

# **Self Assessment**

# Kilby Laboratory School Lauderdale County Board of Education

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#### Introduction

AdvancED's Self Assessment (SA) diagnostic is based on the AdvancED Standards of Quality, which serves as the foundation of the accreditation and continuous improvement process. The SA is a valuable tool for collaboratively engaging staff members and stakeholders in purposeful, honest dialogue and reflection to assess the institution's adherence to the Standards, and guide its continuous improvement efforts. The SA includes the institution's self-ratings of and the evidence cited for each of the indicators, comments that explain the indicator's ratings and an overall narrative for each Standard. The results of the SA are reviewed by the External Review Team as one essential component of the preparation process for the institution's External Review.

#### **Standard 1: Purpose and Direction**

The school maintains and communicates a purpose and direction that commit to high expectations for learning as well as shared values and beliefs about teaching and learning.

Overall Rating: 4.0

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1.2	commit to a culture that is based on shared values and beliefs about teaching and learning and supports challenging, equitable educational programs and learning experiences for all students that include	Commitment to shared values and beliefs about teaching and learning is clearly evident in documentation and decision making. This commitment is always reflected in communication among leaders and staff. Challenging educational programs and equitable learning experiences are implemented in a measurable way so that all students achieve learning, thinking, and life skills necessary for success. Evidence indicates a strong commitment to instructional practices that include active student engagement, a focus on depth of understanding, and the application of knowledge and skills. School leadership and staff hold one another accountable to high expectations for professional practice.	Agendas and/or minutes that reference a commitment to the components of the school's statement of purpose  The school's statement of purpose	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
1.3	The school's leadership implements a continuous improvement process that provides clear direction for improving conditions that support student learning.	School leaders require the use of a documented, systematic continuous improvement process for improving student learning and the conditions that support learning. All stakeholder groups work collaboratively and consistently in authentic and meaningful ways that build and sustain ownership of the school's purpose and direction. School personnel systematically maintain, use, and communicate a profile with current and comprehensive data on student and school performance. The profile contains thorough analyses of a broad range of data used to identify goals for the improvement of achievement and instruction that are aligned with the school's purpose. All improvement goals have measurable performance targets. The process includes action planning that identifies measurable objectives, strategies, activities, resources, and timelines for achieving all improvement goals. School personnel hold one another accountable for and evaluate the overall quality of the implementation of all interventions and strategies. The process is reviewed and evaluated regularly. Documentation that the process is implemented with fidelity and yields improved student achievement and instruction is available and communicated to stakeholders.	Agenda, minutes from continuous improvement planning meetings  The school continuous	Level 4

Reflect upon your responses to each of the indicators and performance levels by considering and responding to the following questions when drafting your narrative response. Use language from the performance level descriptions to guide your writing. Cite sources of evidence External Review team members may be interested in reviewing.

The purpose and direction of for Kilby Laboratory School is reviewed annually, and changes to the vision and mission are made as needed. These were revised during the 2011-12 school year and shared with all stakeholders at the beginning of the 2012-13 school year. The faculty and advisory committee review school wide data each year and establish school wide goals. Individual teachers write their own goals that will support the achievement of the school wide goals.

Student data, the Continuous Improvement Plan, and teacher evaluation program are aligned to the school vision and mission. The focus of the school is centered on student achievement.

## Standard 2: Governance and Leadership

The school operates under governance and leadership that promote and support student performance and school effectiveness.

