



WASC Self-Study Process





WHAT IS WASC?

Why Do We Bother?





WASC

✓ **Western Association
of Schools and
Colleges**



WASC

Accrediting Commission for Schools



WASC Philosophy

- ✓ **A school's goal is successful student learning**
- ✓ **Each school has a clear purpose and schoolwide student goals (ESLRs)**
- ✓ **For ongoing school improvement, each school engages in internal and external evaluations to assess progress in achieving its purpose** ▲





What Is It For Us?

✓ **An Opportunity!**

- **Meaningful Self-Evaluation and Planning**
- **Our attitude and efforts make the process work for us!**
- **It is what we make**

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What is WASC - More

- ✓ **Gives our students' course credit and diploma value**

- ✓ **Agency that provides accreditation to schools**

- ✓ **No accreditation = Little/No Value to Students.**





Why WASC?

- ✓ **Certification to the public that**
 - **the school is a valid & trustworthy institution of learning** ▲





Why WASC?

- ✓ **Validates the integrity of a school's program**
 - **and student transcripts**
- ✓ **Fosters improvement of the school's programs and operations**
 - **to support student learning**





Why WASC? Cont'd

- ✓ **Assures a school community that:**
 - **The school's purposes are appropriate and being accomplished through a viable educational program**





Why WASC? Cont'd

- ✓ **A way to manage change through regular**
 - **Assessment**
 - **Planning**
 - **Implementation**
 - **Monitoring**
 - **Reassessment** ▲





Why WASC? Cont'd

- ✓ **Assists a school and the district in establishing priority areas for improvement .**





Why WASC? Cont'd

- ✓ **Results in a perpetual cycle of inquiry and development .**

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Stop and consider...





What is the process?



Focus On Learning Report

- ✓ **A five chapter report**
- ✓ **It reflects the self-evaluation process**
- ✓ **Indicates:**
 - **Who we are**
 - **What we do well**
 - **What we need to continue to improve .**





Focus On Learning Self-Study: A Value-Added Process



Schools add value by...

- ✓ **Increasing what students know**
- ✓ **Increasing what students can do**
- ✓ **Improving how students feel**
 - **About themselves**
 - **About others**
 - **About learning** .



Everyone Participates!

- ✓ **Certificated Staff**
- ✓ **Classified Staff**
- ✓ **Students**
- ✓ **Parents**
- ✓ **Community**
- ✓ **Board Members** ▲





Focus On Learning Process

- ✓ **What we will be doing is:**
 - **Focusing on the learning environment and opportunities available to our students .**





Self-Study



- ✓ **Part of what we began last January and are continuing now**
- ✓ **Where we take a careful look at who we are as a school**
- ✓ **Evaluate what we find**
- ✓ **Make a plan to continue the good and enhance the areas of improvement .**



WASC Criteria for us to follow:



- ✓ **Using Research-based guidelines of systemic school improvement**
- ✓ **Addressing accreditation's central tenet:**
 - **a school operates with a clear understanding of its purpose** ▲



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Thinking About What We Are Expected to Do



