

Newton Public Schools

School Level Goals & Action Steps 2019-20

Guiding Principles & Values

We are committed to student-centered learning and creating environments that are centered on personal improvement for all members of the school community. Student growth in relation to individual student starting points - socially, emotionally, and academically - prioritize our decisions and the choices we make in our classrooms and schools as a whole.

Kindergarten - Eighth Grade Goals

2019-2020

Goal #1

Improve student assessment practices in order to increase student achievement in math and ELA

- iReady Diagnostic - K-6
- IXL - 6-8
- Performance Matters - K-8
 - Align assessments with specific academic standards

2019-2020

Goal # 2

*Implement Response to
Intervention Practices*

- Progress monitoring assessment across all grade level utilizing standardized diagnostic assessment
- Appropriate student placement and interventions for linguistic minorities and students with interrupted educations.

2019-2020

Goal # 3

Identify, highlight and promote the successes of Merriam & Halsted students throughout their academic career

- Professional Development on Growth vs. Fixed Mindset
- Publicize college attendance rates of former Merriam & Halsted students to the current K-8 student body.

2019-2021

Goal # 4

Student progress and proficiency reporting that is individualized, standards based, and trackable over time

- Develop and implement Standards Based Report Cards K-5 on a digital platform that has the capacity to track, analyze, and report student progress over time.
- Integrate assessment and reporting systems.

Ninth - Twelfth Grade Goals

2019-2020

Goal # 1

English and Math teachers will develop a data collection, management, and analysis system for all students.

- Using data from standardized assessments (PSAT, SAT, AP, & ACT) as well as local unit assessments

2019-2020

Goal # 2

All content area teachers other than English and Mathematics will conduct two assessment analysis exercises.

- Using the approved curriculum and an assessment of their choice.
- Teachers will create a future assessment if time allows

2019-2020

Goal # 3

RTI and I&RS teams will merge

- Identify students in all three tiers
- Identify all course success rates at tier one

2019-2020

Overarching Goal

Our collective goals are meant to guide our daily practice toward our ultimate goal: To identify areas for student growth and then provide learning opportunities, targeted instruction, and support services that address identified student needs.