Overall Rating: 3.5

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.1	The governing body establishes policies and supports practices that ensure effective administration of the school.	directly support the school's purpose and direction and the effective operation of the school. Policies and practices require and have mechanisms in place for monitoring effective instruction and	Communications to stakeholder about policy revisions  Staff handbooks  Student handbooks	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.2	The governing body operates responsibly and functions effectively.	The governing body has a process to ensure that its decisions and actions are in accordance with defined roles and responsibilities, a code of ethics, and free of conflict of interest. Governing body members participate in a systematic, formal professional development process regarding the roles and responsibilities of the governing body and its individual members. The governing body complies with all policies, procedures, laws, and regulations and functions as a cohesive unit.	Proof of legal counsel Governing body policies on roles and responsibilities, conflict of interest Governing code of ethics Communication plan to inform all staff on code of ethics, responsibilities, conflict of interest Findings of internal and external reviews of compliance with laws, regulations, and policies	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
	autonomy to meet goals for achievement and instruction and to manage day-to-day operations effectively.	protects, supports, and respects the autonomy of school leadership to accomplish goals for achievement and	Stakeholder input and feedback     School improvement plan developed by the school	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
2.4	Leadership and staff foster a culture consistent with the school's purpose and direction.	Leaders and staff deliberately and consistently align their decisions and actions toward continuous improvement to achieve the school's purpose. They encourage, support, and expect all students to be held to high standards in all courses of study. All stakeholders are collectively accountable for student learning. School leaders actively and consistently support and encourage innovation, collaboration, shared leadership, and rigorous professional growth. The culture is characterized by collaboration and a sense of community among all stakeholders.	Examples of collaboration and shared leadership     Examples of decisions in support of the school's continuous improvement plan     Examples of decisions aligned with the school's statement of purpose      Teachers are conducting Action Research this year to improve instructional practices.	Level 4

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2.5	effectively in support of the	Leaders communicate effectively with appropriate and varied representatives from stakeholder groups, provide	•Minutes from meetings with stakeholders	Level 3
	School's purpose and direction.	opportunities for stakeholders to shape decisions, solicit feedback and respond to stakeholders, work collaboratively on	•Copies of surveys or screen shots from online surveys	
		school improvement efforts, and provide and support meaningful leadership roles for stakeholders. School leaders' efforts result in measurable, active stakeholder	stakeholders in a school	
		participation; engagement in the school; a sense of community; and ownership.	mprovement plan	

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2.6	Leadership and staff supervision and evaluation processes result in improved professional practice and student success.	The focus of the criteria and processes of supervision and evaluation is improving professional practice and improving student success. Supervision and evaluation processes are regularly implemented. The results of the supervision and evaluation processes are used to monitor and effectively adjust professional practice and improve student learning.	Examples of professional development offerings and plans tied specifically to the results from supervision and evaluation     Governing body policy on supervision and evaluation     Evaluations are completed in EducateAlabama	

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The faculty and staff align decisions to the school purpose and continuous improvement plan. The involvement of the advisory committee and PTO assists the director in defining the direction for the school and maintaining that direction. The review of student data and alignment of the continuous improvement plan to teacher research and evaluation assures a school wide focus.

## **Standard 3: Teaching and Assessing for Learning**

The school's curriculum, instructional design, and assessment practices guide and ensure teacher effectiveness and student learning.

Overall Rating: 3.58

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.1	equitable and challenging learning experiences that ensure all students have sufficient opportunities to develop learning.		the next level.	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.2	Curriculum, instruction, and assessment are monitored and adjusted systematically in response to data from multiple assessments of student learning and an examination of professional practice.	Using data from student assessments and an examination of professional practice, school personnel monitor and adjust curriculum, instruction, and assessment to ensure vertical and horizontal alignment and alignment with the school's goals for achievement and instruction and statement of purpose. There is a process in place to ensure alignment each time curriculum, instruction, and/or assessments are reviewed or revised. The continuous improvement process ensures that vertical and horizontal alignment as well as alignment with the school's purpose are maintained and enhanced in curriculum, instruction, and assessment.	•Lesson plans aligned to the curriculum	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
	Teachers engage students in their learning through instructional strategies that ensure achievement of learning expectations.	Teachers are consistent and deliberate in planning and using instructional strategies that require student collaboration, self-reflection, and development of critical thinking skills. Teachers personalize instructional strategies and interventions to address individual learning needs of each student. Teachers consistently use instructional strategies that require students to apply knowledge and skills, integrate content and skills with other disciplines, and use technologies as instructional resources and learning tools.	Professional development focused on these strategies  Teacher evaluation criteria  Examples of teacher use of technology as an instructional resource  Student work demonstrating the application of knowledge  Examples of student use of technology as a learning tool	

