#### **GARNET VALLEY SD**

Comprehensive Plan | 2021 - 2024

### **Post COVID Strategic Goals**

Garnet Valley School District priorities and initiatives that will further the District strategically, organizationally, and operationally while ensuring that it remains future ready



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#### LEA Profile

Garnet Valley School District is located in Delaware County approximately twenty miles southwest of Philadelphia and central to major medical facilities, colleges, universities, shopping and corporate centers. The school district serves students from Bethel Township, Concord Township, and the Borough of Chester Heights. All of these communities have experienced growth in recent years and are civic minded communities.

Garnet Valley School District currently enrolls approximately 4600 students. Our students score well on district and state assessments, including PSSA, Keystones, and AP tests.

Garnet Valley School District offers a challenging curriculum in state of the art facilities. The curriculum is written using the Understanding by Design framework and has been developed and maintained by district administrators, district supervisors, curriculum coordinators, and teachers. Our curriculum is delivered in a differentiated manner so as to meet the needs of all learners.

#### Mission and Vision

#### Mission

The mission of the Garnet Valley School District is to provide quality educational opportunities for all. In pursuit of this mission, the Garnet Valley School District will: Exude enthusiasm for the learning process; Address the unique needs of each learner; Endeavor to provide all students with a solid educational foundation for life-long learning; Help students develop their thinking skills; Prepare students for responsible citizenship in a world of constant change; Develop a high performing workforce.

### Vision

The vision of the Garnet Valley School District is to be a premier school district committed to continual improvement characterized by: High educational standards and expectations; Exemplary programs and instruction for all students; A safe learning environment; Students who possess the skills to achieve in a global community; Commitment to inspire life-long learning.

### **Educational Value Statements**

#### **Students**

We believe that all students can learn, and our students need to embody the values of respect, strong work ethic, self-discipline, and good citizenship.

### Staff

We believe that all students can learn and in order for that to occur we need to provide our students with a comprehensive curriculum in core content areas as well as the arts. The district has implemented a differentiated instructional model that recognizes that students have various learning needs. The district measures student achievement using standardized test scores, performance assessments, enrollment in Advanced Placement courses, service learning, and local assessments in math, reading, and writing.

### **Administration**

We believe that all students can learn and in order for that to happen we need to provide our students with a safe and caring environment where they feel safe, comfortable and able to thrive. To this end the district has a comprehensive crisis plan as well as multiple educational programs that teach social and emotional skills, conflict resolution, bullying prevention, and strategies that promote a healthy lifestyle. We strive to foster an environment that embraces diversity. We believe that it is imperative that all stakeholders are considered in the decision making process.

### **Parents**

We believe that all children can learn. Parents need to employ respect, support, engagement, and good citizenship in order to help students achieve at high levels.

### Community

We believe that all students can learn and in order for that to occur we need to offer an excellent educational program while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Garnet Valley School District has efficiently managed its operating system without overburdening the local taxpayers or sacrificing necessary educational elements needed for high achieving schools.

# Summary Of Strengths and Challenges

# Strengths

Strength	Consideration In Plan
number of proficient and advanced students in ELA and mathematics	Yes
high achievement and proficiency	No
All schools met targets for college and career readiness.	Yes
Students in subgroups compare well with their majority peers.	No
Engage in meaningful two-way communication with stakeholders to sustain shared responsibility for student learning across the district.	Yes
Support the development and professional learning of central office and school-based staff in alignment with district and school mission, vision, goals, and priorities.	Yes
Coordinate fiscal resources from local, state, and federal programs to achieve the district's goals and priorities.	No
appropriate growth in ELA and mathematics	No

# Challenges

Challenge	Consideration In Plan
Ensure effective, standards-aligned curriculum and assessment.	Yes
Support schools in implementing evidence-based instructional strategies and programs to ensure all students have access to rigorous, standards-aligned instruction.	Yes
Find ways to continue the work of integrating technology with the teaching and learning process.	Yes
Strengthen our support for students experiencing adverse impacts from the pandemic.	Yes

