel and how emotionally safe students feel. Students who attend safe schools are more likely to be academically engaged and are less likely to exhibit problem behaviors such as drug use or violence. Students are less likely to drop out of safe schools. Schools must provide a safe and secure environment for all students.

The values in the graph at right reflect the percentage of students who rate your school as excellent, adequate, or needs improvement.

Overall Results

98% - Excellent
72% - Adequate
30% - Needs Improvement

Results by Grade of Students

- Excellent.** Students feel physically safe in their classes, in the hallways and bathrooms, and outside around the school. They feel emotionally safe because students treat each other with respect, get along well together, and look out for each other.
- Adequate.** Students feel physically safe most of the time, but there may be occasional fights, thefts, or vandalism. They usually feel emotionally safe but may occasionally be teased, bullied, harassed, or put down by other students.
- Needs Improvement.** Students do not feel physically safe because there are regular problems with fights, thefts, or vandalism. They do not feel emotionally safe because they are often teased, picked on, or bullied. They may stay at home because they do not feel safe at school.

Recommended programs and strategies for improving safety and climate

2008/09

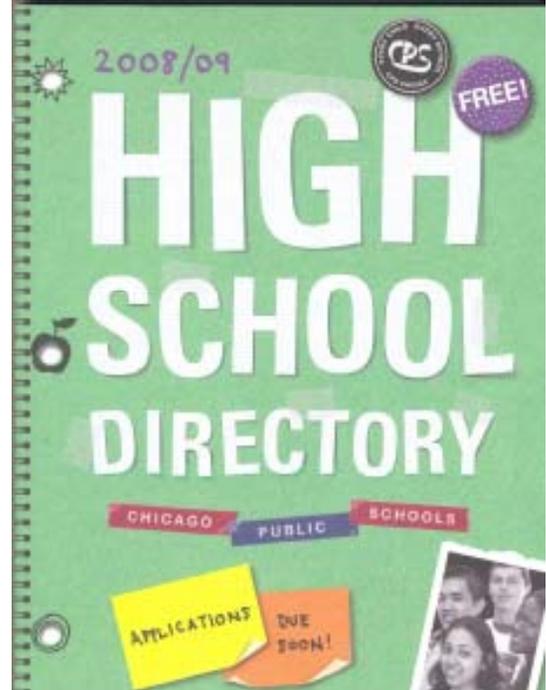
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HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTORY

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APPLICATIONS DUE SOON!



School Level Report

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Safe and Respectful Climate

Overall Results

Percent Adequate or Above

76%

73%

19%

21%

57%

52%

24%

27%

Your School

CPS Average

What These Results Mean

The Safe and Respectful Climate scale measures two things: how physically safe students feel and how emotionally safe students feel. Students who attend safe schools are more likely to be academically engaged and are less likely to exhibit problem behaviors such as drug use or violence. Students are less likely to drop out of safe schools. Schools must provide a safe and secure environment for all students.

In your school, 19% of students report that the level of safety is excellent. These students feel physically safe in their classes, in the hallways and bathrooms, and outside around the school. They feel emotionally safe because students treat each other with respect, get along well together, and look out for each other.

In your school, 57% of students report that the level of safety is adequate. These students feel physically safe *most* of the time, but there may be occasional fights, thefts, or vandalism. They *usually* feel emotionally safe but may occasionally be teased, bullied, harassed, or put down by other students.

In your school, 24% of students report that they do not feel safe. These students do not feel physically safe because there are regular problems with fights, thefts, or vandalism. They do not feel emotionally safe because they are *often* teased, picked on, or bullied, and they may stay at home because they do not feel safe at school.

Some groups of students feel less safe than others at your school. This group includes female students. *Some* groups of students feel safer than others at your school. These groups include male students and freshmen.

EXCELLENT

Students do not worry about their physical safety. They treat one another with respect.

ADEQUATE

Students *mostly* do not worry about their physical safety. However, there are *some* problems with regard to emotional safety.

NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

Students worry about both their physical and emotional safety.

High Expectations

Overall Results

Percent Adequate or Above

82%

76%

28%

25%

55%

51%

18%

24%

Your
School

CPS
Average

What These Results Mean

The High Expectations scale measures how much students perceive that teachers encourage them to think, work hard, do their best, and connect what they are learning in school to life outside of school. A rigorous curriculum, presented in a way that is relevant to students, will promote student achievement.

In your school, 28% of students report that teachers have high expectations. These students say that *most* teachers expect students to do well in school and in life, and teachers regularly connect what students are learning in school to life outside the classroom. Students think that their classes are interesting and challenging.