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.4	School leaders monitor and support the improvement of instructional practices of teachers to ensure student success.	School leaders formally and consistently monitor instructional practices through supervision and evaluation procedures beyond classroom observation to ensure that they 1) are aligned with the school's values and beliefs about teaching and learning, 2) are teaching the approved curriculum, 3) are directly engaged with all students in the oversight of their learning, and 4) use content-specific standards of professional practice.	evaluation procedures •Examples of	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.5	Teachers participate in collaborative learning communities to improve instruction and student learning.	All members of the school staff participate in collaborative learning communities that meet both informally and formally on a regular schedule. Frequent collaboration occurs across grade levels and content areas. Staff members implement a formal process that promotes productive discussion about student learning. Learning from, using, and discussing the results of inquiry practices such as action research, the examination of student work, reflection, study teams, and peer coaching are a part of the daily routine of school staff members. School personnel can clearly link collaboration to improvement results in instructional	Calendar/schedule of learning community meetings  Examples of improvements to content and instructional practice resulting from collaboration  Action research projects	Level 4

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3.6	instructional process in support of student learning.	All teachers systematically use an instructional process that clearly informs students of learning expectations and standards of performance. Exemplars are provided to guide and inform students. The process requires the use of multiple measures, including formative assessments, to inform the ongoing modification of instruction and provide data for possible curriculum revision. The process provides students with specific and immediate feedback about their learning.	•Examples of assessments that prompted modification in instruction	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.7	induction programs support instructional improvement consistent with the school's values and beliefs about teaching and learning.	School personnel are engaged in mentoring, coaching, and induction programs that are consistent with the school's values and beliefs about teaching, learning, and the conditions that support learning. These programs set expectations for all school personnel and include measures of performance.	•Records of meetings and walk thrus/feedback sessions	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.8	The school engages families in meaningful ways in their children's education and keeps them informed of their children's learning progress.	Programs that engage families in meaningful ways in their children's education are designed, implemented, and evaluated. Families have multiple ways of staying informed of their children's learning pgoress.	List of varied activities and communications modes with families, e.g., info portal, online, newsletters, parent centers, academic nights, open house, early release days      Calendar outlining when and how families are provided information on child's progress      Volunteer program with variety of options for participation	Level 4

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3.9	known by at least one adult advocate in the school who supports that student's educational experience.	School personnel participate in a structure that gives them long-term interaction with individual students, allowing them to build strong relationships over time with the student. All students may participate in the structure. The structure allows the school employee to gain insight into and serve as an advocate for the student's needs regarding learning skills, thinking skills, and life skills.	Description of formal adult advocate structures     Kilby is a small school with self-contained classrooms.	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.10	Grading and reporting are based on clearly defined criteria that represent the attainment of content knowledge and skills and are consistent across grade levels and courses.	Most teachers use common grading and reporting policies, processes, and procedures based on criteria that represent each student's attainment of content knowledge and skills. These policies, processes, and procedures are implemented across grade levels and courses. Most stakeholders are aware of the policies, processes, and procedures. The policies, processes, and procedures may or may not be evaluated.	each grade level and for all courses  •Evaluation process for grading and reporting practices	Level 2

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
3.11	All staff members participate in a continuous program of professional learning.	All staff members participate in a rigorous, continuous program of professional learning that is aligned with the school's purpose and direction. Professional development is based on an assessment of needs of the school and the individual. The program builds measurable capacity among all professional and support staff. The program is rigorously and systematically evaluated for effectiveness in improving instruction, student learning, and the conditions that support learning.	Brief explanation of alignment between professional learning and identified needs     Crosswalk between professional learning and school purpose and direction	Level 4

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3.12	The school provides and coordinates learning support services to meet the unique learning needs of students.	School personnel systematically and continuously use data to identify unique learning needs of all students at all levels of proficiency as well as other learning needs (such as second languages). School personnel stay current on research related to unique characteristics of learning (such as learning styles, multiple intelligences, personality type indicators) and provide or coordinate related individualized learning support services to all students.	Data used to identify unique learning needs of students     Minutes from Data Meetings	Level 4

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Kilby Laboratory School is a data driven school. Annual review of school wide and individual student summative data provides a starting point for developing annual goals and improvement plans. Action research is being used by each teacher to improve practice. Differentiated instruction is used within whole group, small group and intervention lessons. Formative test results are used to group and regroup students and design instruction to meet individual and group needs. The success of each student is the focus of the instructional program.

## **Standard 4: Resources and Support Systems**

The school has resources and provides services that support its purpose and direction to ensure success for all students.

