## West Virginia Standards for Effective Schools



#### 1. Clear and Focused Mission

# Definition: The school's purpose and approach to support learning for all Key Concepts

- · A culture of ownership for student success
- · Shared beliefs and values
- Commitment to a shared vision

#### 2. Instructional Leadership

### Definition: Ensuring the effectiveness of instruction leads to student achievement Key Concepts

- · Principal ensures implementation of high yield instructional strategies
- · Staff lead and assume responsibility for overall academic success
- · Students are engaged in age-appropriate leadership opportunities

### 3. High Expectations for Success

# Definition: Purposefully providing a climate in which all students can learn and succeed Key Concepts

- · Staff believe in and demonstrate their ability to successfully teach all students
- · Staff believe all students can and will obtain mastery
- Responses and adjustments occur to assure mastery when some students do not learn, or have already mastered the concept

#### 4. Positive and Safe Environment

### Definition: Orderly, purposeful, and accommodating of all students' needs Key Concepts

- · Collaboration and cooperation are pervasive among staff and students
- · Appropriate behavior is expected and supported
- · Student diversity is embraced and respected

### 5. Equitable Opportunities to Learn and Effective Instruction

# Definition: Sufficient time for meaningful learning is provided to all students Key Concepts

- Instructional time is utilized efficiently and effectively
- · Instructional activities are rigorous and aligned to student interest and State Standards
- · Feedback is timely, ongoing, and supports individual student growth

### 6. Frequent Monitoring of Student Progress

# Definition: A variety of data are used as the basis for adjusting the instructional approach Key Concepts

- · Formative assessments are utilized to measure student performance
- Student performance is used to guide instructional decisions
- · Teacher monitors student progress toward established instructional goals

### 7. Family and Community Partnerships

# Definition: Purposeful relationships exist between families, community, and the school Kev Concepts

- The school community fosters shared responsibility for student success
- · Community understands and supports the school's mission
- Partnerships exist between school and community to support academic, social-emotional, and physical needs