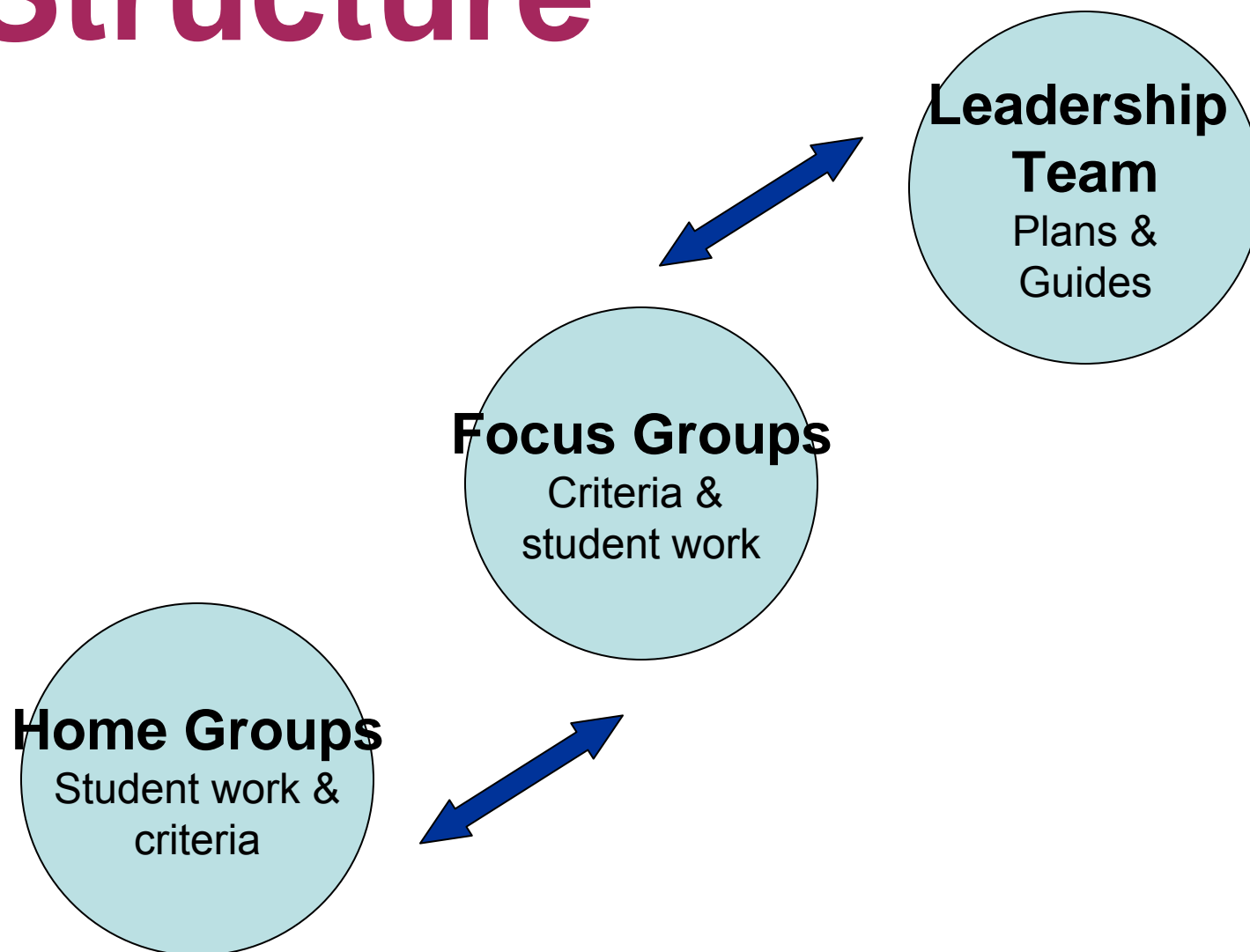
Participation Areas/Teams

- ✓ **Leadership Team**
- ✓ **Self-Study Co-Chairs**
 - **Shawn & Laverne**
- ✓ **Home Groups: Content Areas**
 - **Led by Content Area Leads**
- ✓ **Focus Groups – Mix of members from all areas of school**
 - **Led by Focus Area Chairs and Assistant Chairs**





Structure





Making It Happen!

- ✓ **You will all be part of two groups:**
 - **Home Group (Content Area)**
 - **Focus Group (one of 5)**
- ✓ **Conduct Research**
- ✓ **Assess Data**
- ✓ **Suggestions for Action Plan**
- ✓ **Written Report**





Five categories (Focus Groups)

- ✓ **A: Organization: Vision and Purpose, Governance, Leadership and Staff, and Resources**
- ✓ **B: Standards-based Student Learning: Curriculum**
- ✓ **C: Standards-based Student Learning: Instruction**
- ✓ **D: Standards-based Student Learning: Assessment and Accountability**
- ✓ **E: Support for Student Personal and Academic Growth**



Limited Time

✓ **Need to take it seriously and get it done! ▲**





**Serious Tasks +
Excellent Efforts =
Positive Outcome!**

Everyone Wins!

Good Luck! ▲

