

Palo Alto High School
Summary of WASC GOALS 2015-2021

GOAL #1: Systems alignment for greater consistency around learning outcomes to reduce undue stress

Strategy #1: *Aligning Student Learning Outcomes*

Actions: Determine essential learning standards in every course aligned with CCSS/NGSS

Actions: Produce common summative assessments (at least 2) in every course

Actions: Develop common course syllabi that demonstrates alignment of grading, homework and assessment practices

Strategy #2: *Data: Creating and Leading Cultures of Inquiry*

Actions: Generate on-going data collection and reflection process that informs our school on the following metrics: attendance, course enrollment, student academic achievement, student wellness profile, student demographics, student perception, teacher perception, and teacher effectiveness.

Actions: Create and sustain data systems

GOAL #2: Research-based instructional practices that increase student engagement for ALL students

Strategy #1: *Ongoing Professional Learning (PL) "Paly as a Learning System"*

Actions: Implement a system for teacher collaboration by establishing Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)

Actions: Develop a robust, universal academic and behavioral intervention program (RTI) with a focus on differentiation, formative assessments, co-teaching, and access

Actions: Investigate best practices, personalized learning opportunities, technology integration and peer observation to increase student engagement

Actions: Ensure formative assessments, summative assessments, course grades and Rtl data aligned with CCSS/NGSS and pilot use of standards-based grading

Actions: Improve parent communication and/or parent outreach

GOAL #3: Innovative school culture promoting global competencies, creativity and empathy

Strategy #1: *A Shared Vision for Our Future*

Actions: Create a shared vision/mission statement among all stakeholders that will serve as our "North Star"

Actions: Expand our *Challenge Success* team to redefine "rigor" among stakeholders, provide research around homework as an instructional strategy and grading practices that support a "growth mindset" and mastery learning

Actions: Ignite love of learning, develop alternate pathways to explore passions, teach design thinking and/or to embrace failure

Strategy #2: *Global Competencies and Increasing Student "Choice and Voice"*

Actions: Reestablish the senior research projects program to provide opportunity for students to solve real-world problems

Actions: Expand interdisciplinary learning opportunities, create 20% time and/or "genius hour" during tutorial to spark creativity, embrace parents as learning partners

Actions: Increased technology integration through BYOD and blended learning to improve global connectedness

Actions: Increase STEM opportunities and grow a robust computer science curriculum