

Westglades Middle 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
	systematic, inclusive, and comprehensive process to	No process to review, revise, or communicate a school purpose exists. Stakeholders are rarely asked for input regarding the purpose of the school.	•Purpose statements - past and present	Level 1

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
1.2	The school's leadership and staff 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 evident in documentation and decision making. This commitment is regularly reflected in communication among leaders and staff. Challenging educational programs and equitable learning experiences are implemented so that all students achieve learning, thinking, and life skills necessary for success. Evidence indicates a 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 share high expectations for professional practice.	•Agendas and/or minutes that reference a commitment to the components of the school's statement of purpose	Level 3

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 documented, systematic continuous improvement process for improving student learning and the conditions that support learning. All stakeholder groups are engaged in the process. School personnel maintain a profile with current and comprehensive data on student and school performance. The profile contains analyses of data used to identify goals for the improvement of achievement and instruction that are aligned with the school's purpose. Improvement goals have measurable performance targets. The process includes action planning that identifies measurable objectives, strategies, activities, resources, and timelines for achieving improvement goals. School leaders hold all school personnel accountable for and evaluate the overall quality of the implementation of all interventions and strategies. The process is reviewed and evaluated. Documentation that the process yields improved student achievement and instruction is available and communicated to stakeholders.	artifacts that show two-	Level 3

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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.

Through our various meetings (PLC, department, grade level, staff, SAC and SAF) with our staff and stakeholders we communicate our school purpose and direction. We, as a community, are committed to a culture of shared beliefs that supports learning for all students to be equitable and challenging based on their educational needs. Westglades has become an Innovative School for the Fine Arts. Last year's Westglades Success Night enabled us enhance communication with stakeholder, and due to its success, will hold another. In addition, we will hold a Digital Infusion night to educate parents about this program. To strengthen the communication of purpose and direction to school stakeholders, Westglades could more frequently update the school website with information about our school's events, SAC meeting minutes, and curriculum. We now have scrolling daily announcements on Channel 21 and on our school website and Mr. Vesey does a Parentlink call on Friday afternoons to alert parent to upcoming events.

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 clearly and directly support the school's purpose and direction and the effective operation of the school. Policies and practices require and have mechanisms in place for monitoring effective instruction and assessment that produce equitable and challenging learning experiences for all students. There are policies and practices requiring and giving direction for professional growth of all staff. Policies and practices provide clear requirements, direction for, and oversight of fiscal management.	Governing body policies, procedures, and practices Staff handbooks Communications to stakeholder about policy revisions School handbooks	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.2	The governing body operates responsibly and functions effectively.	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	Communication plan to inform all staff on code of ethics, responsibilities, conflict of interest List of assigned staff for compliance Assurances, certifications Historical compliance data Governing code of ethics	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.	The governing body consistently protects, supports, and respects the autonomy of school leadership to accomplish goals for achievement and instruction and to manage day-to-day operations of the school. The governing body maintains a clear distinction between its roles and responsibilities and those of school leadership.	•Roles and responsibilities of school leadership •School improvement plan developed by the school •Stakeholder input and feedback •Maintenance of consistent academic oversight, planning, and resource allocation •Survey results regarding functions of the governing body •Agendas and minutes of meetings	Level 4

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 deliberately and consistently align their decisions and actions toward continuous improvement to achieve the school's purpose. They encourage, support, and expect all students to be held to high standards in all courses of study. All stakeholders are collectively accountable for student learning. School leaders actively and consistently support and encourage innovation, collaboration, shared leadership, and rigorous professional growth. The culture is characterized by collaboration and a sense of community among all stakeholders.	•Examples of collaboration and shared leadership •Survey results •Examples of decisions	

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.5	Leadership engages stakeholders effectively in support of the school's purpose and direction.	Leaders consistently 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' proactive and persistent efforts result in measurable, active stakeholder participation; positive engagement in the school; a strong sense of community; and ownership.	Minutes from meetings with stakeholders Copies of surveys or screen shots from online surveys Survey responses Involvement of stakeholders in a school improvement plan	Level 4

