

WASC Report Draft

Organization: Vision and Purpose, Governance, Leadership and Staff and Resources

Areas to Celebrate

- ✓ The school has established a clear, coherent vision and mission of what students should know and perform. It is based upon high-quality standards, is student/community profile data and a belief that all students can learn, and is aligned with the district vision.
- ✓ Community partnership and support from parent groups have allowed students to enjoy access to a broadly diverse curriculum with technological support, as well as a variety of extra and co-curricular activities.

Areas for Growth

- ✓ Increase collegial collaboration between and within departments to establish uniformity in approaching CCSS, testing and curriculum.
- ✓ Continue to explore ways to incorporate regular collaboration time.
- ✓ Use more assessments for evaluating the effectiveness of PD and student outcomes.
- ✓ Develop and implement a comprehensive district and site technology plan which includes timelines and resources for implementing CCSS and CAASP and an evaluation of student access to technology (Mobile Device Initiative/Student Use Model).
- ✓ Improve pathways for teacher involvement and input on decision-making, including follow-up communication about the rationales for making choices contrary to their input.

Curriculum

Areas to Celebrate

- ✓ Mira Costa offers a rigorous, standards-based curriculum for students of all learning abilities, evidenced by continual growth in API. All stakeholders (students, parents, teachers, counselors, administrators and others) have input into students' plans for education and their paths to graduation.
- ✓ Students have access to a vast array of choices when it comes to curriculum and placement opportunities.
- ✓ Students have a strong support system in place to help them understand curricular needs, class placement and college readiness.

Areas for Growth

- ✓ Collegial collaboration time is needed to examine student work and align the data obtained from student samples to better drive curricular decisions.
- ✓ There is a need to create more standardized policies concerning homework and grading policies within departments to enhance the school's ability to determine rigor and coherence.

- ✓ There is a need to create more explicit linkage between curriculum, learning standards and the ESLRs.
- ✓ Continue to develop classes that create a bridge to career readiness, life skills, technology, and 21st century skills.
- ✓ Work to create more standardized formative assessments throughout departments in order to provide common measures of student achievement, and enhance the school's ability to determine rigor, relevance and coherence on an on-going basis.

Instruction

Areas to Celebrate

- ✓ The Course Description Book demonstrates the variety of offerings that enhance learning opportunities and course expectations for all students.
- ✓ Major renovations to areas of the campus, including a new Math and Science building complete with integrated laboratories, and newly furnished classrooms within languages and arts programs, allow teachers flexibility and access to instructional materials. Additionally, the new facilities are equipped with voice and visual display enhancements, with seating conducive to cooperative learning, group work, and projects.

Areas for Growth

- ✓ Collaboration time needs to be established so that teachers are able to engage in the analysis of student work and classroom snapshots to determine achievement in Common Core Standards and career readiness.
- ✓ School to career connections, 21st Century Learning Skills, Common Core State Standards, and the ESLRs, need to be examined and incorporated into the day-to-day instruction of learners in all content areas.

Assessment and Accountability

Areas to Celebrate

- ✓ College readiness is a consistent area of focus.
- ✓ Standardized test data is reported to stakeholders through various media.

Areas for Growth

- ✓ Need more consistent and effective collaboration time.
- ✓ Need for more consistent and organized way to analyze data and use it for strategic planning purposes.
- ✓ Need to create common assessments to determine student performance levels to target all students in need.
- ✓ Need of checking for understanding as a formative assessment in the classroom.
- ✓ Need to monitor career readiness standards and schoolwide learner outcomes to inform school programs.

School Culture and Support for Student Personal and Academic Growth

Areas to Celebrate

- ✓ Mira Costa benefits from tremendous community support in terms of financial assistance, volunteerism, student learning opportunities and experience in community businesses.
- ✓ Mira Costa has a tradition of school pride and school spirit that promotes an engaged and involved student body.
- ✓ Diverse athletic and co-curricular opportunities enjoy tremendous success and student involvement.
- ✓ Mira Costa staff and administration provides multiple opportunities to involve parents in their students' education.

Areas for Growth

- ✓ There is a need for increased and unified use of data information resources and technology where stakeholders can obtain and analyze data and feedback to allow for revision or alteration of school programs or goals.
- ✓ Further discussions and implementation of cross-curricular integration is needed.
- ✓ Greater use of student performance data from common assessments is needed to allow for the uniform academic growth of all students.
- ✓ Trust, Respect and Professionalism remain inconsistent at Mira Costa. Some teachers shared with the Visiting Committee that there is a culture of professionalism among teachers that generally pervades the school. A collegial atmosphere among all needs to exist in order to carry Mira Costa to an even higher degree of student achievement.

Celebrate Schoolwide Strengths

Areas to Celebrate

- ✓ Mira Costa benefits from a consistent focus on college readiness.
- ✓ Mira Costa benefits from tremendous community support in terms of financial assistance, volunteerism, student learning opportunities and experience in community businesses and myriad other ways.
- ✓ Mira Costa has a tradition of school pride and school spirit that promotes an engaged and involved student body.
- ✓ Mira Costa has diverse athletic and co-curricular opportunities that enjoy tremendous success and student involvement.
- ✓ Mira Costa benefits from strong, demonstrated leadership by the administrative team.
- ✓ Community partnerships and support from parent groups have allowed students to enjoy access to a broadly diverse curriculum with technological support, as well as a variety of extra- and co-curricular activities.
- ✓ Mira Costa offers a rigorous, standards-based curriculum for students of all learning abilities, evidenced by continual growth in API, and all stakeholders (parents, teachers, counselors,

administrators and others) have input into students' plans for education and their routes to graduation.

- ✓ Students have access to a vast array of choices when it comes to curriculum and placement opportunities. In addition, they have the support system in place to help them to understand which classes are right for them, ensure appropriate placement, and they receive personally developed plans for their individual needs.
- ✓ Campus renovations have improved student access to new technologies and state-of-the-art materials.

Critical Areas for Focus

Areas for Growth

- ✓ Increase collaboration between and within departments to establish uniformity in approaching CCSS, testing, and curriculum.
- ✓ Work to create more standardized formative assessments throughout departments in order to provide common measures of student achievement, and enhance the school's ability to determine rigor, relevance and coherence on an on-going basis.
- ✓ Continue to develop classes that create a bridge to college and career readiness.
- ✓ Integration of career connections, 21st century learning and life skills.

In addition, the Visiting Committee has identified an area that needs to be strengthened:

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