

# **Self Assessment**

# Stoneman Douglas High School

**Broward County School District** 

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#### Introduction

AdvancED's Self Assessment (SA) diagnostic is based on the AdvancED Standards of Quality, which serves as the foundation of the accreditation and continuous improvement process. The SA is a valuable tool for collaboratively engaging staff members and stakeholders in purposeful, honest dialogue and reflection to assess the institution's adherence to the Standards, and guide its continuous improvement efforts. The SA includes the institution's self-ratings of and the evidence cited for each of the indicators, comments that explain the indicator's ratings and an overall narrative for each Standard. The results of the SA are reviewed by the External Review Team as one essential component of the preparation process for the institution's External Review.

# **Standard 1: Purpose and Direction**

The school maintains and communicates a purpose and direction that commit to high expectations for learning as well as shared values and beliefs about teaching and learning.

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
1.1	The school engages in a systematic, inclusive, and comprehensive process to review, revise, and communicate a school purpose for student success.	The school has a process for review, revision, and communication of its purpose. The process has been implemented. The process includes participation by representatives from stakeholder groups. The purpose statement focuses primarily on student success.	Examples of communications to stakeholders about the school's purpose (i.e. website, newsletters, annual report, student handbook)      Purpose statements - past and present	Level 2

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
1.2	commit to a culture that is based on shared values and beliefs about teaching and learning and supports challenging, equitable educational programs and learning experiences for all students that include achievement of learning, thinking, and life skills.	Commitment to shared values and beliefs about teaching and learning is sometimes evident in documentation. This commitment is sometimes reflected in communication among leaders and most staff. Some challenging educational programs and equitable learning experiences are implemented so that all students achieve some degree of learning, thinking, and life skills. Evidence indicates some commitment to instructional practices that include active student engagement, a focus on depth of understanding, and the application of knowledge and skills. School leadership maintains high expectations for professional practice.	Agendas and/or minutes that reference a commitment to the components of the school's statement of purpose  The school's statement of purpose	Level 2

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
1.3	The school's leadership implements a continuous improvement process that provides clear direction for improving conditions that support student learning.	School leaders implement a continuous improvement process for improving student learning and the conditions that support learning. Some stakeholder groups are engaged in the process. School personnel maintain a profile with data on student and school performance. The profile contains data used to identify goals for the improvement of achievement and instruction that are aligned with the school's purpose. The process includes action planning that identifies measurable objectives, strategies, activities, resources, and timelines for achieving improvement goals. Most interventions and strategies are implemented with fidelity. Some documentation that the process yields improved student achievement and instruction is available.	*Agenda, minutes from continuous improvement planning meetings     *The school continuous improvement plan	Level 2

Reflect upon your responses to each of the indicators and performance levels by considering and responding to the following questions when drafting your narrative response. Use language from the performance level descriptions to guide your writing. Cite sources of evidence External Review team members may be interested in reviewing.

The school engages in systematic, inclusive, and comprehensive process by involving all stakeholder groups in reviewing and revising the school's purpose for student success. We maintain minutes from SAC meetings, disseminate survey results, and keep open communication with all stakeholders via web site, Parent Link, Twitter, and personal communication.

Areas in Need of Improvement:

The school needs to improve customer survey participation to 85% among all stakeholder groups. In addition, the school has a need to centralize all evidences from data results, communications, customer surveys, and minutes.

Actions Implemented to Sustain the Areas of Strength:

The school will maintain open and continuous communication with all stakeholders via all available forms of communication as stated above. Also, the school will maintain its policy of all inclusiveness for all groups served. In addition, the school will continue to disaggregate and analyze student achievement data for student success.

Plans to Improve Areas of Need:

The school will administer customer survey for teachers, students, and staff on site to increase participation to at least 85%. For parents, the school will advertise the survey on the marquee, Parent Link, at school events such as College Fair, Curriculum Night, sporting events, and at community establishments such as the Public Library.

The school will keep all evidence files and artifacts in a centralized location such as the school's intranet, Eagle Eye.

# Standard 2: Governance and Leadership

The school operates under governance and leadership that promote and support student performance and school effectiveness.

