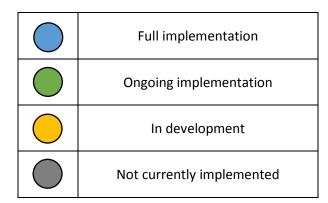


## Graduation Initiative Implementation Status Report



**Goal 1:** Develop and implement a district-wide Early Warning System to identify, support, and monitor students who are off-track and most likely to experience adverse outcomes.

Strategies	Mar. 2017	Sept. 2017	Mar. 2018	Sept. 2018	Mar. 2019
	Status	Status	Status	Status	Status
1.a. Allocate funds and hire graduation coach positions to support implementation of the district's Early Warning System.					
1.b. Provide professional development for graduation coaches on the research behind Early Warning Systems, data indicators, graduation requirements, problem solving, and dropout prevention.					
1.c. Identify early warning indicators and thresholds for course performance, attendance, and behavior.					
1.d. Implement mentoring programs to support at-risk and off-track students at all grade levels.					
1.e. Schedule advisement time within the master schedules for middle and high schools.					
1.f. Research and apply for additional funding sources such as grants and partnerships to support students who are off-track.					
1.g. Develop and promote tools to more frequently communicate graduation status to students and parents.					
1.h. Provide district communication to families and community stakeholders regarding requirements for graduation.					

**Goal 2:** Increase principal and school ownership of student success by providing district support for school-based problem solving and implementation of interventions.

Strategies	Mar. 2017	Sept. 2017	Mar. 2018	Sept. 2018	Mar. 2019
	Status	Status	Status	Status	Status
2.a. Support schools with developing, implementing, and monitoring					
academic, attendance, and discipline interventions.					
2.b. Provide professional development for school administrators on					
the Graduation Initiative, Early Warning System, and					
roles/responsibilities of graduation coaches.					
2.c. Provide professional development for school guidance counselors					
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2.d. Provide professional development for district and school					
administrators on early warning indicators and interventions.					
2.e. Provide professional development for teachers, staff, and					
students on graduation requirements and early warning indicators.					
2.f. Create active EWS problem solving teams at each school site.					
2.g. Support schools with creating incentive programs to celebrate					
student success.					
2.h. Support schools with establishing common standards-based					
practices in the areas of planning, instruction, assessment, and					
grading.					

**Goal 3:** Enhance college and career readiness for students by increasing opportunities and improving academic pathways towards graduation.

Strategies	Mar. 2017	Sept. 2017	Mar. 2018	Sept. 2018	Mar. 2019
	Status	Status	Status	Status	Status
3.a. Develop vertically aligned pathways between middle and high					
schools across the district.					
3.b. Develop and implement transition programs for middle and high					
school students.					
3.c. Implement appropriate, academic broad-based screening					
procedures to accelerate students within unidentified,					
underrepresented populations.					
3.d. Implement additional Career and Technical Education (CTE)					
programs.					
3.e. Implement AVID at new school sites.					
3.f. Recruit and retain teachers who are qualified and willing to teach					
accelerated and CTE courses.					
3.g. Develop business and community partnerships to promote and					
support college and career readiness.					
3.h. Support schools with developing ways to promote college and					
career pathways and individual student goals.					
3.i. Develop tools and resources to communicate with students,					
families, and community stakeholders about academic pathways					
available in the district.					
3.j. Research and explore the possibility of career academies in our					
high schools.					

**Goal 4:** Provide schools with accurate, timely, and efficient access to Early Warning System indicator data.

Strategies	Mar. 2017	Sept. 2017	Mar. 2018	Sept. 2018	Mar. 2019
	Status	Status	Status	Status	Status
4.a. Develop automated EWS reports aligned with focus indicators in					
Skyward.					
4.b. Implement Ed-Fi CODE.					
4.c. Train district staff and graduation coaches on how to access and analyze EWS indicators and reports in Skyward and Ed-Fi CODE.					
4.d. Train school leaders and identified EWS school team members on how to access and analyze EWS indicators and reports in Skyward and Ed-Fi CODE.					
4.e. Train teachers on how to access and analyze EWS indicators and reports in Ed-Fi CODE.					
4.f. Implement the use of the Middle School Graduation Plan in Skyward as a tracking tool.					
4.g. Develop tracking documents to monitor students who are at-risk or off-track.					
4.h. Develop knowledge and the capacity at the district level to more effectively use Skyward, Ed-Fi CODE, and other data platforms.					
4.i. Collaborate with NEFEC, USF, and other educational organizations to provide schools with data and research.					
4.j. Provide academic progress monitoring platforms and assessments to build consistency across schools.					

**Goal 5:** Improve district monitoring of early warning indicators, preventative measures, intervention strategies, and graduation rates.