In your school, 55% of students report that teachers' expectations are adequate. These students think that *some* teachers expect a lot from students but that other teachers do not. They find *some* classes interesting and challenging, but other classes are routine and boring.

In your school, 18% of students report that teacher expectations need improvement. These students do not think that teachers expect them to work hard, do well in school, or attend every class. They do not feel challenged, and they say that their teachers do not explain how lessons connect to life outside the classroom.

Some groups of students feel less challenged than others at your school. This group includes male students. *Some* groups of students feel more challenged than others at your school. These groups include female students and juniors.

EXCELLENT

Students think that their teachers expect *all* students to put in a high level of effort and be engaged in their coursework and extracurricular activities. Students think that *most* classes are interesting, challenging, and relevant.

ADEQUATE

Students think that their teachers expect *most* students to put in a high level of effort and be engaged in their coursework and extracurricular activities. In addition, students think that *some* classes are interesting, challenging, and relevant.

NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

Students think that their teachers expect *few* students in the school to perform at a high level. Students think that classes are *often* boring, and that teachers have little expectation that students will become engaged in what they are learning.



Student Support

Overall Results

Percent Adequate or Above

79%

75%



Your School

CPS Average

What These Results Mean

The Student Support scale measures how much students feel listened to, cared about, and helped by teachers and other adults in the school. Strong relationships between teachers and students lead to higher academic achievement, even for students who have previously done poorly in school or come from disadvantaged backgrounds.

In your school, 31% of students report that the level of support is excellent. These students say that their teachers know them personally, notice when they are having trouble, and make sure that they have what they need to succeed.

In your school, 48% of students report that the level of support is adequate. These students say that although *some* teachers have a deep commitment to them, other teachers have not made any effort to get to know them beyond the classroom. These students generally feel close to at least one adult in the school.

In your school, 21% of students report that the level of support needs improvement. These students think that teachers generally do not care whether or not they succeed. They do not think that there is anyone at school who would help them with a problem.

Some groups of students feel less supported than others at your school. These groups include male students, freshmen and sophomores. *Some* groups of students feel more supported than others at your school. These groups include female students and juniors.

EXCELLENT

Students think that *most* of their teachers and other adults in the school listen to them and care about them. Students report that teachers provide extra help when it is needed.

ADEQUATE

Students think that there is at least one teacher or other adult in the school who will help them with an academic or personal problem. Students report that although *some* teachers offer extra help to those who need it, others do not.

NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

Students think that *most* teachers and other adults in the school do not listen to them or care about them. Students report that teachers seldom interact with them beyond what is required in the classroom.

Social and Emotional Learning

Overall Results

Percent Adequate or Above

78%

74%

25%

22%

53%

52%

22%

26%

Your
School

CPS
Average

What These Results Mean

The Social and Emotional Skills scale measures students' perception of their social and problem-solving skills. Developing students' social and emotional skills improves their grades, attendance, behavior, and attitudes toward school. Students with good social and emotional skills are less likely to drop out of school.

In your school, 25% of students report that they have excellent social and emotional skills. These students report that they resolve conflicts peacefully, solve problems creatively, and communicate effectively. They work productively in teams, get along with students who are different from them, know when to ask for help, and want to help others.

In your school, 53% of students report that they have adequate social and emotional skills. These students report that they *sometimes* have good problem-solving skills, work well in groups, and try to understand how others think and feel.

In your school, 22% of students report that their social and emotional skills need improvement. These students have trouble both asking for help and giving help to others. They have trouble resolving conflicts peacefully.

Some groups of students report that they are not as socially and emotionally skilled as others at your school. These groups include Hispanic students, students with disabilities, male students and freshmen. *Some* groups of students report that they are more socially and emotionally skilled than others at your school. These groups include Black students, female students and sophomores.

EXCELLENT

Students report that they care about others, work productively with one another, and have good social skills. They believe that they have well-developed problem-solving and conflict resolution skills.