Build the capacity of central office and school administrators as instructional leaders to effectively monitor, supervise, and support high quality teaching and learning.	Yes
Allocate resources, including money, staff, professional learning, materials, and support to schools based on the analysis of a variety of data.	Yes
maintain high achievement for all students and subgroups	No
maintain appropriate growth for all students and subgroups	No
Continue to meet targets for college and career readiness.	No
Maintain the systems that support student progress in this area.	No

# Analyzing Strengths and Challenges

# Strengths

Strength	Discussion Points
number of proficient and advanced students in ELA and mathematics	We have great systems and students.
All schools met targets for college and career readiness.	Students understand connection between school and "real life."
Engage in meaningful two-way communication with stakeholders to sustain shared responsibility for student learning across the district.	This allows us to leverage the diversity and skill already present in our district.
Support the development and professional learning of central office and school-based staff in alignment with district and school mission, vision, goals, and priorities.	Structures are in place to provide administrative development.

# Challenges

Challenge	Discussion Points	Priority For Planning	Priority Statement
Ensure effective, standards-aligned curriculum and assessment.	curriculum alignment needed, common assessments to provide data are needed	Yes	Ensure effective, standards-aligned curriculum and assessment by aligning curriculum K-12 and developing common assessments to provide actionable data.
Support schools in implementing evidence-based instructional strategies and programs to ensure all students have access to rigorous, standards-aligned instruction.	develop mechanisms (ex. PLCs) to share effective practice	No	
Find ways to continue the work of integrating technology with the teaching and learning process.	ABC at high school, digitization, effective strategies	Yes	Strengthen capacity to design, implement, and measure blended lessons, courses, and/or schedules.
Strengthen our support for students experiencing adverse impacts from the pandemic.		No	
Build the capacity of central office and school administrators as instructional leaders to effectively monitor, supervise, and support high quality teaching and learning.	uneven training around supervision and evaluation; lots of new admins	Yes	Build the capacity of central office and school administrators as instructional leaders to effectively monitor, supervise, and support high quality teaching and learning by engaging in collaborative professional learning around feedback, instructional coaching, documentation of practice, and inter-rater reliability.
Allocate resources, including money, staff, professional learning, materials, and support to schools based on the analysis of a variety of data.	This supports everything else.	Yes	Allocate resources, including money, staff, professional learning, materials, and support to schools based on the analysis of a variety of data.

# **Goal Setting**

**Priority:** Ensure effective, standards-aligned curriculum and assessment by aligning curriculum K-12 and developing common assessments to provide actionable data.

Outcome Category	Measurable Goal Statement	Measurable Goal Nickname	Target Year 1	Target Year 2	Target Year 3
Essential Practices 1: Focus on Continuous Improvement of Instruction	Align curriculum K-12 and develop common assessments to provide actionable data.	curriculum alignment	Ensure that all curriculum documents are accurate in Rubicon Atlas, and engage in a gap/redundancy analysis of written curriculum.	Engage in vertical alignment of written curriculum. Begin to identify and/or create common assessments to measure attainment of written curriculum.	Align curriculum K-12 and develop common assessments to provide actionable data.

Priority: Strengthen capacity to design, implement, and measure blended lessons, courses, and/or schedules.
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Outcome Category	Measurable Goal Statement	Measurable Goal Nickname	Target Year 1	Target Year 2	Target Year 3
Essential Practices 1: Focus on Continuous Improvement of Instruction	Ensure that all instructional staff are skilled in designing, implementing, and measuring lessons, courses, and/or schedules that involve a flexible combination of synchronous/asynchronous and in person/virtual learning.	blended instruction	Convene groups to discuss vision for flexible, blended teaching and learning.	Develop professional development systems that will empower instructional staff to successfully deliver instruction in a variety of modes.	Ensure that all instructional staff are skilled in designing, implementing, and measuring lessons, courses, and/or schedules that involve a flexible combination of synchronous/asynchronous and in person/virtual learning.

**Priority:** Build the capacity of central office and school administrators as instructional leaders to effectively monitor, supervise, and support high quality teaching and learning by engaging in collaborative professional learning around feedback, instructional coaching, documentation of practice, and inter-rater reliability.

