# **Student Learning Target**

| Grade:                          | Subject:              | Interval of Instruction: |  |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 9 <sup>th</sup> (Counselor SLT) | Academic Intervention | Full Academic Year       |  |

#### 1. WHAT SHOULD STUDENTS KNOW AND BE ABLE TO DO? HOW WILL I MEASURE SUCCESS?

- What content will I prioritize?
  - o What standards are most tied to success?
  - o What prior knowledge will they need to be successful?
- What <u>assessment</u> will provide the best evidence of my students' mastery of the priority content at the end of the year?
  - Will this assessment method enable me to determine how students are progressing throughout the year?

## **Priority Content:**

There are multiple risk factors for students who are struggling academically, but <u>research</u> indicates that students who fail more than one grade prior to high school are less likely to graduate from high school. Other risk factors include poor attendance and behavior. A successful student acquires the attitudes, knowledge and skills to support academic performance required to complete high school and prepare for career and post-secondary options. In collaboration with teachers, I will monitor student progress towards academic goals aligned with <u>ASCA Mindsets & Behaviors for Student Success</u>, specifically Mindset Standards 2 and 5, Behavior Standard/Learning Strategies 3 and 7, Behavior Standard/Self-Management Skills 1 and 5, and Behavior Standard/Social Skills 1 and 7.

#### **End-of-Year Assessment Method and Name:**

At the end of the year, I will determine the number of Carnegie Credits earned for each student and identify each as core or elective subject areas. I will then identify which students earned a total of 6 credits and of those, how many credits were earned in core subject areas.

Carnegie Credits Earned



#### 2. WHAT DO STUDENTS KNOW AND WHAT ARE THEY ABLE TO DO NOW?

- What knowledge/skills are related to success with this year's priority content?
- What data sources and background information are available?
- What diagnostic assessment resources are available?
- What can I conclude about students' mastery of prior knowledge and skills?
- Based on the data, what can I conclude about students' readiness?

During the 2013-2014 school year, 41% (15/37) of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students indicated they needed assistance with study skills (EXPLORE® 8<sup>th</sup>). Additionally, 64.8% (24/37) indicated needing help with test-taking skills (counselor made assessment).

These students transitioned to 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The <u>Graduation Support Profile</u>, compiled by the LDOE, provided more information identifying 15 students with significant to very high risk factors. Of these students, one had been retained for 1 year prior to entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade. All 15 students indicated needing assistance with study skills (EXPLORE® 8) and test taking skills (counselor made assessment).

To be successful, these students in collaboration with counselor and teachers will need to identify <u>strategies</u> to address areas of need.

| Student Level Historical Data (15 Students) |       |     |      |         |                   |                        |       |             |
|---|-------|-----|------|---------|-------------------|------------------------|-------|-------------|
| Student                                     | Grade | ELA | Math | Science | Social<br>Studies | Journey to<br>Careers* | IBCA* | Risk Factor |
| 1   | 8     | D   | D    | С       | С                 | А                      | В     | Significant |
| 2   | 8     | D   | С    | D       | С                 | В                      | В     | Significant |
| 3   | 8     | D   | С    | D       | D                 | С                      | А     | Significant |
| 4   | 8     | С   | D    | D       | С                 | С                      | С     | Significant |
| 5   | 8     | D   | D    | D       | D                 | С                      | С     | Very High   |
| 6   | 8     | С   | С    | С       | С                 | С                      | С     | Significant |
| 7   | 8     | С   | D    | D       | С                 | Α                      | В     | Significant |
| 8   | 8     | D   | D    | D       | D                 | В                      | С     | Very High   |
| 9   | 8     | D   | D    | D       | D                 | В                      | С     | Very High   |
| 10  | 8     | С   | D    | С       | С                 | В                      | В     | Significant |
| 11  | 8     | D   | D    | D       | D                 | В                      | В     | Very High   |
| 12  | 8     | С   | С    | С       | С                 | В                      | В     | Significant |
| 13  | 8     | D   | D    | D       | D                 | С                      | С     | Very High   |
| 14  | 8     | С   | D    | D       | D                 | В                      | В     | Significant |
| 15  | 8     | С   | С    | С       | С                 | С                      | С     | Significant |

#### 3. IS THERE A GROUP OF STUDENTS ON WHICH I SHOULD FOCUS THIS LEARNING TARGET?

- Have I set learning targets for all of my students?
- Which subgroups in my school population need additional support to achieve success?
- Which students will need additional support to achieve success?