Overall Rating: 3.86

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.1	Qualified professional and support staff are sufficient in number to fulfill their roles and responsibilities necessary to support the school's purpose, direction, and the educational program.	qualified professional and support staff. School leaders use a formal, systematic process to determine the number of personnel necessary to fill all the roles and responsibilities necessary to support the school purpose, educational	the hiring, placement and retention of professional and support staff  •Documentation of highly qualified staff	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.2	Instructional time, material resources, and fiscal resources are sufficient to support the purpose and direction of the school.	Instructional time, material resources, and fiscal resources are focused solely on supporting the purpose and direction of the school. Instructional time is fiercely protected in policy and practice. School leaders exhaust every option to secure material and fiscal resources to meet the needs of all students. School leaders measurably demonstrate that instructional time, material resources, and fiscal resources are allocated so that all students have equitable opportunities to attain challenging learning expectations. Efforts toward the continuous improvement of instruction and operations concentrate on achieving the school's purpose and direction.	School schedule     Examples of efforts of school leaders to secure necessary material and fiscal resources     School calendar	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.3	environment for all students and staff.	School leaders have adopted or collaboratively created clear definitions and expectations for maintaining safety, cleanliness, and a healthy environment and they have shared these definitions and expectations with all stakeholders. All school personnel and students are accountable for maintaining these expectations. Valid measures are in place that allow for continuous tracking of these conditions. Improvement plans are developed and implemented by appropriate personnel to continuously improve these conditions. The results of improvement efforts are systematically evaluated regularly.	Documentation of compliance with local and state inspections requirements     Documentation of emergency procedures such as fire drills, evacuation and other emergency procedures.     System for maintenance requests	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.4	Students and school personnel use a range of media and information resources to support the school's educational programs.	All students and school personnel have access to an exceptional collection of media and information resources necessary to achieve the educational programs of the school. Qualified personnel in sufficient numbers are available to assist students and school personnel in learning about the tools and locations for finding and retrieving information.	Schedule of staff availability to assist students and school personnel related to finding and retrieving information  Data on media and information resources available to students and staff  Budget related to media and information resoutce acquisition	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.5	The technology infrastructure supports the school's teaching, learning, and operational needs.	The technology infrastructure is modern, fully functional, and meets the teaching, learning, and operational needs of all stakeholders. School personnel develop and administer needs assessments and use the resulting data to develop and implement a technology plan to continuously improve technology services and infrastructure.	technology use	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.6	The school provides support services to meet the physical, social, and emotional needs of the student population being served.	School personnel implement a process to determine the physical, social, and emotional needs of each student in the school. School personnel provide or coordinate programs to meet the needs of students as necessary. Measures of program effectiveness are in place, and school personnel use the data from these measures to evaluate all programs. Improvement plans related to these programs are designed and implemented when needed to more effectively meet the needs of students.	•Social classes and services, e.g., bullying, character education	Level 3

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
4.7	support the counseling, assessment, referral, educational,	School personnel implement a clearly defined, systematic process to determine the counseling, assessment, referral, educational, and career planning needs of all students. School personnel provide or coordinate programs necessary to meet the needs of all students. Valid and reliable measures of program effectiveness are in place, and school personnel use the data from these measures to regularly evaluate all programs. Improvement plans related to these programs are designed and implemented to more effectively meet the needs of all students.	Description of referral process     Budget for counseling, assessment, referral, educational and career planning     Description of IEP process	Level 4

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The University of North Alabama has developed processes to recruit, employ, and retain qualified professional and support staff. Procedures for a search committee are clearly defined in the University of North Alabama faculty handbook. The school is adequately staffed and the director reviews the caseloads and programming annually. All of the teachers are certified and highly qualified for the areas they teach.

The director creates teacher schedules each year to provide blocks of time for instruction in reading and math. Teachers have planning time daily, and shared planning time with coworkers at least twice a week that can be used for collaborative planning. The Special Education teacher and media specialist have time in their schedules available to meet with teachers.

The school is maintained by the University of North Alabama. A request for repairs form is submitted on the computer or emergency calls to the maintenance department are made when necessary. Regular inspections are completed by a representative of the Alabama State Fire Marshall's Department, including fire extinguishers. The cafeteria is inspected by the Lauderdale County Health Department with a score generally ranging from 90-100. Fire drill and other safety drills are practiced periodically throughout the year.

