

Improvement Plan

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Plan Assignment	Framework Points Earned
Performance	at or above 60%
Improvement	at or above 47% - below 60%
Priority Improvement	at or above 33% - below 47%
Turnaround	below 33%

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Performance Indicators	Rating/Plan	% of Points Earned out of Points Eligible*		
Academic Achievement	Approaching	50.0%	(7.5 out of 15 points)	
Academic Growth	Approaching	50.0%	(17.5 out of 35 points)	
Academic Growth Gaps	Approaching	41.7%	(6.3 out of 15 points)	
Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness	Meets	66.7%	(23.3 out of 35 points)	
Test Participation**	Does Not Meet 95% Participation Rate			
TOTAL		54.6%	(54.6 out of 100 points)	

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Academic Achievement

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Academic Growth Gaps

The Gaps Indicator measures the academic progress of historically disadvantaged student subgroups and students needing to catch up. It disaggregates the Growth Indicator into student subgroups, and reflects their normative and adequate growth. The subgroups include students eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch, minority students, students with disabilities (IEP status), English Language Learners, and students needing to catch up.

Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness

The Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Indicator measures the preparedness of students for college or jobs upon completing high school. This Indicator reflects student graduation rates, dropout rates, and average Colorado ACT composite scores.

Performance Indicators

Level: High School

School: POLARIS EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING SCHOOL - 7104

(3 Year*)**

<i>Academic Achievement</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>	<i>Points Eligible</i>	<i>% Points</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>% Proficient/Advanced</i>	<i>School's Percentile</i>
Reading	2	4		Approaching	180	60.0%	23
Mathematics	2	4		Approaching	183	23.5%	33
Writing	2	4		Approaching	180	39.4%	30
Science	2	4		Approaching	84	39.3%	30
Total	8	16	50.0%	Approaching			

<i>Academic Growth</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>	<i>Points Eligible</i>	<i>% Points</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Median Growth Percentile</i>	<i>Median Adequate Growth Percentile</i>	<i>Made Adequate Growth?</i>
Reading	2	4		Approaching	160	36	20	Yes
Mathematics	2	4		Approaching	163	44	97	No
Writing	2	4		Approaching	160	46	62	No
Total	6	12	50.0%	Approaching				

<i>Academic Growth Gaps</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>	<i>Points Eligible</i>	<i>% Points</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Subgroup N</i>	<i>Subgroup Median Growth Percentile</i>	<i>Subgroup Median Adequate Growth Percentile</i>	<i>Made Adequate Growth?</i>
Reading	3	8	37.5%	Approaching				
Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible	2	4		Approaching	40	32	28	Yes
Minority Students	0	0		N/A	<20 students	N/A	N/A	
Students w/ Disabilities	0	0		N/A	<20 students	N/A	N/A	
English Language Learners	0	0		N/A	<20 students	N/A	N/A	
Students needing to catch up	1	4		Does Not Meet	58	39	75	No
Mathematics	3	8	37.5%	Approaching				
Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible	1	4		Does Not Meet	43	39	99	No
Minority Students	0	0		N/A	<20 students	N/A	N/A	
Students w/ Disabilities	0	0		N/A	<20 students	N/A	N/A	
English Language Learners	0	0		N/A	<20 students	N/A	N/A	
Students needing to catch up	2	4		Approaching	107	47	99	No
Writing	4	8	50.0%	Approaching				
Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible	2	4		Approaching	41	41	81	No
Minority Students	0	0		N/A	<20 students	N/A	N/A	
Students w/ Disabilities	0	0		N/A	<20 students	N/A	N/A	
English Language Learners	0	0		N/A	<20 students	N/A	N/A	
Students needing to catch up	2	4		Approaching	92	46	93	No
Total	10	24	41.7%	Approaching				

<i>Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>	<i>Points Eligible</i>	<i>% Points</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Rate/Score</i>	<i>Minimum State Expectation</i>
Graduation Rate	3	4		Meets	54	83.3%	80%
Dropout Rate	3	4		Meets	333	2.7%	At/below State average
Colorado ACT Composite	2	4		Approaching	82	18.7%	At/above State average
Total	8	12	66.7%	Meets			

<i>Test Participation</i>	<i>% of Students Tested</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Students Tested</i>	<i>Total Students</i>
Reading	94.0%	Does Not Meet 95% Participation Rate	187	199
Mathematics	95.5%	95% Participation Rate Met	190	199
Writing	93.5%	Does Not Meet 95% Participation Rate	186	199
Science	96.6%	95% Participation Rate Met	86	89
Colorado ACT	94.2%	Does Not Meet 95% Participation Rate	82	87

Scoring Guide for Performance Indicators on the School Performance Framework Report

