



# **Accreditation Report**

**Atlee High School**

**Hanover County Public Schools**

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# **Executive Summary**

## **Introduction**

Every school has its own story to tell. The context in which teaching and learning takes place influences the processes and procedures by which the school makes decisions around curriculum, instruction, and assessment. The context also impacts the way a school stays faithful to its vision. Many factors contribute to the overall narrative such as an identification of stakeholders, a description of stakeholder engagement, the trends and issues affecting the school, and the kinds of programs and services that a school implements to support student learning.

The purpose of the Executive Summary (ES) is to provide a school with an opportunity to describe in narrative form the strengths and challenges it encounters. By doing so, the public and members of the school community will have a more complete picture of how the school perceives itself and the process of self-reflection for continuous improvement. This summary is structured for the school to reflect on how it provides teaching and learning on a day to day basis.

## **Description of the School**

**Describe the school's size, community/communities, location, and changes it has experienced in the last three years. Include demographic information about the students, staff, and community at large. What unique features and challenges are associated with the community/communities the school serves?**

Opening the fall of 1991, Atlee High School serves grades 9-12. The school shares a 156 acre site with Chickahominy Middle School and Cool Spring Elementary School. Located eight miles northeast of the Richmond Metropolitan area and two hours south of Washington, DC, Atlee High School enjoys a growing school population of students from largely middle socio-economic communities that reflect a rapid growth from rural to suburban. With the increase in business moving into the metro-Richmond area, subdivisions in the school's attendance zone attract families because of the excellent reputation of its schools. The culture of the community possesses educational and recreational advantages that promote the wholesome development of both students and community.

Currently, Atlee has a student enrollment of 1,651 and 113 faculty members. The student body consists of an ethnic/racial population that is 85.2% Caucasian, 7.5% African American, 0.3% American Indian/Alaska Native, 2.3% Asian/Pacific Islander, 3.0% Hispanic, and 1.7% More Than One Race. Since its inception, the school has remained student centered and community driven.

## **School's Purpose**

**Provide the school's purpose statement and ancillary content such as mission, vision, values, and/or beliefs. Describe how the school embodies its purpose through its program offerings and expectations for students.**

The goal, was and continues to be, to involve all of Atlee's stakeholders in the plans, programs, activities, and major decision-making that impact the school. The school's mission is "to provide an education that establishes among all stakeholders a lifelong bond built on mutual trust, respect, acceptance, and understanding."

To meet the needs of the student body, a full range of programs has been implemented to ensure academic success, including the International Baccalaureate Program, Advance Placement Program, and the Dual Enrollment Program. In addition, students are afforded the opportunity to enroll in specialty classes at the Hanover Center for Trades and Technology. Sixty-one percent of our students received an Advanced Diploma; twelve percent received an IB Diploma; and twenty-three percent a standard diploma..

Atlee's motto is to "Expect the Best." Students are urged to enroll in a rigorous program of studies, as well as be involved in the many athletic and extra-curricular activities offered. Twenty-eight percent of our students are enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Program, with fifty-eight percent enrolled in Advanced Placement courses. With regard to our graduates, sixty-nine percent plan to attend a four year college, eleven percent a two-year college and four percent pursuing other continuing education plans. In addition, fifty-five percent participate in our athletic program through the Virginia High School League, and seventy-nine percent participate in extra-curricular activities. School spirit and school morale continue to improve as more students join clubs and participate in more activities.

Administrators make a concerted effort to protect instructional time, which allows teachers to plan lessons that are student-centered and emphasize time-on-task learning. The school schedule includes Flex Time, which affords students an opportunity once a week to make up work, to seek remediation or enrichment from their respective teachers.

## **Notable Achievements and Areas of Improvement**

**Describe the school's notable achievements and areas of improvement in the last three years. Additionally, describe areas for improvement that the school is striving to achieve in the next three years.**

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During the last few years, the Atlee community has experienced both growth and diversity. Unique challenges facing Atlee include an increase in the number of students transferring into the area while maintaining a sense of community, changes in the graduation diploma status for our special needs population, and an increase in the number of students with mental health issues. Ultimately, administrators and school staff remain committed to meeting the needs of each student.

## **Additional Information**

**Provide any additional information you would like to share with the public and community that were not prompted in the previous sections.**

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# Self Assessment

## **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.

Overall Rating: 3.0

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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Survey results</li> <li>•Examples of communications to stakeholders about the school's purpose (i.e. website, newsletters, annual report, student handbook)</li> <li>•Communication plan to stakeholders regarding the school's purpose</li> <li>•Minutes from meetings related to development of the school's purpose</li> <li>•Documentation or description of the process for creating the school's purpose including the role of stakeholders</li> <li>•Purpose statements - past and present</li> </ul>	Level 3

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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Agendas and/or minutes that reference a commitment to the components of the school's statement of purpose</li> <li>•Survey results</li> <li>•The school's statement of purpose</li> </ul>	Level 3

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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 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Survey results</li><li>•The school data profile</li><li>•Agenda, minutes from continuous improvement planning meetings</li><li>•Communication plan and artifacts that show two-way communication to staff and stakeholders</li><li>•The school continuous improvement plan</li></ul>	Level 3

**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.**

Atlee High School strives to be an inclusive learning environment for all. The Staff, Students and Stakeholders continue to evaluate programs and process used on daily as well as long term basis. Staff is continually encouraged to work across all content areas to create a learning environment that includes a wide diversity of student needs. Common Core Planning Time, School Improvement Committee, the Peers Program through the Guidance department and Remediation labs in multiple content areas are just a few examples of the areas of strength implemented here at Atlee. Lower testing scores seen in many of our smaller sub groups is a weakness seen at this time. Particularly with SOL. Math scores of Economically Disadvantaged, Students with Disabilities and Gap Group 1. We have made this area in particular the School Improvement teams number one goal of concern for the 2015-2016 school year. Strategies include but are not limited to the following. Refine and sustain math lab hours both before and after school. Establish and implement consistent common formative assessment timelines within each math content. Discuss, share, and implement best practice to enhance instruction by utilizing common content planning on a daily basis.