Outcome Category	Measurable Goal Statement	Measurable Goal Nickname	Target Year 1	Target Year 2	Target Year 3
Essential Practices 1: Focus on Continuous Improvement of Instruction	Build the capacity of central office and school administrators as instructional leaders to effectively monitor, supervise, and support high quality teaching and learning by engaging in collaborative professional learning around feedback, instructional coaching, documentation of practice, and inter-rater reliability.	supervision and evaluation	Engage in collaborative learning around Act 13, including updated performance rubrics.	Refine practice around feedback, documentation of practice, and coaching through inter-rater reliability work.	Build the capacity of central office and school administrators as instructional leaders to effectively monitor, supervise, and support high quality teaching and learning by engaging in collaborative professional learning around feedback, instructional coaching, documentation of practice, and inter-rater reliability.

Priority: Allocate resources, including money, staff, professional learning, materials, and support to schools based on the analysis of a variety of data.						
Outcome Category	Measurable Goal Statement	Measurable Goal Nickname	Target Year 1	Target Year 2	Target Year 3	
Essential Practices 5: Allocate Resources Strategically and Equitably	Allocate resources, including money, staff, professional learning, materials, and support to schools based on the analysis of a variety of data.	resource allocation	Monitor resource allocations and gather data on impact.	Continue to monitor resource allocations and data collection while adjusting allocations to support the attainment of our other goals.	Allocate resources, including money, staff, professional learning, materials, and support to schools based on the analysis of a variety of data.	

# **Action Plan**

Action Plan for: curriculum and assessment alignment										
Measurable Goals			Anticip	ated Output	Monitoring/Eval	uation				
<ul><li>resource allocation</li><li>curriculum alignment</li></ul>				written curriculum with minimal gaps/redundancies K-12; common assessments aligned to written curriculum			curriculum and assessment documents			
Action Step	Anticipated Start Date	Anticip Comple Date		Lead Person/Position	Material/Resources/Supports Needed		PD Step?	Com Step?		
Review curriculum in Rubicon Atlas to determine accuracy.	09/01/2021	12/17/20	21	curriculum supervisors	Rubicon Atlas		No	No		
Conduct a gap/redundancy analysis of written curriculum K-12.	01/10/2022	06/10/20	22	curriculum supervisors	Rubicon Atlas tools		Yes	No		
Vertically align written curriculum K-12.	08/01/2022	06/09/20	23	curriculum supervisors	Rubicon Atlas tools, tea	acher teams	Yes	No		
Identify and/or create common assessments to measure attainment of written curriculum.	08/23/2021	06/14/20	24	C&I team	written curriculum, wri assessment tools, data	_	Yes	No		

#### Action Plan for: collaborative PD around supervision and evaluation of teaching and learning **Measurable Goals Anticipated Output Monitoring/Evaluation** supervision and evaluation ٠ Anticipated Anticipated Lead Material/Resources/Supports **Action Step** Completion PD Step? Com Step? Start Date **Person/Position** Needed Date 06/17/2022 Learn together as an instructional 08/09/2021 Assistant PDE resources, resources on feedback, coaching, Yes Yes leadership team about Act 13, Superintendent C&I and documentation of teaching including refreshed descriptions of effective teaching and learning. 06/16/2023 Yes No Engage in inter-rater reliability work 06/20/2022 Assistant video, rubrics, resources on rigor/complexity as an administrative team. Superintendent C&I

Action Plan for: Develop and curate instructional resources that can be used in person or digitally.										
Measurable Goals			Anticipa	ated Output	Monitoring/Evaluation					
blended instruction			bank of resteachers	bank of resources aligned to curricular units that can be accessed by teachers			oversee LMS and Atlas			
Action Step	Anticipated Start Date	Anticipa Comple Date		Lead Person/Position	Material/Resources/Supports Needed		PD Step?	Com Step?		
Convene teacher teams to select and develop resources that can be used to deliver instruction in flexible formats.	develop resources that can used to deliver instruction in		Supervisors of C&I and Technology	LMS, Rubicon Atlas, budget, teachers		Yes	Yes			