ADEQUATE

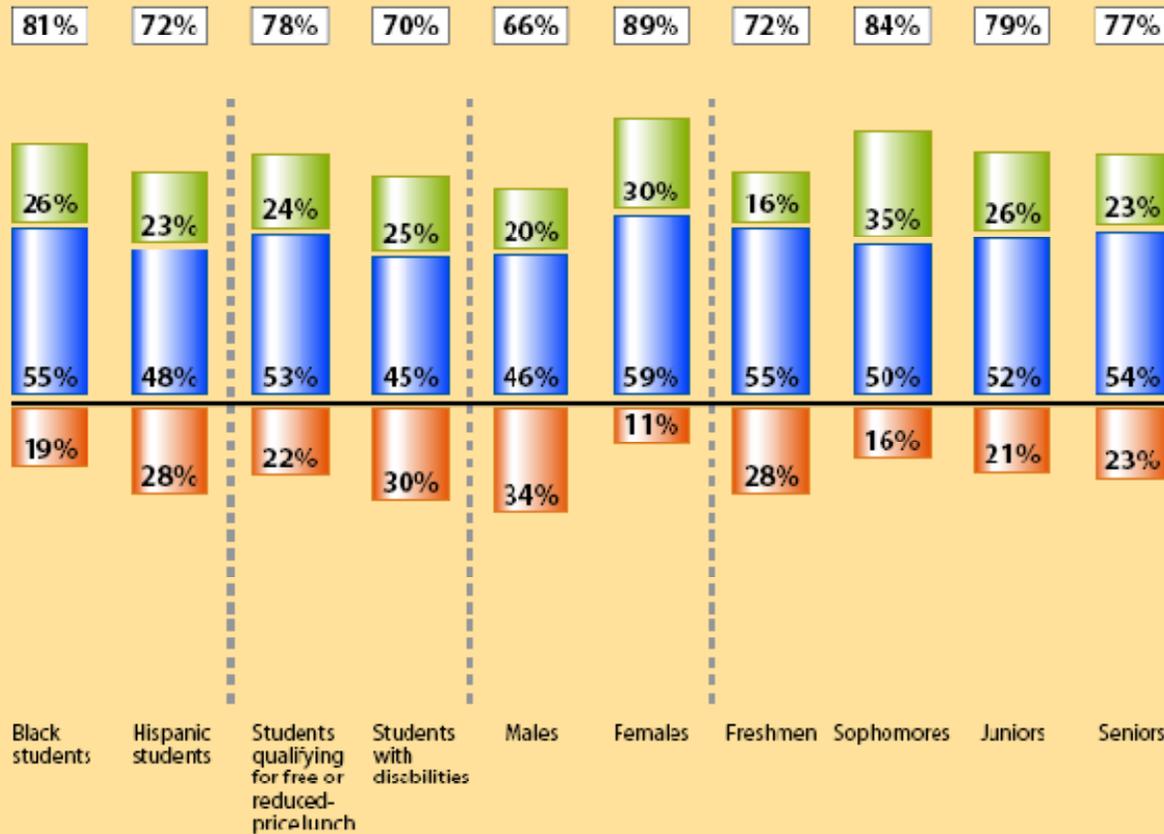
Students *sometimes* care about others, work fairly well with one another, and have moderately good social skills. Students think that they have good problem-solving and conflict resolution skills *some* of the time.

NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

Students do not rate themselves as socially skilled. They report that they do not work well with or care about helping others. Students report having trouble solving problems and resolving conflict effectively.

Results by Groups of Students

Percent Adequate or Above



Results are not reported for Asian/Pacific Islander students, Native American students, White students and English language learners because there were fewer than 10 students in each of these groups in your school.



Your School's Performance on

This table shows the percentage of students in your school who provided each

Safe and Respectful Climate

Physical Safety

How safe do you feel:

	NOT SAFE	SOMEWHAT SAFE	MOSTLY SAFE	VERY SAFE
1. Outside around the school?	25	42	26	6
2. In the hallways and bathrooms of the school?	12	32	38	18
3. In your classes?	4	14	40	42

How much do you agree with the following statements about your school:

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
4. I worry about crime and violence in school.	6	25	45	25
5. I feel safe when security is present.	15	37	39	9
6. I sometimes stay home because I don't feel safe at school.	41	41	12	5