## Standard 2: Governance and Leadership

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

Overall Rating: 2.83

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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Student handbooks</li> <li>•Governing body policies, procedures, and practices</li> <li>•Staff handbooks</li> <li>•Communications to stakeholder about policy revisions</li> <li>•School handbooks</li> </ul>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Governing body minutes relating to training</li> <li>•Communication plan to inform all staff on code of ethics, responsibilities, conflict of interest</li> <li>•List of assigned staff for compliance</li> <li>•Proof of legal counsel</li> <li>•Assurances, certifications</li> <li>•Findings of internal and external reviews of compliance with laws, regulations, and policies</li> <li>•Communications about program regulations</li> <li>•Historical compliance data</li> <li>•Governing body policies on roles and responsibilities, conflict of interest</li> <li>•Governing code of ethics</li> </ul>	Level 3

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<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Statement or Question</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Evidence</b>	<b>Rating</b>
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 protects, supports, and respects the autonomy of school leadership to accomplish goals for improvement in student learning and instruction and to manage day-to-day operations of the school. The governing body maintains a distinction between its roles and responsibilities and those of school leadership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Roles and responsibilities of school leadership</li> <li>•School improvement plan developed by the school</li> <li>•Stakeholder input and feedback</li> <li>•Maintenance of consistent academic oversight, planning, and resource allocation</li> <li>•Communications regarding board actions</li> <li>•Survey results regarding functions of the governing body</li> <li>•Agendas and minutes of meetings</li> </ul>	Level 3

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Statement or Question</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Evidence</b>	<b>Rating</b>
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Examples of collaboration and shared leadership</li> <li>•Examples of decisions aligned with the school's statement of purpose</li> <li>•Examples of decisions in support of the school's continuous improvement plan</li> </ul>	Level 3

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Statement or Question</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Evidence</b>	<b>Rating</b>
2.5	Leadership engages stakeholders effectively in support of the school's purpose and direction.	Leaders sometimes communicate effectively with stakeholder groups, provide opportunities for stakeholders to shape decisions, solicit feedback from stakeholders, work collaboratively on school improvement efforts, and provide some leadership roles for stakeholders. School leaders' efforts result in some stakeholder participation and engagement in the school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Minutes from meetings with stakeholders</li> <li>•Survey responses</li> <li>•Involvement of stakeholders in a school improvement plan</li> </ul>	Level 2

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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 focus of the criteria and processes of supervision and evaluation is improving professional practice and improving student success. Supervision and evaluation processes are regularly implemented. The results of the supervision and evaluation processes are used to monitor and effectively adjust professional practice and improve student learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Examples of professional development offerings and plans tied specifically to the results from supervision and evaluation</li><li>•Governing body policy on supervision and evaluation</li><li>•Supervision and evaluation documents with criteria for improving professional practice and student success noted</li><li>•Job specific criteria</li><li>•Representative supervision and evaluation reports</li></ul>	Level 3

**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.**

Areas of strength:

Reading

Algebra 1

Algebra 2 overall, as well as Gap Group 1,2, and 3

Biology

Chemistry overall, as well as Gap Group 2

Earth Science

World History overall, as well as Gap Group 1 and 2

VA and U.S. History overall, as well as Gap Group 1,2, and 3

Actions being taken to sustain areas of growth include the implementation of Professional Learning Communities and build consistent grading practices.

Areas in need of improvement

Writing overall, as well as Gap Group 1 and 2

Algebra 1 in Gap Group 1 and 2

Geometry overall, as well as Gap Group 2

Geography overall, as well as Gap Group 1

World History 2 overall, as well as Gap Group 1,2, and 3

Actions being taken to improve areas of need include the implementation of Professional Learning Communities, build consistent grading practices, and improving data mining and data analysis.

### Standard 3: Teaching and Assessing for Learning

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

Overall Rating: 2.83

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.1	The school's curriculum provides 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.	Curriculum and learning experiences in each course/class provide all students with challenging and equitable opportunities to develop learning skills, thinking skills, and life skills. There is some evidence to indicate curriculum 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Survey results</li> <li>•Lesson plans</li> <li>•Graduate follow-up surveys</li> <li>•Learning expectations for different courses</li> <li>•Posted learning objectives</li> <li>•Representative samples of student work across courses</li> <li>•Course schedules</li> <li>•Enrollment patterns for various courses</li> <li>•Course descriptions</li> <li>•Descriptions of instructional techniques</li> </ul>	Level 3

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 student assessments and an examination of professional practice, school personnel 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 process in place to ensure alignment each time curriculum, instruction, and/or assessments are reviewed or revised. The continuous improvement process ensures that vertical and horizontal alignment as well as alignment with the school's purpose are maintained and enhanced in curriculum, instruction, and assessment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Curriculum guides</li> <li>•A description of the systematic review process for curriculum, instruction, and assessment</li> <li>•Common assessments</li> <li>•Standards-based report cards</li> <li>•Surveys results</li> <li>•Curriculum writing process</li> <li>•Products – scope and sequence, curriculum maps</li> <li>•Lesson plans aligned to the curriculum</li> </ul>	Level 3

