

Park Trails Elementary 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's process for review, revision, and communication of the purpose statement is documented. The process is formalized and implemented on a regular schedule. The process includes participation by representatives from all stakeholder groups. The purpose statement focuses on student success.	 Examples of communications to stakeholders about the school's purpose (i.e. website, newsletters, annual report, student handbook) Minutes from meetings related to development of the school's purpose 	Level 3

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 clearly evident in documentation and decision making. This commitment is always reflected in communication among leaders and staff. Challenging educational programs and equitable learning experiences are implemented in a measurable way so that all students achieve learning, thinking, and life skills necessary for success. Evidence indicates a strong commitment to instructional practices that include active student engagement, a focus on depth of understanding, and the application of knowledge and skills. School leadership and staff hold one another accountable to high expectations for professional practice.	 Agendas and/or minutes that reference a commitment to the components of the school's statement of purpose Survey results The school's statement of purpose 	Level 4

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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 require the use of a documented, systematic continuous improvement process for improving student learning and the conditions that support learning. All stakeholder groups work collaboratively and consistently in authentic and meaningful ways that build and sustain ownership of the school's purpose and direction. School personnel systematically maintain, use, and communicate a profile with current and school performance. The profile contains thorough analyses of a broad range of data used to identify goals for the improvement of achievement and instruction that are aligned with the school's purpose. All improvement goals have measurable performance targets. The process includes action planning that identifies measurable objectives, strategies, activities, resources, and timelines for achieving all improvement goals. School personnel hold one another accountable for and evaluate the overall quality of the implementation of all interventions and strategies. The process is reviewed and evaluated regularly. Documentation that the process is implemented with fidelity and yields improved student achievement and instruction is available and communicated to stakeholders.	artifacts that show two- way communication to staff and stakeholders •The school continuous	Level 4

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.

Our school uses data to determine our instruction. We use newsletters and surveys to learn what our stakeholders need and want. We utilize our PTA's website, Facebook page, and the school newsletter to get out any information that is needed. However, we don't have all parents involved in these communications. We need to make sure that all parents are aware of these communication tools.

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.	Policies and practices support the school's purpose and direction and the effective operation of the school. Policies and practices promote effective instruction and assessment that produce equitable and challenging learning experiences for all students. There are policies and practices regarding professional growth of all staff. Policies and practices provide requirements, direction for, and oversight of fiscal management.	 Student handbooks Governing body policies, procedures, and practices Communications to stakeholder about policy revisions 	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.2	The governing body operates responsibly and functions effectively.	The governing body has a process to ensure that its decisions and actions are in accordance with defined roles and responsibilities, a code of ethics, and free of conflict of interest. Governing body members participate in a systematic, formal professional development process regarding the roles and responsibilities of the governing body and its individual members. The governing body complies with all policies, procedures, laws, and regulations and functions as a cohesive unit.	 Communication plan to inform all staff on code of ethics, responsibilities, conflict of interest List of assigned staff for compliance Proof of legal counsel Assurances, certifications Findings of internal and external reviews of compliance with laws, regulations, and policies Communications about program regulations Historical compliance data 	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.3	The governing body ensures that 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	 Roles and responsibilities of school leadership School improvement plan developed by the school Stakeholder input and feedback Communications regarding board actions Agendas and minutes of meetings 	Level 3

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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.	 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		Leaders communicate effectively with appropriate and varied representatives from stakeholder groups, provide opportunities for stakeholders to shape decisions, solicit feedback and respond to stakeholders, work collaboratively on school improvement efforts, and provide and support meaningful leadership roles for stakeholders. School leaders' efforts result in measurable, active stakeholder		Level 3
		participation; engagement in the school; a sense of community; and ownership.		

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.6	Leadership and staff supervision and evaluation processes result in improved professional practice and student success.	The primary focus of the criteria and processes of supervision and evaluation is improving professional practice and ensuring student success. Supervision and evaluation processes are consistently and regularly implemented. The results of the supervision and evaluation processes are analyzed carefully and used to monitor and effectively adjust professional practice and ensure student learning.	•Governing body policy on supervision and evaluation •Job specific criteria	

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School Leadership is not consistently communicating their reasons why policies are changed. They do not change the policy in a timely manner. All policy changes should be made prior to the school year beginning and communicated with the school leadership.

