

OBJECTIVES: STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Ensure Academic Achievement and Growth

Student grades, SOL scores, school attendance, and school discipline are assessed to ensure that the Lab School is providing a rigorous and supportive learning environment for all students. For example, 85% of students are expected to pass Standards of Learning (SOL) tests in English and Science by the end of the first year, and 100% of students to show portfolio improvement in all subject areas. These measures showcase the Lab School's commitment to meeting and exceeding state benchmarks.

Prepare Students for College and Careers

Documentation of student academic and career pathways assists the Lab School and their program partners in tailoring instructional content and other curricular opportunities. Evaluation of college and career readiness outcomes—participation in college-credit bearing classes, graduation rates, and post-secondary education and career plans—make sure students are set up for future success.

Monitor and Improve Student Engagement and Well-being

Evaluators assess a range of student-reported measures that have been linked to student success in high school and beyond. These include school engagement and belonging, relationships with lab school students and instructors, help-seeking and problem-solving, emotional regulation, self-efficacy and leadership, and orientation towards service and civic participation.

Provide Continuous Professional Development for Teachers and Administrators

Classroom observations and other teacher-focused measures ensure that teachers continue to meet performance standards and apply effective instructional strategies, since for most, the Lab School represents a new teaching and learning environment. Stated objectives specify that all Lab School teachers will meet performance standards. Analysis of coaching sessions designed to help teachers to set and achieve meaningful goals and foster growth, as well as teacher surveys, provide the Lab School with important data so that teachers have the skills and support they need.

Gather Stakeholder Feedback to Improve Programs

Surveys and focus groups with key stakeholders, including students, parents, teachers and administrators, as well as collaborating faculty and industry experts, assess program satisfaction and areas for improvement. This feedback helps the Lab School make necessary adjustments to meet the evolving needs of the community.