Strategies	Mar. 2017	Sept. 2017	Mar. 2018	Sept. 2018	Mar. 2019	
	Status	Status	Status	Status	Status	
5.a. Create a district level EWS problem solving team to monitor						
district and school preventative measures and intervention strategies						
for course performance, attendance, and behavior.						
5.b. Develop expectations and timelines for school leaders to report						
EWS data to the Superintendent at strategic points during the school						
year.						
5.c. Monitor implementation of the graduation initiative and adjust						
strategies based on data and desired progress.						
5.d. Research, develop, and implement an efficient and effective						
MTSS process.						
5.e. Evaluate district level policies and procedures regarding						
promotion, placement, and retention. Revise as needed.						
5.f. Evaluate district level policies and procedures regarding						
attendance and behavior. Revise as needed.						
5.g. Evaluate the effectiveness of the graduation coaches and clarify						
roles and responsibilities.						
5.h. Publish graduation initiative reports for parents and community						
stakeholders.						
5.i. Promote community awareness of district initiatives through						
marketing and media campaigns.						

## **Implementation Examples and Evidence**

- 1.a. Allocated and hired three graduation coaches for the 2016-17 school year; hired two graduation coaches for the 2017-18 school year; hired two graduation coaches for the 2018-19 school year
- 1.b. Training provided on 12/9/16, 12/15/16, 12/16/16, 01/18/17, 01/31/17, 02/16/17, 02/17/17; 04/25/17, 04/26/17, A.V.I.D Institute-Summer 2017, JFG training-Aug 2017; Career Shines 11/15/17, attended ESSEI Conference-Dec 2017, attendance training 12/12/17, JFG Webinar on 01/12/18, Counselor's Conference 01/30/18, training on 03/14/18; A.V.I.D Institute-Summer 2018, district meetings on 8/8/18, 8/13/18
- 1.c. Met with Amber Brundage from USF on 12/15/16 for initial meeting; draft indicators and thresholds were developed prior to the 2017-18 school year and attendance thresholds are being implemented and monitored along with course performance thresholds in some grade levels; course performance thresholds for all grade levels are being developed for the 2018-19 school year
- 1.d. Examples of programs at some schools include Check and Connect, Camp Osprey, North Point Youth, Boyz II Men Mentoring Project, Men of Moseley
- 1.e. TA periods were included in master schedules at all middle and high schools during 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19 school years
- 1.f. Applied for Jobs for Florida's Graduates through The Florida Endowment Foundation for Florida's Graduates; during 2017-18 the district is implementing grants including JFG, 21<sup>st</sup> Century, SIG3, SIG4, and UniSIG that support off-track students; Schools of Hope grant awarded in Jan 2018; JFG grant awarded for the 2018-19 school year, district continues to implement 21<sup>st</sup> Century, SIG3, SIG4, UniSIG, and Schools of Hope
- 1.g. Individual schools are developing tracking tools for students and some schools had 1:1 parent meetings during Summer 2017 with students in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade cohort; mailed mid-year graduation status reports during 2017-18; mailed graduation status reports and held individual parent/student meetings during Summer 2018
- 1.h. District has updated the requirements page on our website and is supporting school efforts; district staff supported credit evaluations at Putnam Edge
- 2.a. District staff including school improvement specialists, graduation coaches, and content specialists provide support to schools
- 2.b. Training provided on 05/04/16 and 10/25/16; attendance training on 04/25/17, 04/26/17; attendance training on 12/12/17
- 2.c. Graduation coaches will present to guidance counselors in the Fall of 2017; graduation coaches provided training on 12/15/17, 02/16/18

- 2.d. Initial training provided on 05/04/16; attendance training on 04/25/17, 04/26/17, 06/08/17, administrators were supported with developing reading intervention plans for the 2017-18 school year; attendance training on 12/12/17; administrators were supported with developing reading and math intervention plans for the 2018-19 school year
- 2.e Graduation coaches led presentations on graduation requirements in Spring 2018 for all 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students throughout the district; district staff supported training at Putnam Edge
- 2.f Graduation coaches are supporting problem solving teams at the high schools
- 2.g. Graduation coaches are working with schools to develop incentive programs for attendance and supporting and promoting the JFG classes; during the 2017-18 school year all schools implemented incentive programs for increasing attendance; graduation coaches continue to support schools with incentive programs in 2018-19
- 3.a. District is developing vertically aligned pathways for the 2017-18 school year; district implemented some new pathways for 2017-18 and expanded acceleration at secondary levels; for the 2018-19 school year the district has equitable access to advanced courses at all middle schools leading to college and career pathways at the high schools
- 3.b. District has implemented a leadership techniques course for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students; some schools are implementing additional transition programs; high schools implemented 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade transition activities in Spring 2018
- 3.c. The district uses the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) as a universal screener; screener is administered to Grade 1 students and students applying for acceleration programs
- 3.d. The district is partnering with Georgia Pacific to implement a new CTE program for the 2017-18 school year; district added Welding at IHS and Advanced Manufacturing at CCHS, PHS, and IHS for the 2017-18 school year; district is working to expand current CTE programs such as Advanced Manufacturing and Welding for the 2018-19 school year by offering additional levels; additional CTE program levels are being offered during 2018-19
- 3.e. The district currently has AVID at C. L. Overturf, Jenkins Middle, Palatka High, Crescent City High and is exploring options for AVID at the elementary level; district added AVID at Moseley Elementary and C.H. Price Middle for the 2017-18 school year; district plans to add AVID at Mellon and Interlachen High for the 2018-19 school year; district has AVID programs at six secondary schools and two elementary schools for 2018-19
- 3.f. The district successfully recruited teachers for the new CTE programs for 2017-18; some grants were written with recruitment and retention strategies; district retained CTE programs and teachers for the 2018-19 school year