There are 126 students enrolled in grades 9 – 12 at my high school, but the focus of this SLT is on the at-risk 9<sup>th</sup> grade students as identified above. While my focus is on a specific group of students, all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will benefit from the testing taking and study skills curriculum. Prior to participation, I will meet with the identified at-risk students and their parents to describe the overall support structure, the academic remediation courses and acquire signatures on the compact agreement. During Advisory, I will deliver information in a whole group setting. Following whole group lessons, I will work in small groups with identified students while continuously monitoring their academic progress, attendance and behavior. In addition to bi-weekly check-ins with each student, I will consult frequently with his/her teachers and discuss progress with parents/guardians at least once during each grading period. As I monitor, I will identify students who are not progressing toward Carnegie credit in core subject areas. Exceptional attainment will be measured by the success of these at-risk students earning credit in core subject areas.

#### STUDENT LEARNING TARGET:

• What level of performance on the end-of-year assessment from Step 1 do I expect the identified student population to achieve?

By the end of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade school year, 12 out of 15 identified students will earn a minimum of six (6) Carnegie Credits.

### **SCORING PLAN:**

- How will you measure your students' success?
- Based on students' baseline data, what is the minimum level of performance I expect from the identified students?
- Based on students' baseline data, how many students can <u>reasonably</u> be expected to meet or exceed the expected level of performance?

| Insufficient Attainment of Target (1 point): The teacher has demonstrated an insufficient impact on student learning by falling far short of the target. | Partial Attainment of Target (2 points): The teacher has demonstrated some impact on student learning, but did not meet the target. | Full Attainment of Target (3 points): The teacher has demonstrated a considerable impact on student learning by meeting the target. | Exceptional Attainment of Target (4 points): The teacher has demonstrated an outstanding impact on student learning by surpassing the target by a meaningful margin.                          |
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| Achievement range: 9 or less of identified students earn a minimum of six (6) Carnegie Credits by end of 9 <sup>th</sup> grade year.                     | Achievement range: 10-11 of identified students earn a minimum of six (6) Carnegie Credits by end of 9 <sup>th</sup> grade year.    | Achievement range: 12-13 of identified students earn a minimum of six (6) Carnegie Credits by end of 9 <sup>th</sup> grade year.    | Achievement range: 14-15 of identified students earn a minimum of six (6) Carnegie Credits by end of 9 <sup>th</sup> grade year AND a minimum of three (3) credits are in core subject areas. |

#### 4. HOW WILL I MONITOR PROGRESS?

- When will I monitor students' developing mastery of the priority content?
- What <u>curricular resources</u> and <u>assessment methods</u> will I use to determine students' mastery of the priority content on an on-going basis?
- Are these assessment methods aligned with the end-of-year assessment identified in Step 1?

#### Ongoing

Weekly, I will monitor identified students' academic progress, attendance, and behavior. During bi-weekly check-ins, the identified students and I will discuss progress and make adjustments. Prior to grading period conferences with parents, I will gather additional information from teachers.

### Checkpoint 1

1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks

Participation in Advisory and small group

Grades, Attendance, and Behavior in all classes

### **Checkpoint 2**

2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks

Participation in Advisory and small group

Grades, Attendance, and Behavior in all classes

### **Checkpoint 3**

3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks

Participation in Advisory and small group

Grades, Attendance, and Behavior in all classes