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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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Teacher evaluation criteria</li> <li>•Agenda items addressing these strategies</li> <li>•Professional development focused on these strategies</li> <li>•Authentic assessments</li> <li>•Examples of teacher use of technology as an instructional resource</li> <li>•Student work demonstrating the application of knowledge</li> <li>•Findings from supervisor walk-thrus and observations</li> <li>•Surveys results</li> <li>•Interdisciplinary projects</li> </ul>	Level 3

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 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Documentation of collection of lesson plans and grade books</li> <li>•Supervision and evaluation procedures</li> <li>•Peer or mentoring opportunities and interactions</li> <li>•Recognition of teachers with regard to these practices</li> <li>•Surveys results</li> <li>•Examples of improvements to instructional practices resulting from the evaluation process</li> <li>•Administrative classroom observation protocols and logs</li> </ul>	Level 3

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Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.5	Teachers participate in collaborative learning communities to improve instruction and student learning.	Some members of the school staff participate in collaborative learning communities that meet both informally and formally. Collaboration occasionally occurs across grade levels and content areas. Staff members promote 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 sometimes occur among school personnel. School personnel express belief in the value of collaborative learning communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Examples of cross curricular projects, interdisciplinary instruction, and classroom action research project</li> <li>•Common language, protocols and reporting tools</li> <li>•Survey results</li> <li>•Examples of improvements to content and instructional practice resulting from collaboration</li> </ul>	Level 2

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.6	Teachers implement the school's 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Examples of learning expectations and standards of performance</li> <li>•Survey results</li> <li>•Examples of assessments that prompted modification in instruction</li> <li>•Samples of exemplars used to guide and inform student learning</li> </ul>	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.7	Mentoring, coaching, and induction programs support instructional improvement consistent with the school's values and beliefs about teaching and learning.	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Records of meetings and walk thrus/feedback sessions</li> <li>•Survey results</li> <li>•Professional learning calendar with activities for instructional support of new staff</li> </ul>	Level 2

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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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Survey results</li> <li>•Volunteer program with variety of options for participation</li> <li>•List of varied activities and communications modes with families, e.g., info portal, online, newsletters, parent centers, academic nights, open house, early release days</li> <li>•Calendar outlining when and how families are provided information on child's progress</li> <li>•Parental/family/caregiver involvement plan including activities, timeframes, and evaluation process</li> </ul>	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. 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•List of students matched to adult advocate</li> <li>•Survey results</li> <li>•Curriculum and activities of formal adult advocate structure</li> <li>•Master schedule with time for formal adult advocate structure</li> <li>•Description of formal adult advocate structures</li> </ul>	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.	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Evaluation process for grading and reporting practices</li> <li>•Survey results</li> <li>•Sample report cards for each grade level and for all courses</li> <li>•Sample communications to stakeholders about grading and reporting</li> <li>•Policies, processes, and procedures on grading and reporting</li> </ul>	Level 3

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Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.11	All staff members participate in a continuous program of professional learning.	Most staff members participate in a program of professional learning that is aligned with the school's purpose and direction. Professional development is based on the needs of the school. The program builds capacity among staff members who participate. The program is regularly evaluated for effectiveness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Evaluation tools for professional learning</li><li>•Survey results</li><li>•Crosswalk between professional learning and school purpose and direction</li></ul>	Level 2

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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Survey results</li><li>•List of learning support services and student population served by such services</li><li>•Training and professional learning related to research on unique characteristics of learning</li><li>•Data used to identify unique learning needs of students</li></ul>	Level 3

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Biology

Chemistry overall, as well as Gap Group 2

Earth Science

World History overall, as well as Gap Group 1 and 2

VA and U.S. History overall, as well as Gap Group 1,2, and 3

Actions being taken to sustain areas of growth include the implementation of Professional Learning Communities and build consistent grading practices.

Areas in need of improvement

Writing overall, as well as Gap Group 1 and 2

Algebra 1 in Gap Group 1 and 2

Geometry overall, as well as Gap Group 2

Geography overall, as well as Gap Group 1

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World History 2 overall, as well as Gap Group 1,2, and 3

Actions being taken to improve areas of need include the implementation of Professional Learning Communities, build consistent grading practices, and improving data mining and data analysis.

## 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.

Overall Rating: 3.0

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.1	Qualified professional and support staff are sufficient in number to fulfill their roles and responsibilities necessary to support the school's purpose, direction, and the educational program.	Policies, processes, and procedures describe how school leaders are to access, hire, place, and retain qualified professional and support staff. School leaders determine the number of personnel necessary to fill the roles and responsibilities necessary to support the school purpose, educational programs, and continuous improvement. Sustained fiscal resources are available to fund most positions critical to achieve the purpose and direction of the school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Survey results</li> <li>•Policies, processes, procedures and other documentation related to the hiring, placement and retention of professional and support staff</li> <li>•Assessments of staffing needs</li> <li>•Documentation of highly qualified staff</li> </ul>	Level 2