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: 3.0

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 all students	•Lesson plans	Level 3
	learning experiences that ensure all students have sufficient	with challenging and equitable opportunities to develop learning skills,	 Course descriptions 	
		thinking skills, and life skills. There is	 Descriptions of 	
		some evidence to indicate curriculum	instructional techniques	
	success at the next level.	and learning experiences prepare		
		students for success at the next level.		
		Like courses/classes have equivalent		
		learning expectations. Some learning		
		activities are individualized for each		
		student in a way that supports		
		achievement of expectations.		

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.	•Standards-based report cards •Lesson plans aligned to the curriculum	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 plan and 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 students when necessary. Teachers 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 Findings from supervisor walk-thrus and observations 	Level 3

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3.4	to ensure student success.	School leaders formally and consistently 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.	 Supervision and evaluation procedures Peer or mentoring opportunities and interactions Recognition of teachers with regard to these practices 	Level 3

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 on a regular schedule. Frequent collaboration occurs across grade levels and content areas. Staff members implement a formal process that promotes productive 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 are a part of the daily routine of school staff members. School personnel can clearly link collaboration to improvement results in instructional practice and student performance.	 Examples of cross curricular projects, interdisciplinary instruction, and classroom action research project Agendas and minutes of collaborative learning committees Calendar/schedule of learning community meetings Peer coaching guidelines and procedures Examples of improvements to content and instructional practice resulting from collaboration 	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.6	instructional process in support of student learning.	All teachers use an instructional process that informs students of learning expectations and standards of performance. Exemplars are often provided to guide and inform students. The process includes multiple measures, including formative assessments, to inform the ongoing modification of instruction and provide data for possible curriculum revision. The process provides students with specific and timely feedback about their learning.	used to guide and inform student learning	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.7	induction programs support instructional improvement consistent with the school's values and beliefs about teaching and learning.	that support learning. These programs	 Records of meetings and walk thrus/feedback sessions Professional learning calendar with activities for instructional support of new staff 	Level 3

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	meaningful ways in their children's education and keeps	children's education are available.	•Volunteer program with variety of options for participation	Level 2

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.9	The school has a formal structure whereby each student is well 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 long-term interaction with individual students, allowing them to build strong relationships over time with the student. All students may participate in the structure. The structure allows the school employee to gain insight into and serve as an advocate for the student's needs regarding learning skills, thinking skills, and life skills.	•Master schedule with time for formal adult advocate structure	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.10	Grading and reporting are based on clearly defined criteria that represent the attainment of content knowledge and skills and are consistent across grade levels and courses.	All teachers consistently use common grading and reporting policies, processes, and procedures based on clearly defined criteria that represent each student's attainment of content knowledge and skills. These policies, processes, and procedures are implemented without fail across all grade levels and all courses. All stakeholders are aware of the policies, processes, and procedures. The policies, processes, and procedures are formally and regularly evaluated.	 Evaluation process for grading and reporting practices Sample report cards for each grade level and for all courses Sample communications to stakeholders about grading and reporting Policies, processes, and procedures on grading and reporting 	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.11	All staff members participate in a continuous program of professional learning.	learning that is aligned with the school's purpose and direction. Professional development is based on an assessment	 Results of evaluation of professional learning program. Crosswalk between professional learning and school purpose and direction 	Level 3

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Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
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 all students at all levels of proficiency as well as other learning needs (such as second languages). School personnel stay current on 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 all students.	 List of learning support services and student population served by such services Data used to identify unique learning needs of students 	Level 3

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Teachers at Park Trails are using the Florida Standards for teaching. They utilize the data from the FCAT and book tests to reteach and enrich. More professional development should be utilized for the Florida Standards.

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.	Clearly defined policies, processes, and procedures ensure that school leaders have access to, hire, place, and retain qualified professional and support staff. School leaders use a formal, systematic process to 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 all positions necessary to achieve the purpose and direction of the school.	 School budgets for the last three years Policies, processes, procedures and other documentation related to the hiring, placement and retention of professional and support staff Documentation of highly qualified staff 	Level 4

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 sometimes focused on supporting the purpose and direction of the school. Instructional time is usually protected. School leaders attempt to secure material and fiscal resources to meet the needs of all students. School leaders express a desire to allocate instructional time, material resources, and fiscal resources so that all students have equitable opportunities to attain challenging learning expectations. Efforts toward the continuous improvement of instruction and operations sometimes include achieving the school's purpose and direction.	 School schedule Alignment of budget with school purpose and direction School calendar 	Level 2

