

RHS Media Center

Master Planning 2017-2018

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Exceptional Education

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Strengths

We have good support classes with small class sizes.

Christina H. is doing a wonderful job in the ELL Program.-BL

Our Life Skills program is an amazing program and truly offers the students chances to grow, learn, and figure out how to work in the real world. Emily S., Emily P., Tony S., Cindy McK.

Ell program is def a strength, strong special ed staff overall.

EL - translators, time for staff to work directly with students in the classes

Strong ELL program- Howard is great.

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Areas of Growths

Need better communication between content teachers and EL about when pulling out students vs. EL teacher joining class is beneficial. I would like to offer a higher level EL class to better differentiate and meet student needs. Training for content teachers to serve EL students in class.

More training for "gen-ed" teachers.

More options for exceptional ed Ss to be involved in music and arts electives -

Better training for paras and what they need to be actively doing in a classroom -

More support for ELL in credit recovery.

Resource Room, inclusion PD/how to use inclusion in classroom: mp

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Would like to see...

Translators for languages in addition to Spanish -

More frequent consultation with ELL instructors and support staff, to help support the needs and progress of ELL students. -

Could use more clarity on how to access translators

Possibly add study halls for struggling students especially in math and english

Model for earlier identification of conditions of services -

Better scheduling for inclusion teachers so we can follow the inclusion model. -

Like to see more placement services for the middle group who are under performing in gen ed but are too high ability for Life skills. -

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Credit Recovery class with inclusion teacher.

Alternative Education

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Strengths

RGA/Alternative: A good option for students who might not graduate from the traditional program. -

Great leadership and programming -

Lots of choices to complete their education. -

Individualized and accelerated learning for those students —

Need a senior-level cohort class - —

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Areas of Growth

Criteria for getting into CR and Alt should be stricter - —

Not giving the students the opportunity to use credit recovery as an alternative to passing the class in the classroom (when students just don't do anything)- —

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Would like to see...

Something like student identifying issues or reasons that she failed before being placed directly in credit recovery. —

Information about the programs (esp criteria for placement) needs to be more accessible to gen ed and spec ed teachers. —

Credit Recovery should be used sparingly for at-risk Juniors/Seniors with a recommendation process from teachers. Teachers, esp. those whose classes were failed, should be interviewed. —

Possibly expanded access for students. Emily P., Emily S., Tony S., Cindy Mc K. —

Students in CR should have no access to phones, games, etc- —

Perhaps default should be that the student has to retake the class first before they go to credit recovery- —

Early College

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Strengths

Student cohort model of motivated students! —

Great leadership! —

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Areas of Growth

What is the purpose/benefit? - —

Better publicizing of the program. What is it? How are students admitted? What can we, as teachers do to help? TL;DR more information on EC —

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Would like to see...

The mission and goals of the program need to be communicated more broadly so everyone understands what the program is aiming to do. —

Could the block class be utilized as part of Early College? CP et all —

An explanation for students and teachers of what exactly is early college. —

The Early College Cruisers program being reinstated and utilized for our 5-7th grade students. —

Dual Credit Program/AP

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Strengths

AP Resource classes can be super-helpful for helping students succeed in tough classes. —

A lot of offerings —

The amount and variety of AP and Dual Credit classes for our students. —

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Areas of Growth

Paths for students of high ability to earn the maximum number of college credits... —

RCS needs to better advertise the fact that we offer way more than any area school. —

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Would like to see...

Add more curriculum that addresses diversity and/or ethnic studies. Emily P., Emily S., Tony S., Cindy McK. —

How can we diversify the students who take AP classes while still maintaining the rigor of an AP class? Perhaps part of the solution is ensuring that the curriculum in general classes is also rigorous...or maybe honors and general classes leading up to AP are combined... —

Supports for students looking to move into the dual credit/AP programs —

opportunities for content alignment within and between disciplines —

More upper-level AP students encouraging freshmen and sophomores to take these classes - and to raise their study skills — —

Raise the expectations for students to use AP Resource wisely - no goofing off- —

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

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Strengths

Students enjoy these classes. We are glad they are available.

Excellent promotion of the CTE programs - —

Real-life experiences for students - —

Having the CTE available in our building enables many more students to take advantage of the programs, and allows flexibility to concentrate on CTE without sacrificing access to academic programming. —

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Areas of Growth

Possibly add more trades like electricians, plumbers, heating/cooling, etc. —

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Would like to see...

Bring back the humanities block for . —

Culinary Arts- —

Welding classes - —

Diverse Curriculum

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Strengths

Child Development/Parenting vital for young people. —

RCS offers some classes no other schools in the county offer —

Healthy Sexuality class is a wonderful asset to our young adults. —

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Areas of Growth

Gender inclusion for every course —

Healthy Sexuality class is so important for our youth. —

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Would like to see...

Bring back trimesters- it was successful. —

Basic skills, such as typing classes. Students have the chance at the middle school level to take typing courses and that should continue over. More computer literacy courses. - —

Agreed on more topical classes - like Graphic Novels for English - —

More language classes offered. —

Would like to see swimming and Lifeguarding again. —

More specific history classes- Like WWII, Civil War, etc- —

More language opportunities

More languages! German, Italian, Chinese, etc. —

Social Services-Wrap around Services

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Strengths

A course offered for young men as well pertaining to similar topics Girls Inc discusses, including consent, etc. —

Use Reid Hospital, Girl's Inc, and Wayne County Drug task force to speak to Health Classes. —

The food bank is a wonderful program. —

Girls Inc program is great for teaching healthy relationships —

Girls Inc support offered as a class during the day —

We have more services than any school I have seen. —

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Would like to see...

2 CIS staff - —

A course offered for young men as well pertaining to similar topics Girls Inc discusses, including consent, etc —

More storage and refrigeration/freezer for food pantry. —

CIS here in the building full time —

Bringing back Peer Helpers - —

Grade Configurations

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Strengths

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Areas of Growth

Starting to earn credits beginning in seventh grade - —

5th grade is too young for MS —

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Would like to see...

Can we have an Honors track in language courses? That would help with AP prep too —

Hold students back if they are not prepared for the next level - —

Credits for 7th and 8th graders so they understand the importance of them when they hit high school. CP et all —

Credits for middle school courses? —

5/6 at Test, 7/8 at Dennis —

Middle School broken up into 5th & 6th and 7th & 8th grade buildings. CP et all —

Extra-Curricular

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Strengths

Band and all music programs are fantastic. —

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Areas of Growth

Try to alleviate cost issues for students to make them available to more students —

Intermural programs for students —

We need to offer more programs that are RCS sponsored at the elementary level. We are the only school in the area that does not have school teams in 5th and 6th grade athletics. —

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Would like to see...

Transportation - like a school Uber - —

More character-building emphasis in all extracurricular programs - —

Allowing high school coaches to have 7th Period prep to generate interest in middle schools; —

What about ROTC? - . —

Boxing club - TR, DC, LG, MM —

Lowered student cost to attend games, matches, etc.

Dedicated middle schools programs for sports like soccer

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*More emphasis on non-athletic options. More STEM focused
extracurriculars More "advertising" of non-athletic
extracurricular offerings. —*

*More extra-curricular opportunities for students with
disabilities. (Sports, clubs, etc.) This would require additional
after-school transportation. —*