Action Plan for: effective instructional practices										
Measurable Goals				ated Output		Monitoring/Eva	luation			
<ul><li>supervision and evaluation</li><li>blended instruction</li></ul>										
Action Step	Anticipated Start Date	Anticipa Comple Date		Lead Person/Position	Material/Resources/Supports Needed		PD Step?	Com Step?		
Work with administrative team to refine practices around supervision and evaluation with an eye toward growth in the use of effective instructional strategies.	01/03/2022	06/30/202	23	Assistant Superintendents	data from PAETEP, coaching resources, meeting time		Yes	Yes		
Engage in professional development around effective instructional strategies (in person or digital, asynchronous or synchronous).	08/24/2021	06/14/202	24	Assistant Superintendent	LEAP committee, PD staff		Yes	Yes		

# **Professional Development Action Steps**

Evidence-based Strategy	Action Steps
curriculum and assessment alignment	<ul> <li>Conduct a gap/redundancy analysis of written curriculum K-12.</li> <li>Vertically align written curriculum K-12.</li> <li>Identify and/or create common assessments to measure attainment of written curriculum.</li> </ul>
collaborative PD around supervision and evaluation of teaching and learning	<ul> <li>Learn together as an instructional leadership team about Act 13, including refreshed descriptions of effective teaching and learning.</li> <li>Engage in inter-rater reliability work as an administrative team.</li> </ul>
Develop and curate instructional resources that can be used in person or digitally.	Convene teacher teams to select and develop resources that can be used to deliver instruction in flexible formats.
effective instructional practices	<ul> <li>Work with administrative team to refine practices around supervision and evaluation with an eye toward growth in the use of effective instructional strategies.</li> <li>Engage in professional development around effective instructional strategies (in person or digital, asynchronous or synchronous).</li> </ul>

# Professional Development Activities

curriculum analysis									
Action Step	Audience		Topics to be Evidence Included Learning		-	Lead Person/Position	Anticipated Timeline Start Date		Anticipated Timeline Completion Date
<ul> <li>Conduct a gap/redundancy analysis of written curriculum K-12.</li> </ul>	administrators and teachers		use of system, vertical alignment, gaps/redundancies	analysis documents, use of system, revised curriculum		C&I department	10/11/2021		10/10/2022
Learning Formats									
Type of Activities	Type of Activities Frequency				Danielson Framework Component Met in this Plan			This Step Meets the Requirements of State Required Trainings	
Collaborative curriculum development varie			pending on content area and te	<ul> <li>1e: Designing Coherent Instruction</li> <li>1a: Demonstrating Knowledge of Content and Pedagogy</li> <li>1c: Setting Instructional Outcomes</li> </ul>			Language and Literacy Acquisition for All Students		

Commo	Common Assessments										
Action Step	Audie	ence	Topics to be Included	Evidence of Learning		Lead Person/Position	Anticipated Timeline Start Date		Anticipated Timeline Completion Date		
	teacher principa	'	types of assessments, purposes of assessment, how to create a variety of assessments, use of assessment results in developing instruction/curriculum	· · · ·		Supervisors of C&I, Digital Learning	08/24/2021		06/14/2024		
Learning	g Forma	ats									
Type of Activities Frequency		Danielson F in this Plan		Framework Component Met		This Step Meets the Requirements of State Required Trainings					
Other					, s	ning Student Assessments g Assessment in Instruction		Teaching Di Inclusive Se	verse Learners in an etting		

Supervision and Evaluation of Teaching and Learning									
Action Step	Audience		Topics to be Evident Included Learnin		earning Person/Position		Anticipated Timeline Start Date		Anticipated Timeline Completion Date
<ul> <li>Learn together as an instructional leadership team about Act 13, including refreshed descriptions of effective teaching and learning.</li> </ul>	Act 13, including leadership te		coaching, documentation, data collection, frameworks for teaching	completed evaluations, PAETEP data		Assistant Superintendent C&I	09/13/2021		06/09/2023
Learning Formats	-						-		
Type of Activities Fre		Frequ	requency		Danielson Framework Component Met in this Pl		Require		o Meets the nents of State d Trainings
Professional Learning Community (PLC)		4-6 times per year							