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.3	The school maintains facilities, services, and equipment to provide a safe, clean, and healthy environment for all students and staff.	School leaders have adopted or collaboratively created clear definitions and expectations for maintaining safety, cleanliness, and a healthy environment and they have shared these definitions and expectations with all stakeholders. All school personnel and students are accountable for maintaining these expectations. Valid measures are in place that allow for continuous tracking of these conditions. Improvement plans are developed and implemented by appropriate personnel to continuously improve these conditions. The results of improvement efforts are systematically evaluated regularly.	 Records of depreciation of equipment Documentation of emergency procedures such as fire drills, evacuation and other emergency procedures. Maintenance schedules Safety committee responsibilities, meeting schedules, and minutes 	Level 4

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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.	personnel in sufficient numbers are available to assist students and school personnel in learning about the tools and locations for finding and retrieving information.	 Budget related to media and information resource acquisition Data on media and information resources available to students and staff Schedule of staff availability to assist students and school personnel related to finding and retrieving information 	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.5	The technology infrastructure supports the school's teaching, learning, and operational needs.	The technology infrastructure meets the teaching, learning, and operational needs of few stakeholders. A technology plan, if one exists, addresses some technology services and infrastructure needs.		Level 1

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.	School personnel implement a clearly defined process to determine the physical, social, and emotional needs of each student in the school. School personnel provide or coordinate programs to meet the needs of all students. Valid and reliable measures of program effectiveness are in place, and school personnel use the data from these measures to regularly evaluate all programs. Improvement plans related to these programs are designed and implemented to more effectively meet the needs of all students.	 Student assessment system for identifying student needs Schedule of family services, e.g., parent classes, survival skills Social classes and services, e.g., bullying, character education List of support services available to students 	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.7	support the counseling, assessment, referral, educational,	School personnel implement a clearly defined, systematic 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 all students. Valid and reliable measures of program effectiveness are in place, and school personnel use the data from these measures to regularly evaluate all programs. Improvement plans related to these programs are designed and implemented to more effectively meet the needs of all students.	 List of services available related to counseling, assessment, referral, educational, and career planning Budget for counseling, assessment, referral, educational and career planning Description of IEP process Description of referral process 	Level 4

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Administration utilizes their budget in the best way possible for the needs of our students and staff. The state and county does not provide the funds that are needed at this time. Technology is lacking. Most computers are 5 years or older. There is not enough computers for student use.

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 maintain and consistently use a comprehensive assessment system that produces data from multiple assessment measures, including locally developed and standardized assessments about student learning and school performance. The system ensures consistent measurement across all classrooms and courses. All assessments are proven reliable and bias free. The system is regularly and systematically evaluated for reliability and effectiveness in improving instruction, student learning, and the conditions that support learning.	 Documentation or description of evaluation tools/protocols Brief description of student assessment system including range of data produced from standardized and local assessments on student learning and school performance Evidence that assessments are reliable and bias free 	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.2	apply learning from a range of data sources, including	comparison and trend data that provide a complete picture of student learning, instruction, the effectiveness of programs, and the conditions that support learning. School personnel use	 Written protocols and procedures for data collection and analysis Examples of use of data to design, implement, and evaluate continuous improvement plans and apply learning List of data sources related to student learning, instruction, program effectiveness, and conditions that support learning 	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.3	Professional and support staff are trained in the evaluation, interpretation, and use of data.	All professional and support staff members are assessed and trained in a rigorous professional development program related to the evaluation, interpretation, and use of data.	 Policies specific to data training Documentation of attendance and training related to data use Training materials specific to the evaluation, interpretation, and use of data 	Level 3

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Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.4	The school engages in a continuous process to determine verifiable improvement in student learning, including readiness for and success at the next level.	Policies and procedures describe a process for analyzing data that determine verifiable improvement in student learning, including readiness for and success at the next level. Results indicate improvement, and school personnel consistently 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.	 Agendas, minutes of meetings related to analysis of data Examples of use of results to evaluate continuous improvement action plans Evidence of student readiness for the next level Evidence of student growth 	Level 3

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.	Leaders monitor comprehensive information about student learning, conditions that support student learning, and the achievement of school improvement goals. Leaders regularly communicate results using multiple delivery methods to all stakeholder groups.	 Sample communications to stakeholders regarding student learning, conditions that support learning, and achievement of school improvement goals School quality control procedures for monitoring information about student learning, conditions that support learning, and the achievement of school improvement goals Executive summaries of student learning reports to stakeholder groups 	Level 3

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We have regular data chats to discuss student achievement. We also use the RTI process for students who are not on grade level or above. We feel that we need more training on the programs for remediation that we have.

Report Summary