Emotional Safety

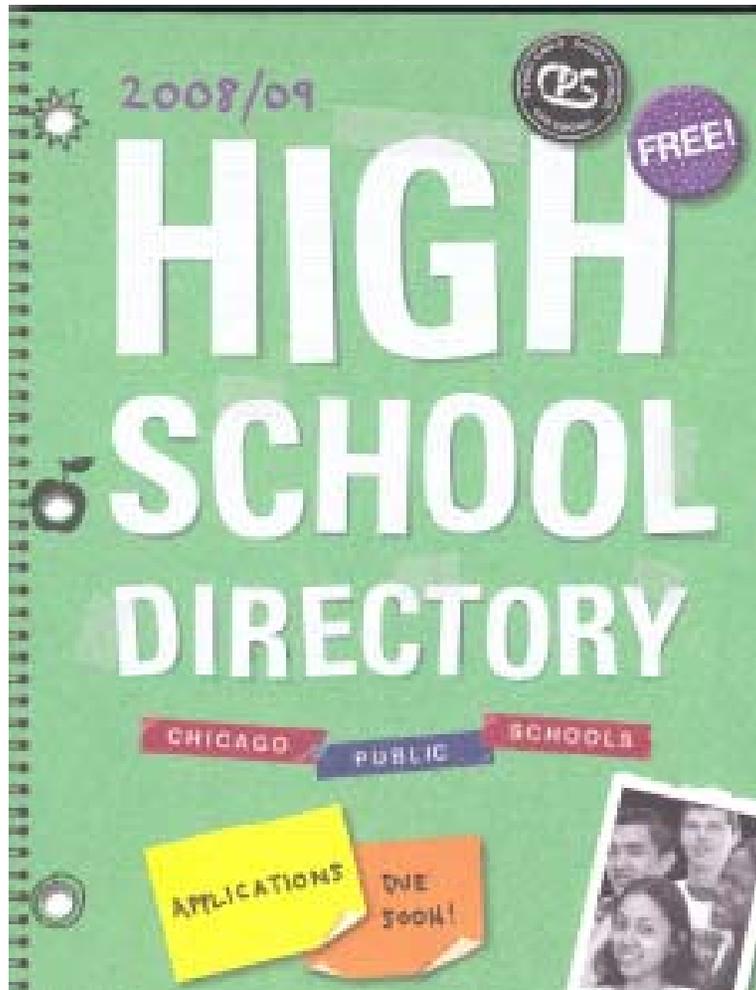
Most students in this school:

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
7. Don't really care about each other.	4	34	46	16
8. Like to put others down.	5	23	55	17
9. Don't get along together very well.	4	32	48	16
10. Just look out for themselves.	5	32	46	17
11. Treat each other with respect.	20	47	28	5

How much do you agree with the following statements about your school:

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE
12. Students at this school are often teased or picked on.	3	18	52	27
13. Students at this school are often threatened or bullied.	3	21	51	26

High School Directory



- Guide for families to support school choice
- High school fair
- Prominent on CPS web site



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Dear CPS Community:

In order to visualize college, it's important for CPS students to see campus life first-hand. So City Colleges of Chicago is hosting a bus tour this week, from Aug. 14 to 17, to give our students and recent graduates, as well as their parents, a close-up view of their local college options:

Daley College, 7500 S. Pulaski Rd. (Aug. 14)
 Olive-Harvey College, 10001 S. Woodlawn Ave. (Aug. 15)
 The new Kennedy-King College, 6301 S. Halsted (Aug. 16)
 Malcolm X College, 1900 W. Van Buren St. (Aug. 16)
 Harold Washington College, 30 E. Lake St. (Aug. 16)
 Wright College, 4300 N. Narragansett Ave. (Aug. 17)
 Truman College, 1145 W. Wilson Ave. (Aug. 17)

Students and parents are encouraged to visit every school on each day that the tours are offered. Bus transportation is provided, as is a free lunch and refreshments. Tours depart Rainbow/PUSH headquarters, 930 E. 50th St., at 9 a.m. each day, and buses return at 4 p.m.

Students and parents will see that each school is a little bit different. But when it comes to the City Colleges of Chicago, there are some very important commonalities: affordability, accessibility, quality, flexible scheduling and course variety.

City Colleges of Chicago is giving our students a great opportunity, and we encourage them all to take advantage of it!

Sincerely,

Arne Duncan



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Clemente

On October 7, 2005, Clemente Community Academy was named one of 75 “Promising Schools” nationally by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the International Center for Leadership in Education (ICLE) for successfully organizing six small schools. “Success by Design and Leadership” is the motto of the six Clemente small schools.

Neighborhood School

1147 North Western Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60622
Attendance Boundaries Yes see map
Phone 773-534-4000
Fax 773-534-4012
Principal Leonard Kenebrew
Contact Dr. Nguyen-Trung Hieu

Web clemenths.org
Instruction Area 21
Grades 9-12
Enrollment 2,384
Special needs students 21%
ELL students 9%

Admissions

Open to students living in attendance area. If space is available, students from outside the area may apply. Contact the school for more information.

Application Standard Application, see back of book.
Application deadline December 22, 2006
Testing None required.

Overview

Roberto Clemente Community Academy is an active participant in the CPS Small Schools Initiative and operates six schools-within-a-school as part of its program. MSTA is open to students from outside Clemente’s attendance area. Clemente also offers several Education To Careers (ETC) tracks including an award-winning culinary arts program.