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.2	Instructional time, material resources, and fiscal resources are sufficient to support the purpose and direction of the school.	Instructional time, material resources, and fiscal resources are focused on supporting the purpose and direction of the school. Instructional time is protected in policy and practice. School leaders work to secure material and fiscal resources to meet the needs of all students. School leaders demonstrate that instructional time, material resources, and fiscal resources are allocated so that all students have equitable opportunities to attain challenging learning expectations. Efforts toward the continuous improvement of instruction and operations include achieving the school's purpose and direction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Examples of efforts of school leaders to secure necessary material and fiscal resources</li> <li>•Survey results</li> <li>•School schedule</li> <li>•Alignment of budget with school purpose and direction</li> <li>•School calendar</li> </ul>	Level 3

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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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Records of depreciation of equipment</li> <li>•Survey results</li> <li>•Documentation of compliance with local and state inspections requirements</li> <li>•Documentation of emergency procedures such as fire drills, evacuation and other emergency procedures.</li> <li>•System for maintenance requests</li> <li>•Maintenance schedules</li> <li>•Safety committee responsibilities, meeting schedules, and minutes</li> </ul>	Level 4

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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Budget related to media and information resource acquisition</li> <li>•Survey results</li> <li>•Data on media and information resources available to students and staff</li> <li>•Schedule of staff availability to assist students and school personnel related to finding and retrieving information</li> </ul>	Level 3

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 all stakeholders. School personnel develop and administer needs assessments and use the resulting data to develop and implement a technology plan to improve technology services and infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Technology plan and budget to improve technology services and infrastructure</li> <li>•Assessments to inform development of technology plan</li> <li>•Survey results</li> <li>•Policies relative to technology use</li> </ul>	Level 3

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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 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 students as necessary. Measures of program effectiveness are in place, and school personnel use the data from these measures to evaluate all programs. Improvement plans related to these programs are designed and implemented when needed to more effectively meet the needs of students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Student assessment system for identifying student needs</li><li>•Agreements with school community agencies for student-family support</li><li>•Survey results</li><li>•Schedule of family services, e.g., parent classes, survival skills</li><li>•Social classes and services, e.g., bullying, character education</li><li>•List of support services available to students</li></ul>	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.7	The school provides services that support the counseling, assessment, referral, educational, and career planning needs of all students.	School personnel implement a process to determine the counseling, assessment, referral, educational, and career planning needs of all students. School personnel provide or coordinate programs necessary to meet the needs of students whenever possible. Measures of program effectiveness are in place, and school personnel use the data from these measures to evaluate all programs. Improvement plans related to these programs are designed and implemented when needed to more effectively meet the needs of students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•List of services available related to counseling, assessment, referral, educational, and career planning</li><li>•Survey results</li><li>•Budget for counseling, assessment, referral, educational and career planning</li><li>•Description of IEP process</li><li>•Description of referral process</li></ul>	Level 3

**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.**

Atlee High School is celebrating its 25th year anniversary this year. even though we are in a building that is 25 years old the maintenance to the building over the years shows that taking pride in care in not only the education you provide but the physical building shows. The custodial staff as well as all staff take great pride in making sure the building is safe and clean for all that enter the building. One issue that has been seen over the last several years is staff to student ratio. Atlee High school has and continues to be a very high performing school. One of the draw backs to this is the influx of new families to your school community. While the staff excepts new students with open arms this has also created larger classes sizes.

## 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.

Overall Rating: 2.8

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 use an 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 classrooms and courses. Most assessments, especially those related to student learning, are proven reliable and bias free. The system is regularly evaluated for reliability and effectiveness in improving instruction, student learning, and the conditions that support learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Documentation or description of evaluation tools/protocols</li> <li>•Survey results</li> <li>•Brief description of student assessment system including range of data produced from standardized and local assessments on student learning and school performance</li> <li>•Evidence that assessments are reliable and bias free</li> </ul>	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.2	Professional and support staff continuously collect, analyze, and apply learning from a range of data sources, including comparison and trend data about student learning, instruction, program evaluation, and organizational conditions.	Systematic processes and procedures for collecting, analyzing, and applying learning from multiple data sources are used consistently by professional and support staff. Data sources include 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 data to design, implement, and evaluate continuous improvement plans to improve student learning, instruction, the effectiveness of programs, and organizational conditions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Survey results</li> <li>•Written protocols and procedures for data collection and analysis</li> <li>•Examples of use of data to design, implement, and evaluate continuous improvement plans and apply learning</li> <li>•List of data sources related to student learning, instruction, program effectiveness, and conditions that support learning</li> </ul>	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.	Most professional and support staff members are assessed and trained in a professional development program related to the evaluation, interpretation, and use of data.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Professional learning schedule specific to the use of data</li> <li>•Documentation of attendance and training related to data use</li> <li>•Survey results</li> </ul>	Level 2

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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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Student surveys</li> <li>•Agendas, minutes of meetings related to analysis of data</li> <li>•Description of process for analyzing data to determine verifiable improvement in student learning</li> <li>•Examples of use of results to evaluate continuous improvement action plans</li> <li>•Evidence of student readiness for the next level</li> <li>•Evidence of student growth</li> <li>•Evidence of student success at the next level</li> </ul>	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Minutes of board meetings regarding achievement of student learning goals</li> <li>•Communication plan regarding student learning, conditions that support learning, and achievement of school improvement goals to stakeholders</li> <li>•Survey results</li> <li>•Sample communications to stakeholders regarding student learning, conditions that support learning, and achievement of school improvement goals</li> <li>•School quality control procedures for monitoring information about student learning, conditions that support learning, and the achievement of school improvement goals</li> <li>•Executive summaries of student learning reports to stakeholder groups</li> </ul>	Level 3

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.