Instructional technology is supported through the University of North Alabama infrastructure including a secure wireless network. This affords students and personnel an opportunity to use a wide range of media and information resources. Along with the school library we have access to the University libraries.

The school provides school counseling with a highly qualified counselor 60% of the school time. The school attends to individual student needs with procedures for child study, assessment, referral, and educational programming. School personnel work closely together to assure student success.

# **Standard 5: Using Results for Continuous Improvement**

The school implements a comprehensive assessment system that generates a range of data about student learning and school effectiveness and uses the results to guide continuous improvement.

Overall Rating: 4.0

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.1	The school establishes and maintains a clearly defined and comprehensive student assessment system.	School personnel maintain and consistently use a comprehensive assessment system that produces data from multiple assessment measures, including locally developed and standardized assessments about student learning and school performance. The system ensures consistent measurement across all classrooms and courses. All assessments are proven reliable and bias free. The system is regularly and systematically evaluated for reliability and effectiveness in improving instruction, student learning, and the conditions that support learning.	Brief description of student assessment system including range of data produced from standardized and local assessments on student learning and school performance  Documentation or description of evaluation tools/protocols	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.2	continuously collect, analyze, and apply learning from a range of data sources, including	Systematic processes and procedures for collecting, analyzing, and applying learning from all data sources are documented and used consistently by professional and support staff. Data sources include comparison and trend data that provide a comprehensive and complete picture of student learning, instruction, the effectiveness of programs, and the conditions that support learning. All school personnel use data to design, implement, and evaluate continuous improvement plans to improve student learning, instruction, the effectiveness of programs, and organizational conditions.	Examples of use of data to design, implement, and evaluate continuous improvement plans and apply learning     List of data sources related to student learning, instruction, program effectiveness, and conditions that support learning	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.3	interpretation, and use of data.	members are regularly and	Professional learning schedule specific to the use of data  Training materials specific to the evaluation, interpretation, and use of data  Documentation of attendance and training related to data use	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.4	The school engages in a continuous process to determine verifiable improvement in student learning, including readiness for and success at the next level.	Policies and procedures clearly define and describe a process for analyzing data that determine verifiable improvement in student learning including readiness for and success at the next level. Results indicate significant improvement, and school personnel systematically and consistently use these results to design, implement, and evaluate the results of continuous improvement action plans related to student learning, including readiness for and success at the next level.	Examples of use of results to evaluate continuous improvement action plans     Agendas, minutes of meetings related to analysis of data     Evidence of student readiness for the next level     Evidence of student success at the next level     Evidence of student growth     Description of process for analyzing data to determine verifiable improvement in student learning	Level 4

Indicator	Statement or Question	Response	Evidence	Rating
5.5	Leadership monitors and communicates comprehensive information about student learning, conditions that support student learning, and the achievement of school improvement goals to stakeholders.	Leaders monitor comprehensive information about student learning, conditions that support student learning, and the achievement of school improvement goals. Leaders regularly communicate results using multiple delivery methods and in appropriate degrees of sophistication for all stakeholder groups.	Communication plan regarding student learning, conditions that support learning, and achievement of school improvement goals to stakeholders  Minutes of board meetings regarding achievement of student learning goals	Level 4

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The faculty and advisory committee review summative test data annually. Each teacher reviews individual student data prior establishing goals and objectives for the school year. Teachers use Scott Foresman Reading Street benchmark tests, weekly tests, and unit tests, DIBELS information, Star testing results and the Developmental Spelling Analysis to group students and inform instruction. Math benchmark tests, fluency checks, and weekly student performance in the Envision's Math Program and Investigations guide instruction in mathematics.

Data meetings are held regularly to discuss student progress and set goals to support student success. Individual and group strengths and weaknesses are discussed and strategies for classroom use are determined. Instructional discussions also take place cross-grade level meetings, during evaluation conferences, and informally with coworkers.

The advisory committee reviews school wide data annually and works with faculty to establish school wide goals. School data is shared with paretns through inidvidual student reports and school wide summaries.

#### **Report Summary**

#### **Scores By Section**