Flexible	Instructi	on								
Action Step	Audien	nce	Topics to be Included	Eviden Learnii		Lead Person/Position	Anticipato Timeline	ed Start Date	Anticipated Timeline Completion Date	
	teaching staff			complete and lesso		Assistant Superintendent	08/24/2021		06/14/2024	
Learning	Formate	5								
Type of Activities Frequency						son Framework Con this Plan	-	This Step Meets the Requirements of State Required Trainings		
Other	d	epend	ding on format (ex. PLCs weekly, in-service as scheduled)		anu 1b 1c: 1e: 1d Re: 2b 2c: 3a: 3b Tec 3d 3d	Demonstrating Knowledge d Pedagogy Demonstrating Knowledge Setting Instructional Outco Designing Coherent Instruct Demonstrating Knowledge Sources Establishing a Culture for L Managing Classroom Proce Communicating with Stude Using Questioning and Dischniques Engaging Students in Learn Using Assessment in Instruct Demonstrating Flexibility a sponsiveness	e of Students imes ction of earning edures ents cussion hing iction			

# **Communications Action Steps**

Evidence-based Strategy	Action Steps					
collaborative PD around supervision and evaluation of teaching and learning	<ul> <li>Learn together as an instructional leadership team about Act 13, including refreshed descriptions of effective teaching and learning.</li> </ul>					
Develop and curate instructional resources that can be used in person or digitally.	<ul> <li>Convene teacher teams to select and develop resources that can be used to deliver instruction in flexible formats.</li> </ul>					
effective instructional practices	<ul> <li>Work with administrative team to refine practices around supervision and evaluation with an eye toward growth in the use of effective instructional strategies.</li> <li>Engage in professional development around effective instructional strategies (in person or digital, asynchronous or synchronous).</li> </ul>					

# **Communications Activities**

Teacher Communication										
Action Step	Audience	Topics to be Included	Type of Communication	Anticipated Timeline Start Date	Anticipated Timeline Completion Date					
<ul> <li>Convene teacher teams to select and develop resources that can be used to deliver instruction in flexible formats.</li> <li>Engage in professional development around effective instructional strategies (in person or digital, asynchronous or synchronous).</li> </ul>	professional staff	opportunities to participate in curriculum review, professional development; leadership opportunities for teachers in these areas	Supervisors of C&I and Technology	08/24/2021	06/14/2024					
Communications				·						
Type of Communication			Frequency							
Email		as needed								
Presentation			as needed							

Administrator Communication										
Action Step	Audience	Topics to be Included	Type of Communication	Anticipated Timeline Start Date	Anticipated Timeline Completion Date					
<ul> <li>Learn together as an instructional leadership team about Act 13, including refreshed descriptions of effective teaching and learning.</li> <li>Work with administrative team to refine practices around supervision and evaluation with an eye toward growth in the use of effective instructional strategies.</li> </ul>	Instructional Leadership Team	supervision and evaluation practices, effective instructional strategies, curriculum development	Assistant Superintendent	01/03/2022	07/07/2023					
Communications										
Type of Communication			Frequency							
Email			as needed							
Presentation	as needed									
Other			in person/virtual meetings							

Community Communication										
Action Step	Audience Topics to be Included		Type of Communication	Anticipated Timeline Start Date	Anticipated Timeline Completion Date					
<ul> <li>Convene teacher teams to select and develop resources that can be used to deliver instruction in flexible formats.</li> <li>Engage in professional development around effective instructional strategies (in person or</li> </ul>	community members	curriculum information, updates regarding formats and schedules as they are developed	Superintendent	05/23/2022	06/28/2024					
digital, asynchronous or synchronous).										
Type of Communication			Frequency							
Email			as needed							
Posting on district website		as needed								
Presentation			as needed							