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Greetings Viking Nation!

As part of our Middle States Accreditation, we will be sharing bi-weekly communication regarding the process and to offer transparency.

We have revised and shared the school's Mission Statement, Beliefs/Core Values, and Graduate Profile. These have been posted on the school's website. We have been working on finalizing the objectives for Technical Review by MSA-CESS staff and create a multi-year action plan to attain each objective. Below is our first proposed Student Objective and Action plan.

Allentown Central Catholic High School Middle States Objectives 2022

Student Performance Objective #1

By 2029, ACCHS will improve student writing skills as measured through a 10% increase in student average EBRW scores on the PSAT. The student average scores will increase:

- 4% by 2024
- 6% by 2026
- 10% by 2029.

This will be accomplished through the institution of required research papers for all 4 years and expanding Writing Across the Curriculum in the various disciplines.

Baseline data:

| School Year | 11th Grade | 10th Grade | 9th Grade |
|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 2021-2022 | 530 | 511 | 470 |
| 2020-2021* | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 2019-2020 | 533 | 516 | 470 |
| 2018-2019 | 532 | 516 | 470 |
| 2017-2018 | 540 | 499 | 480 |
| 2016-2017 | 538 | 500 | 479 |
| 2015-2016 | 550 | 518 | 504 |

**No PSATs administered due to COVID*

ACTION PLAN

Strategy #1: Institute a required research paper, across all 4 grade levels, alternating the subjects responsible for assigning and grading the paper in each grade level.

| Action Step | Person(s)/Group(s) Responsible | Resources Needed | Indicators of Success | Timeline for Completion | Status |
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| Institute a research paper beginning with 9th grade in August 2023 and phasing it through all 4-grade levels: 9th - 10th grades - 3 - 5 page paper 11th - 12th grades - 5 - 7page paper | English, Social Studies, and Theology teachers | Writing rubrics for use cross curricular use | Students receive a grade of 70% or higher on the paper Improved levels of research, organizational, and writing skills | 9th - June 2023 10th - June 2024 11th - June 2025 12th - June 2026 | Ongoing |

Strategy #2: Increase writing assignments and activities in all courses, including Business, Math, Science, and World Language classes, using various strategies.

| Action Step | Person(s)/Group(s) Responsible | Resources Needed | Indicators of Success | Timeline for Completion | Status |
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| Increase the use of Word problems and proofs in Math classes | Math and Business teachers | Teacher generated problems/ worksheets | Improved student communication and writing skills | Begin August 2023 - ongoing | |
| Institute the use of daily journals | All teachers | Teacher generated prompts | Improved student communication and writing skills | Begin August 2023 - ongoing | |
| Have students use Vocabulary words in paragraph stories | English and World Language Teachers | Teacher Created Assignments | Improved student writing and vocabulary skills | Begin August 2023 - ongoing | |
| Increase the number of essay questions on Summative Evaluations | All teachers | Teacher Created Assignments | Improve student writing skills | Begin August 2023 - ongoing | |
| Teach students to "Write for your audience", clarity and conciseness using critical analysis, narrative essays, lab reports, etc. | All teachers | Teacher generated assignments | Improved student communication and writing skills | Begin August 2023 - ongoing | |

Strategy #3: Require a different writing format, MLA, APA, and Chicago style, for the research paper each year to ensure all students are familiar with the different styles before attending college.

| Action Step | Person(s)/Group(s) Responsible | Resources Needed | Indicators of Success | Timeline for Completion | Status |
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| 9th grade - MLA | All teachers | MLA student and teacher manuals | Students complete the paper in proper MLA style | June 2024 - ongoing | |
| 10th grade - APA | All teachers | APA students and teacher manuals | Students complete the paper in proper APA style | June 2025 - ongoing | |
| 11th grade - Chicago style | All teachers | Chicago style student and teacher manuals | Students complete the paper in proper Chicago style | June 2026 - ongoing | |
| 12th grade - teacher choice | All teachers | | Students complete the paper in the proper style | June 2027 - ongoing | |