



- ▶ CIWP 1 - Depth and Breadth of Student Learning and Quality Teaching: Curriculum
- ▶ CIWP 2 - Depth and Breadth of Student Learning and Quality Teaching: Balanced Assessment and Grading
- ▶ CIWP 3- Quality and Character of School Life: Relational Trust

Mission:

The mission of Skinner North Classical School is to provide **rigorous, differentiated instruction** to all students. With a focus on **teaching the whole child** in an academically advanced environment, we work to establish norms of highly successful and socially motivated individuals in a **community** that promotes collaboration and leadership, while **celebrating the diversity** of the students, families and staff.

October 13, 2021 Principal's Monthly Report to the Local School Council

Competency A: Champions teacher and staff excellence through a focus on continuous improvement to develop and achieve the vision of high expectations for all students

- Implementing year-long professional development calendar. ILT assists in this process. Topics will include assessment cycles, culturally responsive literacy instruction and social-emotional learning. **(CIWP 1, 2, 3)**
- Construction projects are continuing:
 - Crews are finishing up the roof and exterior lighting
 - Circle drive and dumpster area are scheduled to be repaved as early as next weekend
 - Skylights are being added to the gym. This should be completed this month.
 - New concrete as been poured to allow for greater access in alignment with ADA.
 - Fire hydrant has been repaired.
- Alderman agreed to school crossing signage on Scott Street to aid in safety measures.
- We have had 2 flex days for staff. The first we worked in our PLC groups and created collective agreements. Today, we met and further refined our problems of practices and areas of work. The topics of our PLCs are in alignment with our CIWP priorities. PLCs will have the following topics:
 - Assessment and Curriculum (Literacy, Culturally Relevant Pedagogy)
 - Relational Trust
 - Anti-Racist Teaching
- Completed Allergen drill and fire drill. We will have a lockdown drill this week.

Competency B: Creates powerful professional learning systems to guarantee learning for all students

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- Instructional Leadership Team met this month and did learning about best practices for PLCs. Their focus is to help support/lead the work of the PLCs, monitor the CIWP and data analysis to understand what the learning needs of the building are and guide our learning plan (CIWP 1).
- Grade Level Meeting this past month have focus on social-emotional learning and planning and equitable data analysis.
- REACH evaluations will occur this year. Teachers received an orientation during PD week. Teachers are evaluated based on 4 domains including: 1) planning and preparation, 2) classroom environment, 3) instruction and 4) professional responsibility. Domain 2 and 3 ratings are based on observations in the classroom. Mr. Kimbrough and I complete the required observations throughout the school year. Depending on the type of observation (formal or informal), a pre and post conference occurs. This helps provide greater support and feedback beyond the written report.
- Beginning of the year assessment are finishing and teachers are analyzing results to guide instruction. These formative assessments include Star 360 Reading and Math (3-8), NWEA Math (K-2) and F&P Reading (K-2). Score reports will be sent home.

Competency C: Builds a culture focused on college and career readiness

- Counselors have push in time in every classroom where they support social emotional learning via the 2nd Step curriculum.
- Counselors are implementing their yearlong plan tied to metrics to support students and help lead learning during grade level meetings.
- Finalizing staff video for our hashtag unveiling and shirt orders have come in. #compassioninaction. Friday, Oct. 15 will be our #compassioninaction roll out day. Have your student wear their shirt.
- Relational trust PLC is doing work around Conscious Discipline.
- Out of School Time (After School All-Stars) has begun. Programming includes football/basketball, strategy games, Lego Club, Pokemon Club, Active After School, Math team and Environmental Science Club. Other extra-curriculars that have started include debate and cross country.

Competency D: Empowers and motivates families and the community to become engaged

- Updates sent regularly to inform families of updates and news. Past updates can be access at <http://www.skinnernorth.org/latest-news>. (CIWP 3)
- All grade level's hosted Back to School Open House/Curriculum Night virtually.

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- Working with room parents on bringing back and organizing parent teacher coffees.
- Fall Fest is in the works! Come join on Friday, Oct. 22 from 4-6PM.

Competency E: Relentlessly pursues self-disciplined thinking and action

- Participating in Professional Learning Community through the Chicago Education Fund entitled Maximizing Teacher Leadership and Learning to Meet the Challenges of Post-Pandemic Education. **(CIWP 1)**
- Currently, take graduate level class on Administrative and Leadership Theory in Education through UIC.
- Partnering with Single Story, Inc. and continuing leadership coaching around Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. **(CIWP 1, 2, 3)**

Other Updates

- **COVID-19**
 - We have had a total of 4 classrooms flip to remote.
 - 2 were brought back early as it was determined by further testing that the initial test was a false positive.
 - Moving forward quarantine window is now 10 days, which is a decrease from the original 14 days. (CPS grounded this decision in science. The science is telling us is that when there is a COVID case, 98 percent of those identified as close contacts do not go on to develop COVID-19. The science also tells us that the Delta variant — which makes up 99 percent of the positive cases in our schools — has a shorter infectious period.)
 - Testing Day seems to have normalize. It is typically Tuesdays. We have about 230 signed up. You can sign your student up at <https://home.color.com/covid/sign-up/start?partner=tf-ski-610534-students>.
- **Transportation**
 - We have received two rounds of reimbursement checks and emailed families directly if we received a check for them.
 - As a reminder, any family impacted by transportation cancellations gets \$1000. (If you have not received an email from us and feel you should get a check, please reach out directly to Transportation 773-553-2860.
 - Any family with an active transportation request can opt to get \$500 monthly reimbursement. If they do this, they will **not** get CPS transportation for the year.
- **Staffing**

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- Ms. O'Shea has been hired as a misc. employee. She supports in classrooms, helps monitor students and assists with various tasks. Welcome to Ms. O'Shea.
- Ms. David will be going on maternity leave at the end of the first quarter through the end of the year. We have identified a candidate who will be announced once Talent onboarding is complete. (We plan to have her come in to observe and plan prior to Ms. David going out.)

Upcoming Dates

- #compassioninaction day – Fri., Oct. 15
- SNUG Fall Forum regarding HS and AC Application Process: Tuesday, Oct. 19 from 6:30-7:30PM (Google Meet join via link: <https://meet.google.com/btq-hfmj-obq> Or dial: (US) +1 470-242-8855 PIN: 991 885 633#)
- Fall Fest – Fri., Oct. 22 from 4-6PM at the school
- Picture Day – Thurs., Oct. 28
- Diversity Committee Meetings - Schedule:
 - 9am on the 1st Wed of the month (Wed., Nov. 3)
 - 4pm on the 3rd Wed of the month (Wed., Oct. 20 and Wed., Nov. 17)
 - Click [here](#) to sign up to receive email updates and meeting invitations. Please reach out to sndiversity@gmail.com with questions or suggestions.
- Prospective Parent Open House – Wed., Nov. 3 at 5:30 (email Katie if interested in supporting)
- CIWP Committee Meeting (Check-In) – Thurs., Nov. 4 at 8AM
- End of 1st Quarter – Thurs., Nov. 5
- School Improvement Day (No School for Students) – Fri., Nov. 5
- Veteran's Day (No School) – Thurs., Nov. 11
- Parent Teacher Conferences – Wed., Nov. 17 from 11AM-6PM (Teachers will send sign up information to families)

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- State of the School Address – Wed., Nov. 17 at 10AM (Virtual and will be recorded as well)
- LSC Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 18 at 8:00AM

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