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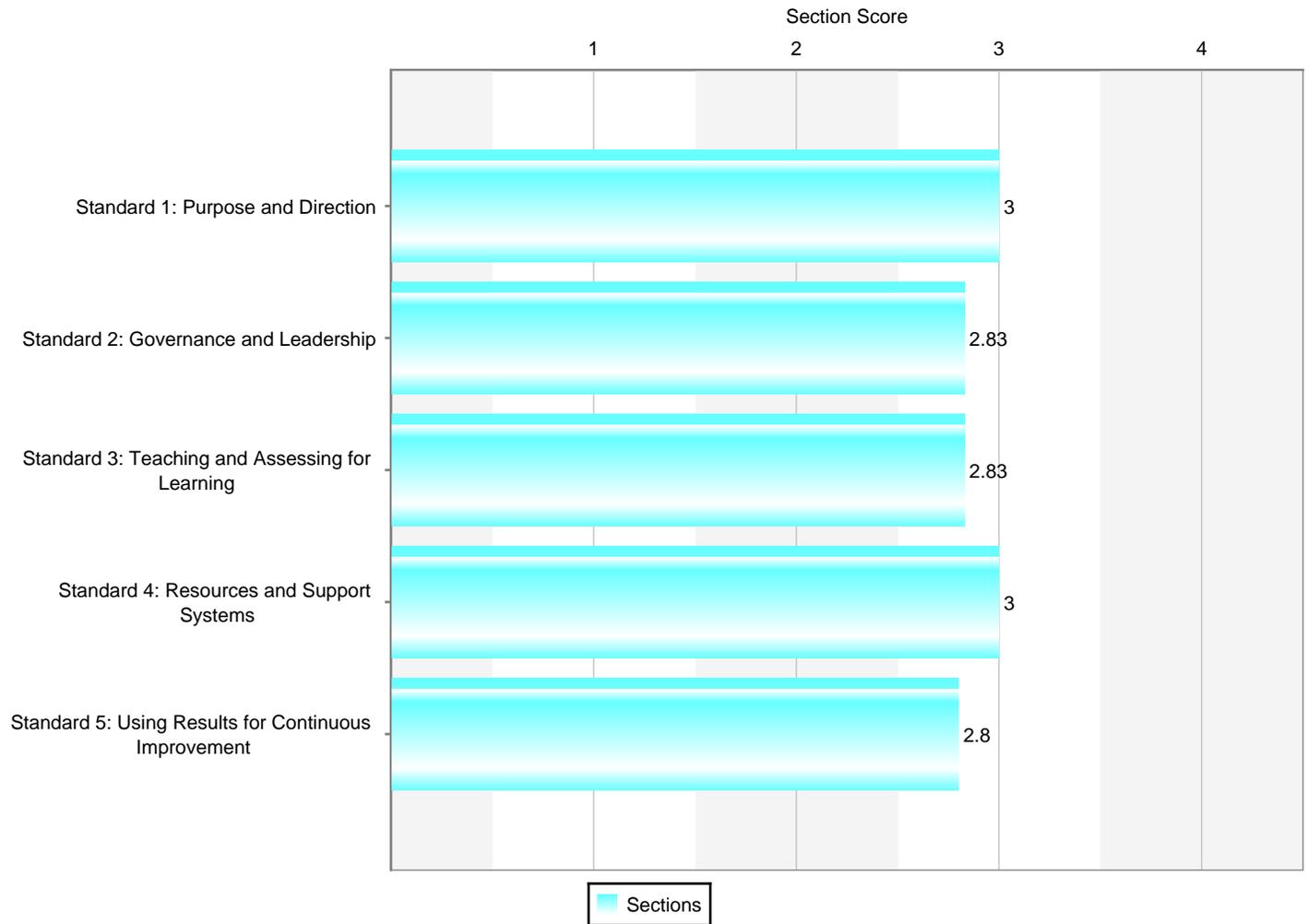
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assessment process. Teachers are encouraged to collaborate with one another to make sure assessment is accurate, equal and fair inside and across multiple content. While the use of data is used at Atlee High School on one of the areas that needs improvement is the use of this data by more teachers. Often times data is available and or presented but the use of this data is not always seen by all faculty and staff. More training on how to use and read data is an area that needs to be addressed by the school and its administrative staff.

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### Scores By Section



# **Stakeholder Feedback Diagnostic**

## **Introduction**

The Stakeholder Feedback Diagnostic is designed to analyze the institution's survey results in terms of areas of achievement and areas that need improvement. Further, the diagnostic is essential to the accreditation and continuous improvement processes in that it provides the institution with a comprehensive view of the aggregate scores of the surveys administered, and the actual total of respondents for each survey type to derive a single score for this diagnostic. The performance level score computed at the completion of the diagnostic is used to broaden and enhance the external review team's understanding of the stakeholder's perceptions of the institution; the diagnostic should be used in the same manner by the institution as it engages in improvement planning.

**Stakeholder Feedback Data**

<b>Label</b>	<b>Assurance</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Attachment</b>
1.	Did you complete the Stakeholder Feedback Data document offline and upload below?	Yes		Atlee

## Evaluative Criteria and Rubrics

Overall Rating: 2.0

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
1.	Questionnaire Administration	Few or no required AdvancED questionnaires were used by the institution. The minimum response rate was not met (parent questionnaire: less than 20%, student questionnaire(s): less than 40%, staff questionnaire: less than 60%). Questionnaires were administered with no fidelity to the administrative procedures. The participants to whom these questionnaires were administered did not represent the populations served by the institution. Appropriate accommodations were not provided for participants.	Level 1

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
2.	Stakeholder Feedback Results and Analysis	All questionnaires had an average item value of 3.20 or above (on a 5.0 scale). Results of stakeholder feedback collected by the institution were acceptably analyzed and presented with reasonable clarity.	Level 3

## **Areas of Notable Achievement**

**Which area(s) indicate the overall highest level of satisfaction or approval?**

Indicator 4.3 received the highest score on our stakeholder survey.