Small school teachers have helped redefine the school’s emphasis on team teaching, problem solving and educational clusters. Clemente builds strong ties between school and community.

In addition to our six small schools, Clemente offers ETC clusters in architectural drafting, CISCO networking, culinary arts, fashion design and information technology.

Honors classes are available to qualified students in all core subjects. Advanced Placement (AP) classes are offered in English language, English literature, Spanish, U.S. history, chemistry and physics. Clemente has had a successful full-time partnership with DePaul University, Northeastern University, and Northwestern University since 1997.

Athletics Baseball, basketball, bowling, cross country, football, soccer, softball, track, volleyball and wrestling.

Scorecard

	Score	CPS Rank	Trends, Benchmarks		
Student Outcomes					
Freshmen Graduating within Five Years	53%	29 of 57	46%	48%	53%
Graduates Enrolled in College or Postsecondary Education	26%	54 of 61			
Graduates Not Attending College Who are Employed	51%	16 of 45			
Academic Progress					
Meet/Exceed PSAE State Standards	13%	44 of 68	10%	12%	13%
Freshmen On-Track to Graduate	60%	29 of 68	62%	53%	60%
Average ACT	14.8	51 of 62	Illinois avg. 20.1		
Students Making Expected Gains	34%	51 of 68			
Students Enrolled in Advanced Placement Classes	3%	34 of 51			
Students Scoring 3+ on Advanced Placement Exams	34%	10 of 27			
Made NCLB Adequate Yearly Progress	No				
Student Connection					
Average Days Absent per Student	24.1	42 of 79	23.9	26.6	24.1
Students Reporting Participation in Extracurricular Activities	62%	73 of 85			
Students Reporting a Safe and Respectful School Climate	62%	58 of 85			
Students Reporting High Expectations at School	78%	34 of 85			
Students Reporting Supportive Teachers and Staff at School	78%	29 of 85			
School Characteristics					
Highly Qualified Teachers	76%	82 of 88			
Average Days Absent per Teacher	9.3	42 of 86			
School Cleanliness	Available Fall 2007				



Scorecard

	Score	CPS Rank	Trends, Benchmarks		
STUDENT OUTCOMES					
			2003	2004	2005
Freshmen Graduating within Five Years	72%	9 of 61	59%	68%	72%
Graduates Enrolled in College or Post-secondary Education	54%	15 of 71			
Graduates Not Attending College Who Are Employed	52%	14 of 71			
ACADEMIC PROGRESS					
			2004	2005	2006
Meet/Exceed PSAE State Standards	40%	8 of 77	35%	39%	40%
Students Exceeding State Standards	1%	14 of 77			
Freshmen On-Track to Graduate	77%	6 of 78	69%	79%	77%
Average ACT	17.2	11 of 77	Illinois avg. 20.1		
Students Scoring 20 or Higher on the ACT	21%	10 of 77			
Students Making Expected Gains	55%	10 of 89			
Students Enrolled in Advanced Placement Classes	11%	11 of 69	8%	12%	11%
Students Scoring 3+ on Advanced Placement Exams	29%	5 of 56	31%	35%	29%
Made NCLB Adequate Yearly Progress	Yes				
STUDENT CONNECTION					
			2005	2006	2007

STUDENT CONNECTION

2005 2006 2007

Average Days Absent per Student	27	59 of 102	18.9	16.7	27
Students Reporting Participation in Extracurricular Activities	71%	39 of 95			
Students Reporting a Safe and Respectful School Climate	91%	19 of 95			
Students Reporting Academic Rigor at School	81%	30 of 95			
Students Reporting Supportive Teachers and Staff at School	63%	69 of 92			

SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

Number of National Board Certified Teachers	4			
Average Days Absent per Teacher	Available Fall 2008			
School Cleanliness	C			
Parents Reporting Satisfaction with School	35%	Parents Completing Satisfaction Survey	16%	



How Can Survey Data Be Connected to Interventions

Intervention Selection Calculus

X Intervention works with

Y Children and Youth

In **Z** context

When you do:

