Western School of Technology and Environmental Science Community School Progress Summary 2021-2022 Jewell M. Ralph, Principal

BCPS Vision: Baltimore County Public Schools will be among the highest performing school systems in the nation as a result of creating, sustaining, and investing in excellence for every student, every school, and every community.

School Mission: Provide students with challenging academic courses, cutting-edge technological career programs, and experiential environmental science programs to achieve success in higher education and in the workplace.

ACTION STEPS

Culture

Action Step(s):

 Reinforce the mission of the school (meet or exceed CCR standards) by properly placing and supporting ALL students

Mathematics

Goal: All students will achieve mathematics proficiency as indicated by the MCAP assessment.

Action Step(s):

- Implement daily lesson plans aligned to course level standards that focus on "Rule of 4" and Next Generation Science Standards (*The "Rule of Four" is a teaching method designed to increase the understanding of math and science through multiple representations of problems and concepts.*)
- Implement math drills that focus on building SAT skills such as time management and breaking down the problems

Literacy

Goal: All students will achieve literacy proficiency as indicated by the MCAP assessment.

Action Step(s):

- Increase the level of academic rigor in Standard and Honors level courses by implementing lessons aligned to course level standards with an emphasis on annotation and claim and evidence (reading)
- Design content-based assessments that require development of claim, reasoning, and evidence (writing)
- Implement drills and practice assessments to increase individual performance on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section of the SAT

Safe and Secure Environment

Action Step(s):

- Implement a 9th Grade Team that aids in the transition of students and families to high school
- Implement a 10th grade mentoring program that supports the SEL and academic needs of identified students
- Facilitate an Advanced Placement (AP) professional learning community to analyze data and establish critical supports for AP students