**Which area(s) show a trend toward increasing stakeholder satisfaction or approval?**

Atlee High School continues to meet the high expectations of stakeholders in the area of support needs of students in our community. Stakeholders are most impressed with support systems that are set in place for all members of the Atlee community. Not only concerned with the student body Atlee has support systems in place for staff and stakeholders when needed.

**Which of the above reported findings are consistent with findings from other stakeholder feedback sources?**

The positive nature and support systems are heard from at many stakeholder/school events. This could be athletic events, back to school night, PSAT meetings, school board meetings and on day to day interaction in the community. Atlee High School takes great pride in it's academic accomplishments but also in the fact that is is a safe all inclusive community for students, staff and stakeholders.

## **Areas in Need of Improvement**

### **Which area(s) indicate the overall lowest level of satisfaction or approval?**

Indicator 3.3 and 3.5 found the lowest scores from our stakeholder feedback.

### **Which area(s) show a trend toward decreasing stakeholder satisfaction or approval?**

One area that seemed to be a concern from our stakeholders was the inclusion of all students in the learning environment. According to the responses to our survey stakeholders wanted to see more direct student and teacher interaction in the classroom.

### **What are the implications for these stakeholder perceptions?**

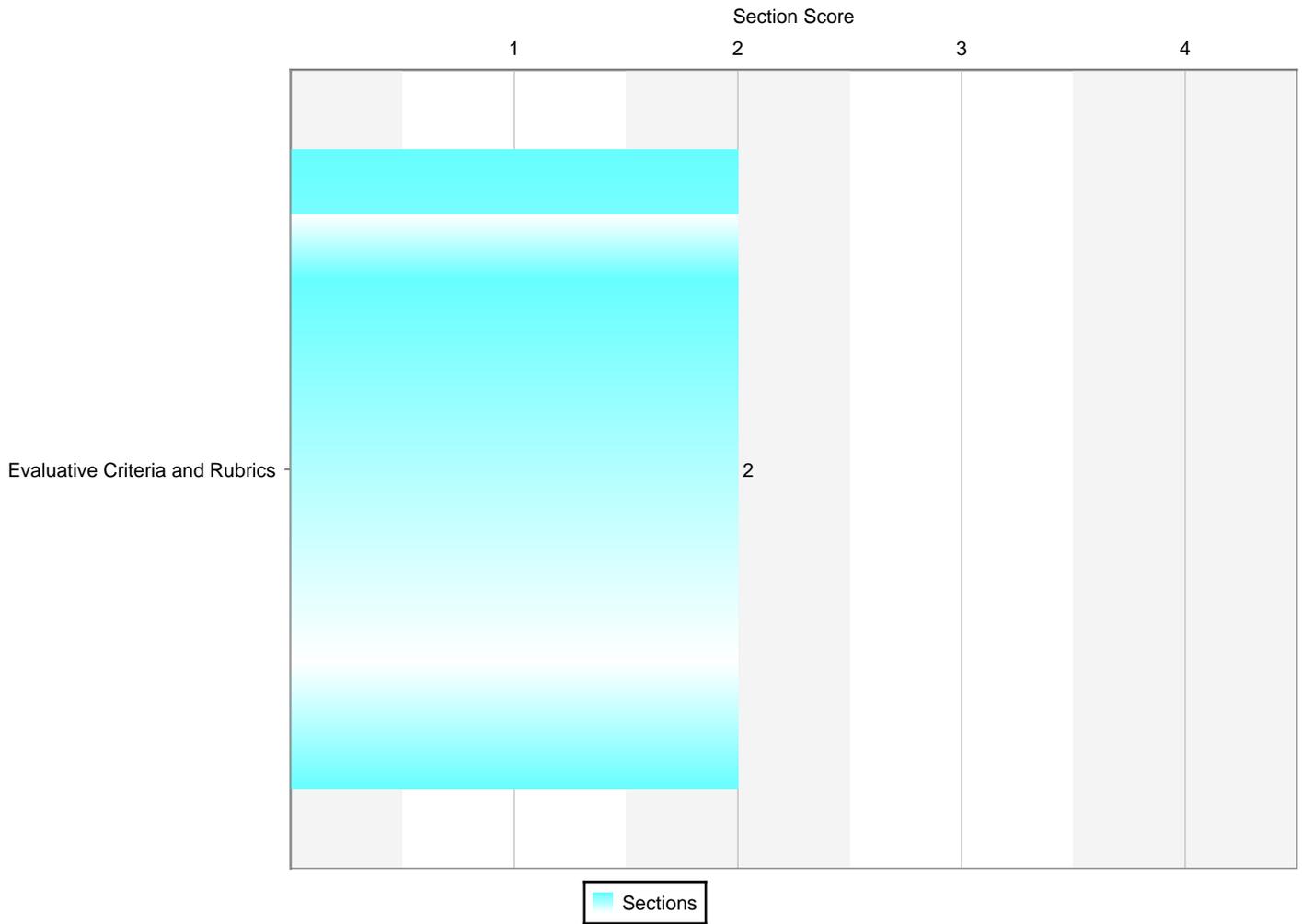
One concern from students, stakeholders and staff is class size. The student to teacher ratio has grown over the last few years. The increase in class size has made the one on one interaction with students more difficult for much of the staff.