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.	Examples of professional development offerings and plans tied specifically to the results from supervision and evaluation Governing body policy on supervision and evaluation Supervision and evaluation Supervision and evaluation documents with criteria for improving professional practice and student success noted Job specific criteria Representative supervision and evaluation reports	Level 4

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Due to the strength of our governing body, we continue to establish and support school policies. We recognized the need for increased communication and made strides with external communication through Parentlink and scrolling announcements on our website. Internally,

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we are striving to increase communication through cross curricular monthly PLC meetings. Additionally, Wolf Weekly, our internal newsletter, helps to keep staff aprised of good teaching practices and highlights staff accomplishments. Increased digital communication channels (website), will continue to foster a culture of friendly, accurate, and timely information.

Standard 3: Teaching and Assessing for Learning

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

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.1	equitable and challenging learning experiences that ensure all students have sufficient opportunities to develop learning, thinking, and life skills that lead to success at the next level.	opportunities to develop learning skills, thinking skills, and life skills. There is little evidence to indicate curriculum and 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.	Learning expectations for different courses Posted learning objectives Representative samples of student work across courses Enrollment patterns for various courses Descriptions of instructional techniques	Level 2

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.	Using data from multiple assessments of student learning and an examination of professional practice, school personnel systematically monitor and adjust curriculum, instruction, and assessment to ensure vertical and horizontal alignment and alignment with the school's goals for achievement and instruction and statement of purpose. There is a systematic, collaborative process in place to ensure alignment each time curriculum, instruction, and/or assessments are reviewed or revised. The continuous improvement process has clear guidelines to ensure that vertical and horizontal alignment as well as alignment with the school's purpose are maintained and enhanced in curriculum, instruction, and assessment.	Curriculum guides A description of the systematic review process for curriculum, instruction, and assessment Common assessments Lesson plans aligned to the curriculum	Level 4

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.	Teacher evaluation criteria Professional development focused on these strategies Authentic assessments Examples of teacher use of technology as an instructional resource Examples of student use of technology as a learning tool Student work demonstrating the application of knowledge 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.	Supervision and evaluation procedures Peer or mentoring opportunities and interactions Recognition of teachers with regard to these practices 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.	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 Examples of improvements to content and instructional practice resulting from collaboration	Level 3

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Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.6		students of learning expectations and standards of performance. Exemplars are provided to guide and inform students. The process requires the use of multiple measures, including formative assessments, to inform the ongoing modification of instruction and provide	Examples of learning expectations and standards of performance Examples of assessments that prompted modification in instruction Samples of exemplars used to guide and inform student learning	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.7	consistent with the school's values and beliefs about teaching	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 Professional learning calendar with activities for instructional support of new staff 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.	Programs that engage families in meaningful ways in their children's education are designed, implemented, and evaluated. Families have multiple ways of staying informed of their children's learning progress.	*Survey results *Volunteer program with variety of options for participation *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 4

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 and related adults. All students participate in the structure. The structure allows the school employee to gain significant insight into and serve as an advocate for the student's needs regarding learning skills, thinking skills, and life skills.	List of students matched to adult advocate Curriculum and activities of formal adult advocate structure Master schedule with time for formal adult advocate structure Description of formal adult advocate structures	Level 4

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.	Teachers 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 consistently across grade levels and courses. Stakeholders are aware of the policies, processes, and procedures. The policies, processes, and procedures are regularly evaluated.	Sample communications to stakeholders about grading and reporting 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.	All staff members participate in a rigorous, continuous program of professional learning that is aligned with the school's purpose and direction. Professional development is based on an assessment of needs of the school and the individual. The program builds measurable capacity among all professional and support staff. The program is rigorously and systematically evaluated for effectiveness in improving instruction, student learning, and the conditions that support learning.	Results of evaluation of professional learning program. Evaluation tools for professional learning Survey results Brief explanation of alignment between professional learning and identified needs	Level 4