A, B, & C

And you don't alter

D & E

Or add

F & G





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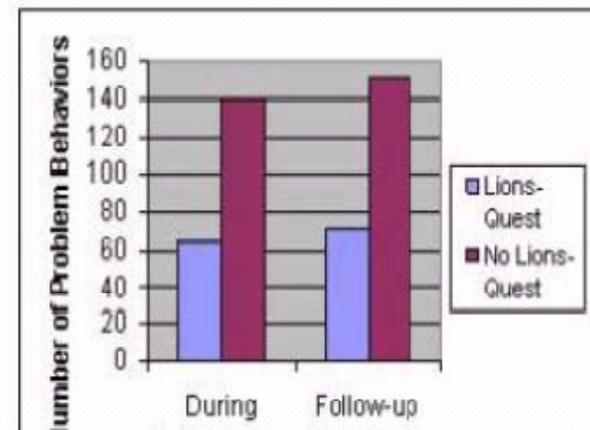
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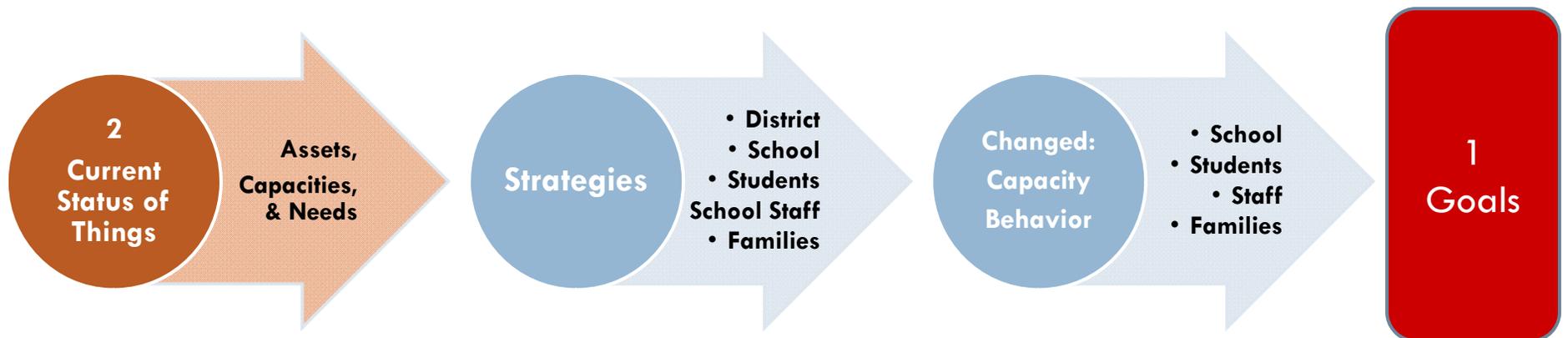