### **Which of the above reported findings are consistent with findings from other stakeholder feedback sources?**

The survey does report that these are concerns of stakeholders in our community. This is also a concern that has been brought up in other areas such as school board meetings, PTSA and local media.

## Report Summary

### Scores By Section



# **Student Performance Diagnostic**

## **Introduction**

The Student Performance Diagnostic provides an institution with a process to report summative student assessments. This diagnostic is significant to the accreditation and continuous improvement process as it serves as a resource for schools to view content area assessment results required by the state, district, or other entities, determine the quality and reliability of the given assessments, and show the alignment of the assessments to the school's curriculum. The performance level computed at the completion of the diagnostic is used by the external review team as a comprehensive report to understand fully the institution's assessment program; the diagnostic should be used in the same manner by the institution as it engages in improvement planning.

**Student Performance Data**

<b>Label</b>	<b>Assurance</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Attachment</b>
1.	Did you complete the Student Performance Data document offline and upload below?	No	None submitted. Kathleen Smith	

## Evaluative Criteria and Rubrics

Overall Rating: 2.75

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
1.	Assessment Quality	The array of assessment devices used by the institution to determine students' performances is sufficiently aligned so that valid inferences can be reached regarding students' status with respect to the majority of those curricular aims regarded as high-priority instructional targets. The documentation provided in support of this alignment is relatively persuasive. Most of the assessments used are accompanied by evidence demonstrating that they satisfy accepted technical requirements.	Level 3

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
2.	Test Administration	Most of the assessments used by the institution to determine students' performances have been administered with reasonable fidelity to the administrative procedures appropriate for each assessment. In most instances, the students to whom these assessments were administered are essentially representative of the students served by the institution. Appropriate accommodations have been provided for most assessments so that valid inferences can be made about most students' status with respect to most of the institution's targeted curricular outcomes.	Level 3

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
3.	Quality of Learning	Evidence of student learning promoted by the institution is acceptably analyzed and presented with reasonable clarity. In comparison to institutions functioning in a similar educational context, students' status, improvement, and/or growth evidence indicates that the level of student learning is at or above what would otherwise be expected.	Level 3

	Statement or Question	Response	Rating
4.	Equity of Learning	Evidence of student learning indicates achievement gaps exist among subpopulations of students, and these achievement gaps demonstrate a modest decline.	Level 2

## **Areas of Notable Achievement**

### **Which area(s) are above the expected levels of performance?**

Reading testing scores increased by 2 points in the 2014-2015 school year. Algebra I testing scores increased by 4 points in the 2014-2015 school year. Algebra II testing scores increased by 7 points in the 2014-2015 school year. Biology testing scores increased by 2 points in the 2014-2015 school year. Chemistry testing scores increased by 3 points in the 2014-2015 school year. testing scores increased by 3 points in the 2014-2015 school year. Earth Science testing scores increased by 3 points in the 2014-2015 school year. VA & US History testing scores increased by 2 points in the 2014-2015 school year. World History testing scores increased by 7 points in the 2014-2015 school year.

### **Describe the area(s) that show a positive trend in performance.**

Mathematics, Writing, are showing positive trending in the "All Student" groups. AP & IB testing enrollment numbers have also shown improvement from the 2013-2014 school year to the 2014-2015 school year.

### **Which area(s) indicate the overall highest performance?**

Atlee High School shows the most improvement in the schools writing scores. Atlee continues to show interest in increasing the schools writing scores through the continued implementation of Writing Across the Curriculum.

### **Which subgroup(s) show a trend toward increasing performance?**

Gap Group 3 shows the most increase in performance. This is indicated through testing scores from the 2013-2014 school year to the 2014-2015 school year.

### **Between which subgroups is the achievement gap closing?**

The gap between "All Students" and Gap Group 3 shows the most growth in closing the gap.

### **Which of the above reported findings are consistent with findings from other data sources?**

The findings listed in the above areas are taken directly from the Virginia Department of Education.

## **Areas in Need of Improvement**

### **Which area(s) are below the expected levels of performance?**

Writing testing scores decreased by 4 points in the 2014-2015 school year. Geometry testing scores decreased by 1 points in the 2014-2015 school year. World History II testing scores decreased by 3 points in the 2014-2015 school year. World Geography testing scores decreased by 1 points in the 2014-2015 school year.

### **Describe the area(s) that show a negative trend in performance.**

Atlee High School did show a dropping in testing scores for the 2014-2015 in the following areas; English, History and Science in the "All Student" areas.

### **Which area(s) indicate the overall lowest performance?**

Testing Scores for the "All Student" category in Science showed the lowest decline in the 2014-2015 school year.

### **Which subgroup(s) show a trend toward decreasing performance?**

"Students With Disabilities" shows the slowest growth and in some areas shows a decline in growth.