Performance Indicator	Scoring Guide	Rating	Point Value	Total Possible	Framework Points
Academic Achievement	<i>The school's percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced was:</i>			16 (4 for each content area)	15
	• at or above the 90th percentile of all schools.	Exceeds	4		
	• below the 90th percentile but at or above the 50th percentile of all schools.	Meets	3		
	• below the 50th percentile but at or above the 15th percentile of all schools.	Approaching	2		
Academic Growth	• below the 15th percentile of all schools.	Does Not Meet	1	12 (4 for each content area)	35
	<i>If the school meets the median adequate student growth percentile and its median student growth percentile was:</i>				
	• at or above 60.	Exceeds	4		
	• below 60 but at or above 45.	Meets	3		
	• below 45 but at or above 30.	Approaching	2		
	• below 30.	Does Not Meet	1		
	<i>If the school does not meet the median adequate student growth percentile and its median student growth percentile was:</i>				
	• at or above 70.	Exceeds	4		
• below 70 but at or above 55.	Meets	3			
Academic Growth Gaps	• below 55 but at or above 40.	Approaching	2	60 (5 for each subgroup group in 3 content areas)	15
	• below 40.	Does Not Meet	1		
	<i>If the student subgroup meets the median adequate student growth percentile and its student growth percentile was:</i>				
	• at or above 60.	Exceeds	4		
	• below 60 but at or above 45.	Meets	3		
	• below 45 but at or above 30.	Approaching	2		
	• below 30.	Does Not Meet	1		
	<i>If the student subgroup does not meet the median adequate student growth percentile and its student growth percentile was:</i>				
• at or above 70.	Exceeds	4			
Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness	• below 70 but at or above 55.	Meets	3	12 (4 for each sub-indicator)	35
	• below 55 but at or above 40.	Approaching	2		
	• below 40.	Does Not Meet	1		
	<i>Graduation Rate: The school's graduation rate was:</i>				
	• at or above 90%.	Exceeds	4		
	• above 80% but below 90%.	Meets	3		
	• at or above 65% but below 80%	Approaching	2		
	• below 65%.	Does Not Meet	1		
	<i>Dropout Rate: The school's dropout rate was:</i>				
	• at or below 1%.	Exceeds	4		
	• at or below the state average but above 1%.	Meets	3		
	• at or below 10% but above the state average.	Approaching	2		
• at or above 10%.	Does Not Meet	1			
<i>Average Colorado ACT Composite: The school's average Colorado ACT composite score was:</i>					
• at or above 22.	Exceeds	4			
• at or above the state average but below 22.	Meets	3			
• at or above 17 but below the state average.	Approaching	2			
• at or below 17.	Does Not Meet	1			

Cut-Points for each performance indicator

	Cut Point: The school earned ... of the points eligible on this Indicator.	
Achievement;	• at or above 87.5%	Exceeds
Growth; Gaps;	• at or above 62.5% - below 87.5%	Meets
Postsecondary	• at or above 37.5% - below 62.5%	Approaching
	• below 37.5%	Does Not Meet

Cut-Points for plan type assignment

	Cut Point: The school earned ... of the total Framework points eligible.	
Total Framework Points	• at or above 60%	Performance
	• at or above 47% - below 60%	Improvement
	• at or above 33% - below 47%	Priority Improvement
	• below 33%	Turnaround

School plan type assignments

	Plan description	
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Turnaround Plan	The school is required to adopt and implement a Turnaround Plan.	

Reference

Comparison Data

Academic Achievement

Percent of Students Proficient or Advanced by Percentile Cut-Points - 1-year (2010)

	Reading			Math			Writing			Science		
	Elem	Middle	High	Elem	Middle	High	Elem	Middle	High	Elem	Middle	High
N of Schools	1008	479	327	1007	480	327	1007	480	327	912	407	286
15th percentile	49.2	50.4	54.9	48.6	29.7	16.0	32.5	35.0	31.0	19.7	23.8	27.5
50th percentile	71.6	71.4	73.3	70.9	52.5	33.5	53.5	57.8	50.0	47.5	48.0	50.0
90th percentile	89.1	88.2	87.2	89.3	75.0	54.8	76.8	79.7	72.2	76.0	75.1	72.4

Percent of Students Proficient or Advanced by Percentile Cut-Points - 3-year aggregate (2008-10)

	Reading			Math			Writing			Science		
	Elem	Middle	High	Elem	Middle	High	Elem	Middle	High	Elem	Middle	High
N of Schools	1032	507	362	1032	507	361	1032	507	362	972	469	347
15th percentile	50.0	50.6	53.3	48.7	29.7	13.5	32.6	36.8	30.0	20.5	25.0	27.9
50th percentile	72.0	71.4	72.2	70.1	51.6	30.5	54.8	58.3	49.6	45.4	48.7	50.0
90th percentile	88.2	87.4	86.2	87.5	74.4	52.2	76.5	79.2	71.0	72.6	71.3	71.5