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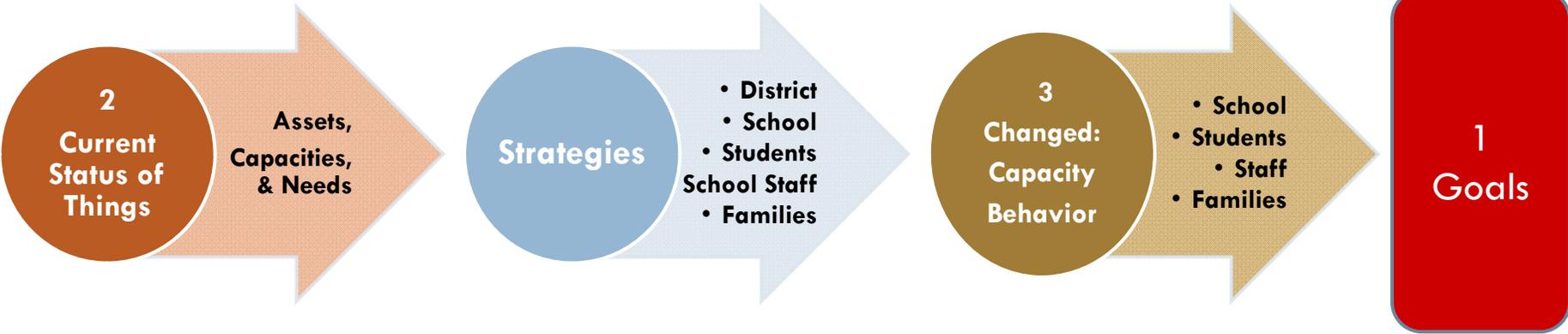
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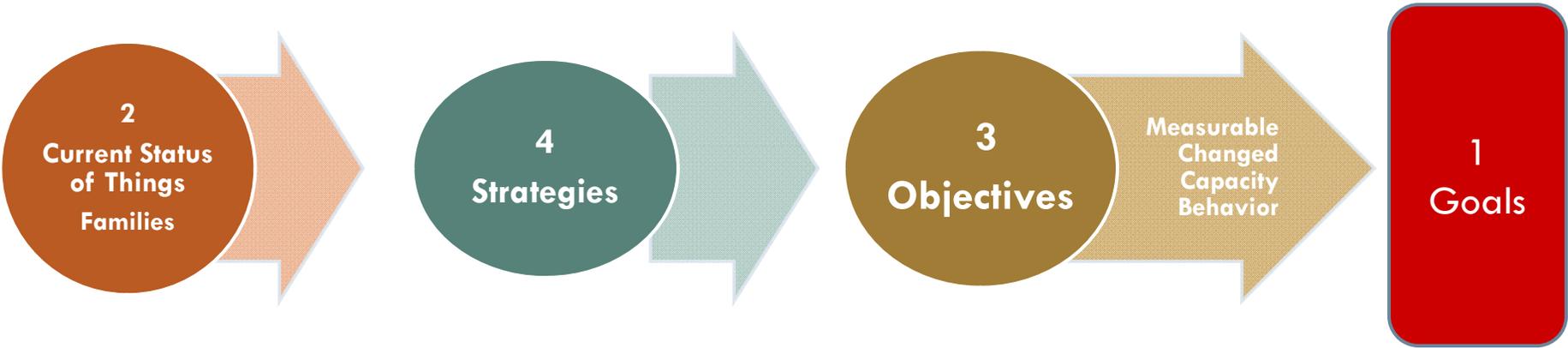