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.1	The governing body establishes policies and supports practices that ensure effective administration of the school.	school's purpose and direction and the effective operation of the school. Policies	Student handbooks Governing body policies, procedures, and practices Staff handbooks	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.2	The governing body operates responsibly and functions effectively.	The governing body ensures that its decisions and actions are in accordance with defined roles and responsibilities, are ethical, and free of conflict of interest. Governing body members participate in professional development regarding the roles and responsibilities of the governing body and its individual members. The governing body complies with all policies, procedures, laws, and regulations.	Communication plan to inform all staff on code of ethics, responsibilities, conflict of interest  Communications about program regulations	Level 2

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.3	the school leadership has the autonomy to meet goals for achievement and instruction and to manage day-to-day operations effectively.	and respects the autonomy of school leadership to accomplish goals for improvement in student learning and instruction and to manage day-to-day operations of the school. The governing	Roles and responsibilities of school leadership     Communications regarding board actions     Agendas and minutes of meetings	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.4	Leadership and staff foster a culture consistent with the school's purpose and direction.	Leaders and staff align their decisions and actions toward continuous improvement to achieve the school's purpose. They expect all students to be held to high standards in all courses of study. All leaders and staff are collectively accountable for student learning. School leaders support innovation, collaboration, shared leadership, and professional growth. The culture is characterized by collaboration and a sense of community.	Survey results  Examples of decisions aligned with the school's statement of purpose  Examples of decisions in support of the school's continuous improvement plan	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.5	effectively in support of the school's purpose and direction.	Leaders sometimes communicate effectively with stakeholder groups, provide opportunities for stakeholders to shape decisions, solicit feedback from stakeholders, work collaboratively on school improvement efforts, and provide some leadership roles for stakeholders. School leaders' efforts result in some stakeholder participation and engagement in the school.	Minutes from meetings with stakeholders     Involvement of stakeholders in a school improvement plan	Level 2

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.6		The focus of the criteria and processes of supervision and evaluation is improving professional practice and improving student success. Supervision and evaluation processes are regularly implemented. The results of the supervision and evaluation processes are used to monitor and effectively adjust professional practice and improve student learning.	Examples of professional development offerings and plans tied specifically to the results from supervision and evaluation     Supervision and evaluation documents with criteria for improving professional practice and student success noted	Level 3

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The school's governing body gives autonomy to school leadership and instructional staff to implement policies and practices that improve student learning.

Areas in Need of Improvement:

The school needs to keep formal documentation in a centralized location that provides evidence of implementation and evaluation of policies and procedures.

Actions Implemented to Sustain Areas of Strength:

The governing body will maintain open communication and clear guidelines that clarifies expectations for continuous student success. In addition, the governing body will continue to build capacity among staff.

Plans to Improve Areas of Need:

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The school will create a centralized location for keeping evidence and artifacts to support successful and effective plan/program/policy implementation.

## Standard 3: Teaching and Assessing for Learning

The school's curriculum, instructional design, and assessment practices guide and ensure teacher effectiveness and student learning.

Overall Rating: 2.33

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.1	The school's curriculum provides equitable and challenging	Curriculum and learning experiences in each course/class provide most students	•Course schedules	Level 2
	learning experiences that ensure	with challenging and equitable	•Enrollment patterns for	
	all students have sufficient	opportunities to develop learning skills,	various courses	
	opportunities to develop learning,	thinking skills, and life skills. There is		
		little evidence to indicate curriculum and	•Course descriptions	
	success at the next level.	learning experiences prepare students		
		for success at the next level. Most like		
		courses/classes have equivalent		
	learning expectations. Little			
		individualization for each student is		
		evident.		

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.2	Curriculum, instruction, and assessment are monitored and adjusted systematically in response to data from multiple assessments of student learning and an examination of professional practice.	School personnel monitor and adjust curriculum, instruction, and assessment to ensure for vertical and horizontal alignment and alignment with the school's goals for achievement and instruction and statement of purpose. A process is implemented sometimes to ensure alignment when curriculum, instruction, and/or assessments are reviewed or revised. There is limited evidence that the continuous improvement process ensures vertical and horizontal alignment and alignment with the school's purpose in curriculum, instruction, and assessment.	Curriculum guides Common assessments Products – scope and sequence, curriculum maps	Level 2

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.3	Teachers engage students in their learning through instructional strategies that ensure achievement of learning expectations.	Teachers sometimes use instructional strategies that require student collaboration, self-reflection, and development of critical thinking skills. Teachers personalize instructional strategies and interventions to address individual learning needs of groups of students when necessary. Teachers sometimes use instructional strategies that require students to apply knowledge and skills, integrate content and skills with other disciplines, and use technologies as instructional resources and learning tools.	Professional development focused on these strategies  Examples of teacher use of technology as an instructional resource  Examples of student use of technology as a learning tool  Findings from supervisor walk-thrus and observations	

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.4	School leaders monitor and support the improvement of instructional practices of teachers to ensure student success.	School leaders monitor instructional practices through supervision and evaluation procedures to ensure that they 1) are aligned with the school's values and beliefs about teaching and learning, 2) are teaching the approved curriculum, 3) are directly engaged with all students in the oversight of their learning, and 4) use content-specific standards of professional practice.	Curriculum maps     Documentation of collection of lesson plans and grade books     Supervision and evaluation procedures     Peer or mentoring opportunities and interactions     Administrative classroom observation protocols and logs	Level 2