- 3.g. District successfully partnered with businesses to implement Advanced Manufacturing and partners with local colleges/universities for Dual Enrollment and the Collegiate High School programs; strategies to promote college and career readiness are being implemented in grades 5, 8; district has established partnerships with businesses through the JFG and CTE programs to promote internships, on-the-job training, and career placement for the 2018-19 school year
- 3.h. The district implemented the Freshman Transition Course as part of Get Focused...Stay Focused! for all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and is working in partnership with St. Johns River State College and First Coast Technical College; district participates in *Boys Can* and *Girls Can* at SJRSC; students participated in the Northeast Florida Construction Career Day in Jacksonville
- 3.i. The district organized a high school showcase and Palatka High organizes a college night each year; all high schools are providing parent night opportunities; all schools were required to promote their academic pathway options for the 2018-19 school year
- 3.j. District leaders have started the research phase; a team of district leaders attended the Ford NGL Winter Conference in Feb 2018 to learn more about career academies; in Summer 2018 selected school administrators attended the Southern Regional Education Board Conference, Palatka High has created career clusters for 2018-19 registration
- 4.a. The district is exploring the possibility of using an EWS Platform in Performance Matters; district has student level thresholds for EWS in Performance Matters
- 4.b. The district is partnering with NEFEC to have Ed-Fi CODE ready to fully implement during the 2017-18 school year; the current platform has been discontinued and the district is collaborating with NEFEC on an alternative
- 4.c. Ed-Fi CODE training for district administrators and staff was provided on 01/18/17; a district team attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Florida CODE Summit on 01/31/18; the current platform has been discontinued and the district is collaborating with NEFEC on an alternative
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- 4.g. Schools have autonomy to develop their own tracking tools to monitor students who are at-risk or off-track
- 4.h. District leaders and staff have had training on data platforms including Ed-Fi CODE, i-Ready, and Performance Matters; district staff continue to improve their knowledge of data platforms and explore options for improved use throughout the district
- 4.i. Examples of district partners include NEFEC, Project 10, and the University of South Florida
- 4.j. The district provides i-Ready and Performance Matters as platforms for schools to use for progress monitoring

- 5.a. The district is identifying potential members of the district EWS team; the district EWS Team met on 11/08/17, 12/12/17, 01/18/18, 06/25/18
- 5.b. Principals presented EWS data during Data Conversations on 11/02/16, 11/03/16, 01/26/17, 02/02/17, and 02/06/17; Data Conversations are scheduled throughout the 2017-18 school year; principals presented EWS data during Data Conversations on 11/01/17, 11/06/17, 01/30/18, 02/01/18; school and district leaders participated in *K-12 Lift* Data Analysis sessions in July, August, and September 2018, principals presented data targets during Data Conversations on 09/21/18
- 5.c. The district will review the graduation initiative and publish a final plan in May 2017; graduation initiative is published on the district website and informed revisions to the district Strategic Plan; the district continues to monitor and publish graduation initiative data through reports on the district website
- 5.d. The district MTSS specialist supports continuous improvement and implementation; district is seeking funding for a new district MTSS specialist due to budget cuts; district funded an MTSS specialist who is currently reviewing our process and barriers to implementation; MTSS has moved under our new Department of Student Services to increase effectiveness
- 5.e. The district is currently drafting proposed changes for the 2018-19 school year
- 5.f. The district is currently drafting proposed changes for the 2018-19 school year; the district implemented a new attendance policy for 2018-19
- 5.g. Evaluation occurred prior to the 2017-18 school year and resulted in revised responsibilities based on new school assignments
- 5.h. Implementation Status Reports are posted on the district website; Graduation Rate Targets and Outcomes Reports are posted on the district website
- 5.i. The final version of the graduation initiative will be posted on the district website in May 2017 with reports published during Summer 2017; the graduation initiative and reports are posted on the district website, the district created an attendance pamphlet to promote our attendance initiatives; the district developed an attendance logo for the 2017-18 school year; the Superintendent holds Advisory Council Meetings in each region of the county; district initiatives and results are published in the Project Putnam quarterly report compiled by State Representative Yoho's office