

Union County Educational Services Commission
School Professional Development Plan (PDP) - 2022 – 2023

District Name	School Name	Principal Name	Plan Begin/End Dates
Union County Educational Services Commission	Hillcrest Academy South Campus	Dr. Balsamello	July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

1: Professional Learning Goals

No.	Goal	Identified Group	Rationale/Sources of Evidence
1	Maintain safe, nurturing, and engaging learning environments for students and staff through continued integration of Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports and Social Emotional Learning Programs.	Certified Staff, Non-Certified Staff, & Administrators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The crisis intervention program adopted by the district (Safety Care) requires that staff participate in initial and/or annual refresher training. • Analysis of data pertaining to student discipline, behavior intervention, suspension, HIB incidents, and substance abuse referrals reflects a need to provide additional training and support that will enable staff to better address the evolving needs of the population served in the district. • Research points to a direct correlation between Social Emotional Learning programs and improved student attendance, performance, outcomes, and positive impact on school culture.
2	Meet the ever-evolving needs of sending districts, students, and staff by acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to engage in a strategic planning process that leads to substantive and transformational growth.	Certified Staff, Non-Certified Staff, & Administrators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCESC does not have a strategic plan in place which is necessary to ensure we are achieving our mission. • Research indicates that involving multiple stakeholders in the strategic planning process increases the relevance and success of the goals that are established. • A key element of successful strategic planning is training those participating in the process. • As the needs of sending districts evolve, so must the services and programs of UCESC.

3	Promote the continuous growth of district staff and ensure compliance with state mandated professional development requirements through job-embedded, collaborative PLCs.	Certified Staff, Non-Certified Staff, & Administrators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All administrators and teaching staff members are required to participate in initial and annual refresher training in AchieveNJ regulations and in the board-approved teacher evaluation instrument (Danielson Framework). • District is responsible for implementing the state-mandated requirements for professional development for groups of educators as specified in N.J.A.C. 6A:9C (Refer to attached chart).
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2: Professional Learning Activities

PL Goal No.	Initial Activities	Follow-up Activities (as appropriate)
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superintendent, Administrators, Social Workers & Behavior Analysts will ensure compliance with policies, regulations, and training procedures regarding the use of physical restraints and seclusion of students with disabilities to ensure compliance with Public Law 2017, Chapter 291. • Superintendent, Administrators, Social Workers & Behavior Analysts will oversee the ongoing implementation of a multi-year schedule to ensure that identified staff participate in initial and annual refresher training in the Board-approved crisis intervention program (SafetyCare). • Superintendent, Director of Curriculum, and Student Assistance Coordinator will review data from the 2021-22 school year regarding discipline, suspensions, HIB, and substance abuse infractions with Principals to identify areas in need of improvement and intervention strategies for identified students. • School Improvement Panels (ScIPs) will research, identify, and provide staff with professional development related to improving student attendance and decreasing student discipline and HIB infractions. • Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Administrators will develop and oversee the implementation of Social Emotional Learning strategies in the curriculum and daily instruction and oversee the implementation of school-wide Social Emotional Learning programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrators, Behavior Analysts, Social Workers & Social Workers will incorporate crisis intervention strategies into student IEPs and BIPs as applicable. • Behavior Analysts & Registered Behavioral Technicians will support the safe and effective implementation of crisis intervention strategies in all classrooms. • Superintendent and Administrators will ensure compliance with provisions of PL 2017, Ch.291, including accurate notification and documentation of physical restraints and seclusion of students with disabilities. • Registered Behavioral Technicians will provide training and support to school staff to ensure the successful implementation of student BIPs. • Administrators, Student Assistance Coordinator, and staff will identify, implement and review the efficacy of research-based school-wide programs and strategies to decrease incidents of discipline, HIB, and substance abuse. • Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Administrators & Health teachers will identify, implement and review the efficacy of research-based substance abuse programs and strategies that can be integrated into the Health curriculum. • Administrators and staff will identify, implement and review the efficacy of research-based programs and strategies to increase attendance, decrease cases of HIB, and promote

		positive behaviors in the classroom.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Superintendent will provide training to administrators and the DEAC Committee on the Strategic Planning process. ● Administrative Team and the DEAC Committee will research and adopt a prototype for the Strategic Planning process. ● Administrators and the DEAC Committee will participate in a book study <i>Moving Beyond Busy</i> to plan the district's Strategic Planning process. ● School Improvement Panels (ScIPs) will provide staff with professional development related to the district's Strategic Planning format and engage them in a goal-setting process based on their professional development. ● Administrators and School Improvement Panels (ScIPs) will create and administer surveys to all district stakeholders in order to gather information that will assist in ensuring a strategic plan that takes all voices into consideration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All staff will identify areas in need of further training based on the establishment of goals and objectives for the district's strategic plan. ● The DEAC Committee will receive training in facilitating goal setting sessions that will take place in individual schools and programs. ● All staff, students, and families will have the opportunity to participate in School Climate Surveys.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assistant Superintendent & Director of Curriculum and Instruction will provide initial and annual refresher training on AchieveNJ and the Danielson Framework for Teaching to all newly hired and returning administrators. ● School Improvement Panels (ScIPs) will be given training and an outline in order to conduct refresher training on AchieveNJ and the Danielson Framework for Teaching for all certified staff. ● Superintendent, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Administrators will provide training to all staff in the District Restart Plan and COVID-19 topics. ● Director of Curriculum and Instruction will oversee continued implementation of the online professional development platform adopted by the district during the 2017-18 school year. ● District will maintain a log of all PD activities to ensure annual compliance with "Professional Development Requirements in Statute and Regulations" published by the NJDOE. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Administrators will ensure compliance with the district calendar of State-mandated professional development and submit agendas and attendance rosters for all other PD activities throughout the year. ● School Improvement Panels (ScIPs) will distribute surveys to certified and non-certified staff to determine additional professional development needs and interests and share results with the Superintendent at DEAC Meetings. ● School Safety Officer will provide initial and annual refresher training on District Emergency Management policies and regulations for staff, including school custodians and maintenance personnel. ● Assistant Superintendent & Director of Curriculum and Instruction will evaluate and refine existing practices for providing State-mandated PD to newly-hired and substitute staff.

3: Essential Resources

PL Goal No.	Resources	Other Implementation Considerations
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● District-wide Safety Care training will be provided to staff that are members of the school crisis team. ● Staff will be trained by the school social worker and administrators in Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports and Social Emotional Learning during selected staff meetings, PLCs, and full-day professional development days. ● As advocates, staff members will meet collectively during PLC meetings to review student data that will improve student attendance, performance, outcomes, and positive impact on school culture. 	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff members will be trained in the basics of strategic planning by administrators through discussions in staff meetings and PLCs as well as outside resources that will ensure our school is achieving our mission. ● As advocates, staff members will reach out to families and stakeholders to involve them in the strategic planning process that will increase the relevance and success of the goals that are established. ● Administration will consult with EPS to ensure they are aware of the strategic plan and the reasons for having one. 	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff members are required to participate in initial and annual refresher training in AchieveNJ regulations and in the board-approved teacher evaluation instrument (Danielson Framework). ● Staff members are responsible for completing the state-mandated requirements for professional development specified in N.J.A.C. 6A:9C (Refer to attached chart). 	

4: Progress Summary

PL Goal No.	Notes on Plan Implementation	Notes on Goal Attainment
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Signature: 
Principal Signature

10/20/22
Date