Academic Growth and Academic Growth Gaps

Decision tree to determine which scoring guide to use for Academic Growth and Academic Growth Gaps



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	N of Students	Mean Dropout Rate
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1-year vs. 3-year report

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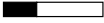


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Performance Indicators	Rating/Plan	% of Points Earned out of Points Eligible*		
Academic Achievement	Approaching	50.0%	(12.5 out of 25 points)	
Academic Growth	Does Not Meet	33.3%	(16.7 out of 50 points)	
Academic Growth Gaps	Does Not Meet	25.0%	(6.3 out of 25 points)	
Test Participation**	95% Participation Rate Met			
TOTAL		35.5%	(35.5 out of 100 points)	

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Performance Indicators

Level: Middle School

School: POLARIS EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING SCHOOL - 7104

(3 Year*)**

Academic Achievement	Points Earned	Points Eligible	% Points	Rating	N	% Proficient/Advanced	School's Percentile
Reading	2	4		Approaching	183	68.8%	44
Mathematics	2	4		Approaching	185	40.0%	26
Writing	2	4		Approaching	186	51.6%	34
Science	2	4		Approaching	90	46.7%	46
Total	8	16	50.0%	Approaching			

Academic Growth	Points Earned	Points Eligible	% Points	Rating	N	Median Growth Percentile	Median Adequate Growth Percentile	Made Adequate Growth?
Reading	2	4		Approaching	160	30	22	Yes
Mathematics	1	4		Does Not Meet	163	29	68	No
Writing	1	4		Does Not Meet	165	32	48	No
Total	4	12	33.3%	Does Not Meet				

Academic Growth Gaps	Points Earned	Points Eligible	% Points	Rating	Subgroup N	Subgroup Median Growth Percentile	Subgroup Median Adequate Growth Percentile	Made Adequate Growth?
Reading	2	8	25.0%	Does Not Meet				
Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible	1	4		Does Not Meet	45	19	25	No
Minority Students	0	0		N/A	<20 students	N/A	N/A	
Students w/ Disabilities	0	0		N/A	<20 students	N/A	N/A	
English Language Learners	0	0		N/A	<20 students	N/A	N/A	
Students needing to catch up	1	4		Does Not Meet	35	10	49	No
Mathematics	2	8	25.0%	Does Not Meet				
Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible	1	4		Does Not Meet	47	21	66	No
Minority Students	0	0		N/A	<20 students	N/A	N/A	
Students w/ Disabilities	0	0		N/A	<20 students	N/A	N/A	
English Language Learners	0	0		N/A	<20 students	N/A	N/A	
Students needing to catch up	1	4		Does Not Meet	70	25	91	No
Writing	2	8	25.0%	Does Not Meet				
Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible	1	4		Does Not Meet	47	20	51	No
Minority Students	0	0		N/A	<20 students	N/A	N/A	
Students w/ Disabilities	0	0		N/A	<20 students	N/A	N/A	
English Language Learners	0	0		N/A	<20 students	N/A	N/A	
Students needing to catch up	1	4		Does Not Meet	57	35	77	No
Total	6	24	25.0%	Does Not Meet				

Test Participation	% of Students Tested	Rating	Students Tested	Total Students
Reading	97.0%	95% Participation Rate Met	195	201
Mathematics	98.0%	95% Participation Rate Met	197	201
Writing	98.0%	95% Participation Rate Met	197	201
Science	100.0%	95% Participation Rate Met	94	94

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Academic Growth	<i>If the school meets the median adequate student growth percentile and its median student growth percentile was:</i>			12 (4 for each content area)	50	
	• at or above 60.	Exceeds	4			
	• below 60 but at or above 45.	Meets	3			
	• below 45 but at or above 30.	Approaching	2			
	• below 30.	Does Not Meet	1			
	<i>If the school does not meet the median adequate student growth percentile and its median student growth percentile was:</i>					
	• at or above 70.	Exceeds	4			
	• below 70 but at or above 55.	Meets	3			
• below 55 but at or above 40.	Approaching	2				
	• below 40.	Does Not Meet	1			
Academic Growth Gaps	<i>If the student subgroup meets the median adequate student growth percentile and its student growth percentile was:</i>			60 (5 for each subgroup group in 3 content areas)	25	
	• at or above 60.	Exceeds	4			
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	• below 40.	Does Not Meet	1			

Cut-Points for each performance indicator

	Cut Point: The school earned ... of the points eligible on this Indicator.	
Achievement; Growth; Gaps	• at or above 87.5%	Exceeds
	• at or above 62.5% - below 87.5%	Meets
	• at or above 37.5% - below 62.5%	Approaching
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90th percentile	89.1	88.2	87.2	89.3	75.0	54.8	76.8	79.7	72.2	76.0	75.1	72.4

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90th percentile	88.2	87.4	86.2	87.5	74.4	52.2	76.5	79.2	71.0	72.6	71.3	71.5

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