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 systematically and continuously 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 individualized learning support services to all students.	Survey results List of learning support services and student population served by such services Training and professional learning related to research on unique characteristics of learning Data used to identify unique learning needs of students	Level 4

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The instructional design and assessment practices guide our school to ensure teacher effectiveness, which results in student learning in a challenging and equitable school environment. We offer classes to meet all levels of learners and use state, district, and teacher assessments to continuously monitor instructional practices to support the learning process of students at all levels. Due to budgetary constraints, resources are limited and are allocated to meet most critical areas.

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.	School budgets for the last three years Survey results Policies, processes, procedures and other	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 focused solely on supporting the purpose and direction of the school. Instructional time is fiercely protected in policy and practice. School leaders exhaust every option to secure material and fiscal resources to meet the needs of all students. School leaders measurably 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 concentrate on achieving the school's purpose and direction.	Examples of efforts of school leaders to secure necessary material and fiscal resources Survey results School schedule Alignment of budget with school purpose and direction School calendar	Level 4

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 created 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. Improvement plans are developed and implemented by appropriate personnel as necessary to improve these conditions. Results of improvement efforts are evaluated.	*Survey results *Documentation of compliance with local and state inspections requirements *Documentation of emergency procedures such as fire drills, evacuation and other emergency procedures. *System for maintenance requests *Maintenance schedules *Safety committee responsibilities, meeting schedules, and minutes	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.	Students and school personnel have access to media and information resources necessary to achieve the educational programs of the school. Qualified personnel 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 Survey results 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 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
	supports the school's teaching, learning, and operational needs.	teaching, learning, and operational needs of most stakeholders. School	Survey results Policies relative to technology use	Level 2

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 Agreements with school community agencies for student-family support Survey results 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 Survey results Description of IEP process Description of referral process	Level 4

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Policies and procedures exist for providing support services to students, consistent with school and district goals and missions. Areas of improvement that were identified consist of school-based technology plans to guide equipment purchasing and maintenance, and a need for better communication of existing services to stakeholder groups. School website will be updated and maintained to improve more regular and thorough communication to stakeholder groups.

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 Survey results 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	Systematic processes and procedures for collecting, analyzing, and applying learning from all data sources are documented and used consistently by professional and support staff. Data sources include comparison and trend data that provide a comprehensive and complete picture of student learning, instruction, the effectiveness of programs, and the conditions that support learning. All school personnel use data to design, implement, and evaluate continuous improvement plans to improve student learning, instruction, the effectiveness of programs, and organizational conditions.	Survey results 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 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.3	trained in the evaluation, interpretation, and use of data.	Most professional and support staff members are assessed and trained in a professional development program related to the evaluation, interpretation, and use of data.	Documentation of attendance and training related to data use Survey results Training materials specific to the evaluation, interpretation, and use of data	Level 2

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Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.4	learning, including readiness for and success at the next level.	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.	Agendas, minutes of meetings related to analysis of data Examples of use of results to evaluate continuous improvement action plans Evidence of student growth	Level 2

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 and in appropriate degrees of sophistication for all stakeholder groups.	*Minutes of board meetings regarding achievement of student learning goals *Communication plan regarding student learning, conditions that support learning, and achievement of school improvement goals to stakeholders *Sample communications to stakeholders regarding student learning, conditions that support learning, and achievement of school improvement goals *Executive summaries of student learning reports to stakeholder groups	Level 4

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School Leadership and staff will continue to communicate student achievement data results using several delivery methods, and appropriate sophistication for various stakeholder groups. School Personnel will continue to use district provided and teacher created data management tools and systems to collect, analyze, and interpret student achievement data. Professional Learning Communities will be used to discuss, analyze, and design systems for continuous improvement. School leadership will monitor these systems to ensure better consistency across grade levels and within disciplines.

Report Summary

Scores By Section