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.5	Teachers participate in collaborative learning communities to improve instruction and student learning.	All members of the school staff participate in collaborative learning communities that meet both informally and formally. Collaboration often occurs across grade levels and content areas. Staff members have been trained to implement a formal process that promotes discussion about student learning. Learning from, using, and discussing the results of inquiry practices such as action research, the examination of student work, reflection, study teams, and peer coaching occur regularly among most school personnel. School personnel indicate that collaboration causes improvement results in instructional practice and student performance.	Agendas and minutes of collaborative learning committees     Calendar/schedule of learning community meetings	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.6	instructional process in support of student learning.	process that informs students of learning	•Examples of learning expectations and standards of performance	Level 2

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.7	instructional improvement consistent with the school's	Some school personnel are engaged in mentoring, coaching, and induction programs that are consistent with the school's values and beliefs about teaching, learning, and the conditions that support learning. These programs set expectations for school personnel.	Records of meetings and walk thrus/feedback sessions     Descriptions and schedules of mentoring, coaching, and induction programs with references to school beliefs and values about teaching and learning	Level 2

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.8	The school engages families in meaningful ways in their children's education and keeps them informed of their children's learning progress.	meaningful ways in their children's education are designed and implemented. School personnel regularly inform families of their children's learning progress.	List of varied activities and communications modes with families, e.g., info portal, online, newsletters, parent centers, academic nights, open house, early release days  Calendar outlining when and how families are provided information on child's progress	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.9	known by at least one adult advocate in the school who supports that student's educational experience.	School personnel participate in a structure that gives them interaction with individual students, allowing them to build relationships over time with the student. Most students participate in the structure. The structure allows the school employee to gain insight into the student's needs regarding learning skills, thinking skills, and life skills.		Level 2

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.10	are consistent across grade levels and courses.	reporting policies, processes, and procedures based on clearly defined criteria that represent each student's attainment of content knowledge and	each grade level and for all courses  •Policies, processes, and procedures on grading and reporting	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.11	All staff members participate in a continuous program of professional learning.	builds capacity among all professional	Brief explanation of alignment between professional learning and identified needs  Crosswalk between professional learning and school purpose and direction	Level 3

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3.12	The school provides and coordinates learning support services to meet the unique learning needs of students.	School personnel use data to identify unique learning needs of special populations of students based on proficiency and/or other learning needs (such as second languages). School personnel are familiar with research related to unique characteristics of learning (such as learning styles, multiple intelligences, personality type indicators) and provide or coordinate related learning support services to students within these special populations.	•List of learning support services and student population served by such services	Level 2

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#### Areas of Strength:

The school uses curriculum guides, communicates student progress regularly and effectively, and aligns curriculum to state and district standards.

The school includes all staff members in professional learning.

Areas in Need of Improvement:

The school needs to develop and survey more often and effectively in order to improve evaluation of implemented plans/programs.

Furthermore, the school needs to create a program to ensure all students have an adult advocate that supports their learning needs.

Actions Implemented to Sustain Areas of Strength:

The school provides continuous professional development opportunities to effectively implement the FLSS. The school provides new teachers with support to effectively communicate student progress, expectations, and learning needs.

Plans to Improve Areas of Need:

The school needs to create a structure for student advocacy.

# **Standard 4: Resources and Support Systems**

The school has resources and provides services that support its purpose and direction to ensure success for all students.

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.1	Qualified professional and support staff are sufficient in number to fulfill their roles and responsibilities necessary to support the school's purpose, direction, and the educational program.	Policies, processes, and procedures ensure that school leaders have access to, hire, place, and retain qualified professional and support staff. School leaders systematically determine the number of personnel necessary to fill all the roles and responsibilities necessary to support the school purpose, educational programs, and continuous improvement. Sustained fiscal resources are available to fund positions critical to achieve the purpose and direction of the	Policies, processes, procedures and other documentation related to the hiring, placement and retention of professional and support staff  Documentation of highly qualified staff	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.2	Instructional time, material resources, and fiscal resources are sufficient to support the purpose and direction of the school.	Instructional time, material resources, and fiscal resources are focused on supporting the purpose and direction of the school. Instructional time is protected in policy and practice. School leaders work to secure material and fiscal resources to meet the needs of all students. School leaders demonstrate that instructional time, material resources, and fiscal resources are allocated so that all students have equitable opportunities to attain challenging learning expectations. Efforts toward the continuous improvement of instruction and operations include achieving the school's purpose and direction.	•School calendar	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.3	provide a safe, clean, and healthy environment for all students and staff.	clear expectations for maintaining safety, cleanliness, and a healthy environment and have shared these definitions and expectations with stakeholders. School personnel and students are accountable for maintaining these expectations. Measures are in place that allow for continuous tracking of these conditions.	Documentation of compliance with local and state inspections requirements     Documentation of emergency procedures such as fire drills, evacuation and other emergency procedures.	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.4	Students and school personnel use a range of media and information resources to support the school's educational programs.	access to media and information resources necessary to achieve most of the educational programs of the school. Personnel are available to assist	•Schedule of staff availability to assist students and school personnel related to finding and retrieving information	Level 2