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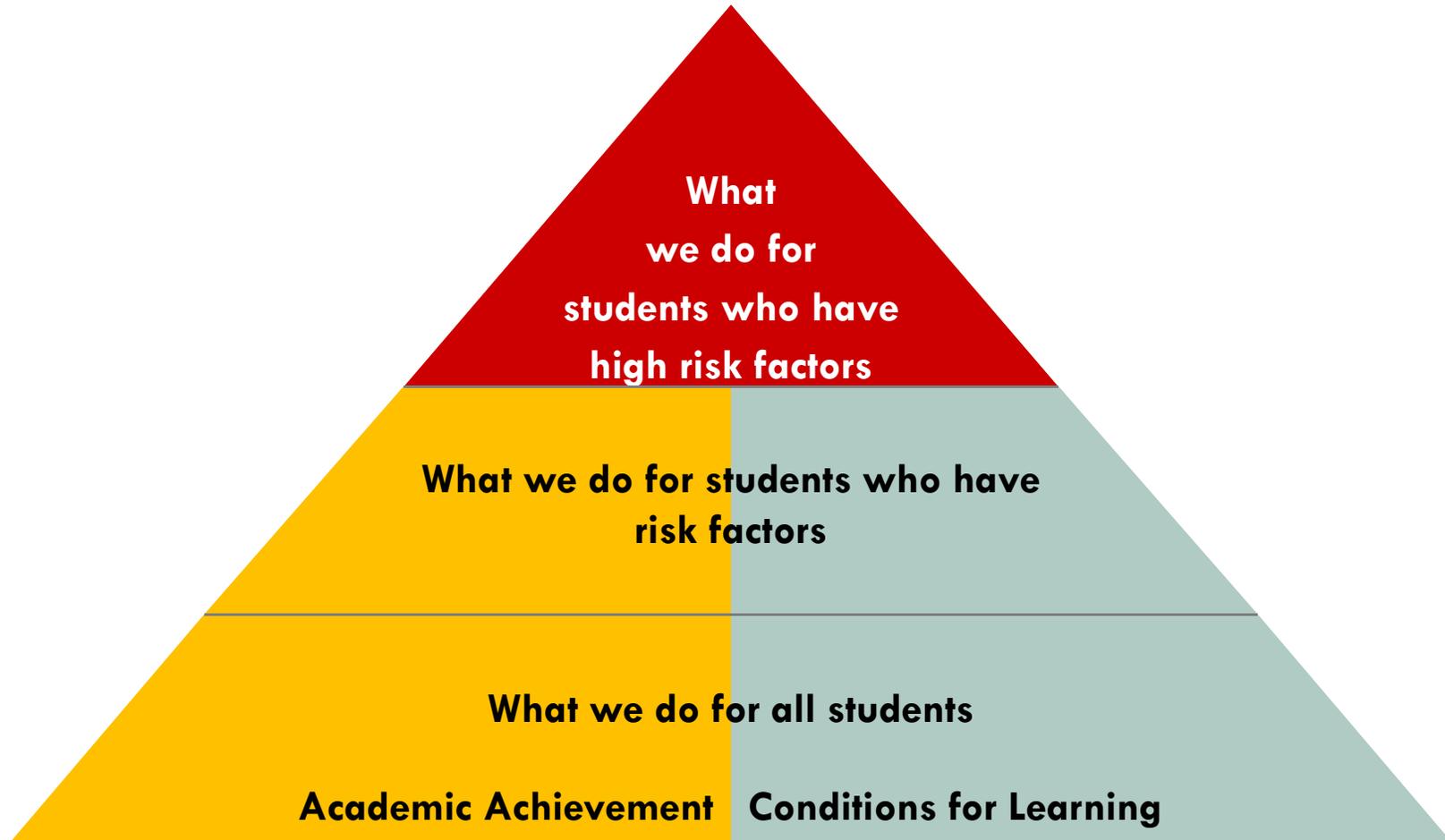
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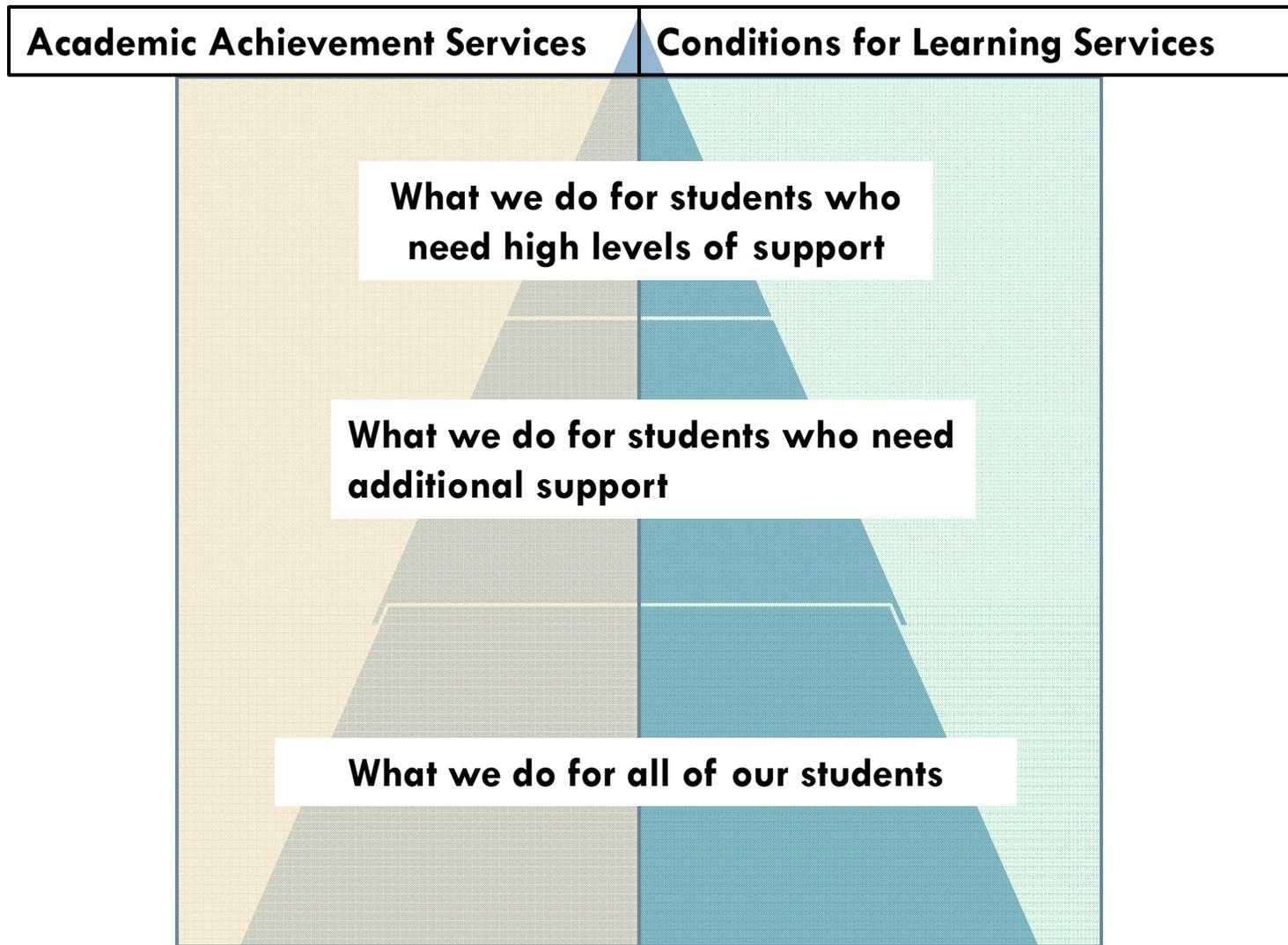
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