### **Between which subgroups is the achievement gap becoming greater?**

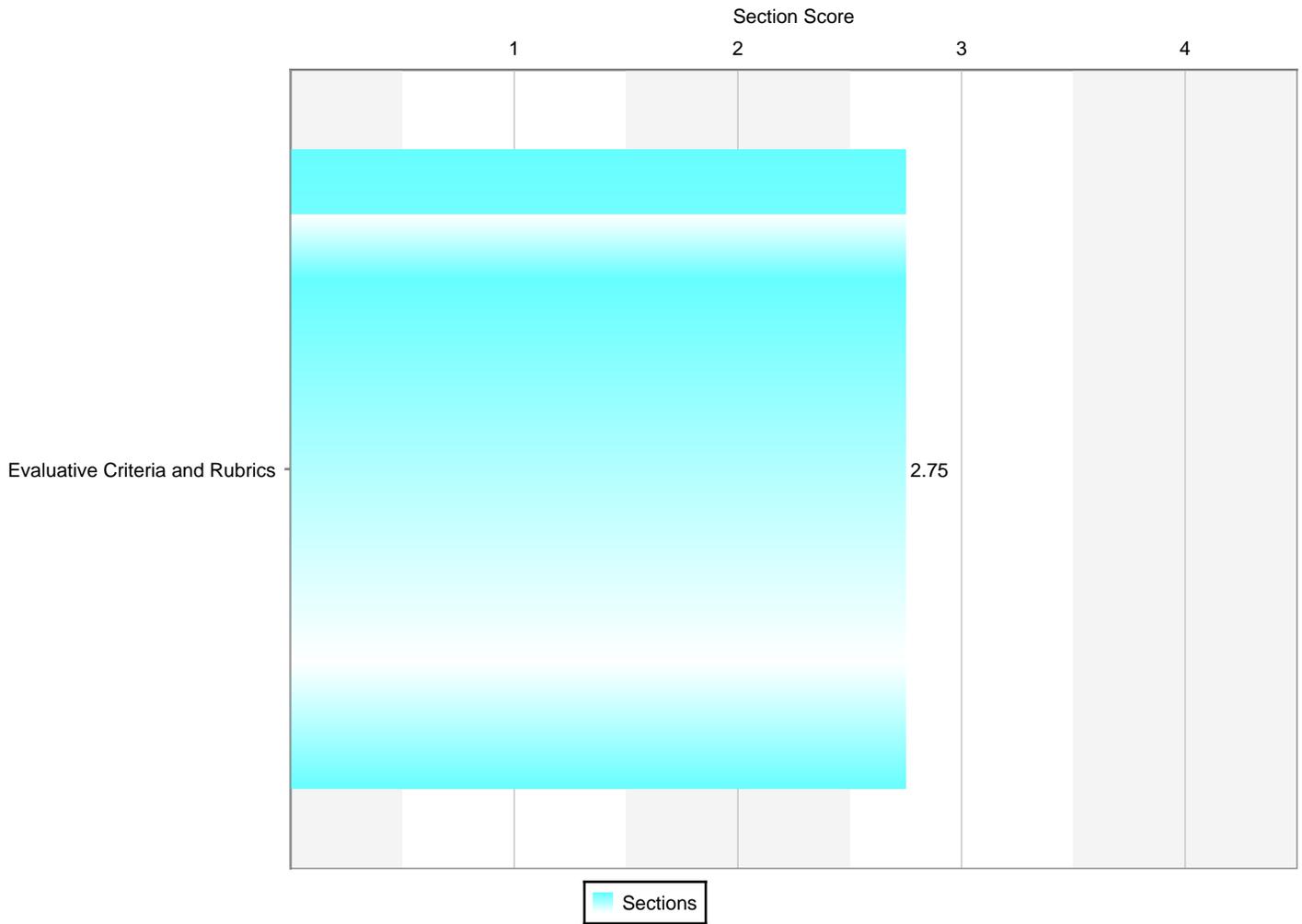
"Students With Disabilities" is a subgroup that is showing in some content areas a widening gap.

### **Which of the above reported findings are consistent with findings from other data sources?**

The findings listed in the above areas are taken directly from the Virginia Department of Education.

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# **AdvancED Assurances**

## **Introduction**

AdvancED Policies and Procedures outline certain requirements that all institutions must meet in order to be in compliance. Institutions are required to verify whether or not they meet these requirements by answering a series of questions and in some cases, attaching evidence for review.

By responding to the questions in ASSIST and attaching evidence when required, the institution has verified whether it meets or does not meet each of the Assurances for Accreditation.

**AdvancED Assurances**

Label	Assurance	Response	Comment	Attachment
1.	The institution has read, understands, and complies with the AdvancED Policies and Procedures.	Yes		

Label	Assurance	Response	Comment	Attachment
2.	The institution has reported all substantive changes in the institution that affect the scope and/or have an impact on the institution's ability to meet the AdvancED standards and policies. Such changes include, but are not limited to: - Restructuring (merging, opening, or closing) of the institution or institution(s) within its jurisdiction - Mission and purpose of the institution - Governance structure of the institution, including changing to a charter school/school system, being the subject of a state takeover, or a change in ownership - Grade levels served by the institution - Staffing, including administrative and other non-teaching professionals personnel - Available facilities, including upkeep and maintenance - Level of funding - School day or school year - Establishment of an additional location geographically apart from the main campus - Student population that causes program or staffing modification(s) - Available programs, including fine arts, practical arts and student activities	Yes		

Label	Assurance	Response	Comment	Attachment
3.	The institution implements a written security and crisis management plan which includes emergency evacuation procedures and appropriate training for stakeholders. Attach the security and crisis management plan. (optional)	Yes		

Label	Assurance	Response	Comment	Attachment
4.	The institution monitors all financial transactions through a recognized, regularly audited accounting system.	Yes		

Label	Assurance	Response	Comment	Attachment
5.	The institution engages in a continuous improvement process and implements an improvement plan. Attach the improvement plan if the plan is not located in AdvancED's Adaptive System of School Improvement Support Tools (ASSIST).	Yes		AHS SIP