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.5	learning, and operational needs.	teaching, learning, and operational needs of all stakeholders. School personnel develop and administer needs assessments and use the resulting data	•Assessments to inform	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.6	The school provides support services to meet the physical, social, and emotional needs of the student population being served.	needs of students in the school. School personnel provide or coordinate programs to meet the needs of students when possible. School personnel	Agreements with school community agencies for student-family support  Social classes and services, e.g., bullying, character education	Level 2

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.7	support the counseling, assessment, referral, educational, and career planning needs of all students.	School personnel implement a process to determine the counseling, assessment, referral, educational, and career planning needs of all students. School personnel provide or coordinate programs necessary to meet the needs of students whenever possible. Measures of program effectiveness are in place, and school personnel use the data from these measures to evaluate all programs. Improvement plans related to these programs are designed and implemented when needed to more effectively meet the needs of students.	Description of IEP process     Description of referral process	Level 3

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The school has multiple avenues of support for students and faculty with support staff such as social workers, psychologists, guidance counselors and a BRACE advisor. Students also support their peers through bullying and suicide prevention, AIDS, and substance abuse presentations.

Areas in Need of Improvement:

The school needs a formalized technology plan.

Actions Implemented to Sustain Areas of Strength:

School recently increased suicide awareness through the Call 211 prevention hotline.

Plans to Improve Areas of Need:

The school will develop a formalized technology plan.



## **Standard 5: Using Results for Continuous Improvement**

The school implements a comprehensive assessment system that generates a range of data about student learning and school effectiveness and uses the results to guide continuous improvement.

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.1	The school establishes and maintains a clearly defined and comprehensive student assessment system.	School personnel use an assessment system that produces data from multiple assessment measures about student learning and school performance. The system generally provides consistent measurement across classrooms and courses. Some assessments, especially those related to student learning, are proven reliable and bias free. The system is evaluated for effectiveness in improving instruction, student learning, and the conditions that support learning.	Brief description of student assessment system including range of data produced from standardized and local assessments on student learning and school performance	Level 2

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.2	continuously collect, analyze, and apply learning from a range of data sources, including comparison and trend data about student learning, instruction, program evaluation, and organizational conditions.	Some processes and procedures for collecting, analyzing, and applying learning from data sources are used by professional and support staff. Data sources include limited comparison and trend data about student learning, instruction, the effectiveness of programs, and organizational conditions. School personnel use data to design, implement, and evaluate continuous improvement plans.	•Examples of use of data to design, implement, and evaluate continuous improvement plans and apply learning	Level 2

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.3	interpretation, and use of data.	members are assessed and trained in a	Professional learning schedule specific to the use of data	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.4	continuous process to determine	A process exists for analyzing data that determine improvement in student learning, including readiness for and success at the next level. Results indicate mixed levels of improvement, and school personnel sometimes use these results to design, implement, and evaluate the results of continuous improvement action plans related to student learning, including readiness for and success at the next level.	Description of process for analyzing data to determine verifiable improvement in student learning     Evidence of student growth	Level 2

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Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.5	Leadership monitors and communicates comprehensive information about student learning, conditions that support student learning, and the achievement of school improvement goals to stakeholders.	student learning, and the achievement of school improvement goals. Leaders	Communication plan regarding student learning, conditions that support learning, and achievement of school improvement goals to stakeholders  Executive summaries of student learning reports to stakeholder groups	

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#### Areas of Strength:

The school is consistent in collecting, disaggregating, and analyzing student achievement data for continuous student learning and improvement.

Areas in Need of Improvement:

The school is in need of improvement in the area student assessment system. Also, the school needs to engage all stakeholders in data analysis through training.

Actions Implemented to Sustain Areas of Strength:

The school will continue to collect and disaggregate data for student learning and success.

Plans to Improve Areas of Need:

The school will develop more effective ways to train all personnel in the disaggregation and analysis of student achievement data.

### **Report Summary**

#### **Scores By Section**

