# Lewisburg Area SD **District Level Plan**

07/01/2018 - 06/30/2021

## **District Profile**

## **Demographics**

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Superintendent: Steven Skalka

Director of Special Education: Pamela Kramer

## **Planning Process**

Committed to designing and implementing a comprehensive plan that captures our articulated mission, vision, shared beliefs, and our commitment to our staff, students, and community to continue our tradition as a high performing comprehensive public school system, we have outlined a planning process for the completion of our Comprehensive Plan. Utilizing our District Steering Committee comprised of stakeholders as identified through the guidelines, we have established a group with vested interest in reviewing our district's systems that operate within our school organization. This Steering Committee will meet to review the information and data provided through our ongoing work to analyze and synthesize pertinent information and insights. With this compendium of information, our planning process will allow us to craft our resulting document wherein we will celebrate our accomplishments and identify our concerns and challenges. We then will use our Steering Committee and District Leadership Team to review action plans to address our prioritized challenges. With these action steps fully articulated and acknowledged by all stakeholders, we will post our resultant plan for community review on our district website and share all information with our School Board. Transparency and open communication are highly valued and all stakeholders and the larger Lewisburg community will be kept apprised of our work. Our submission of the Comprehensive Plan to the state will complete the formal process, and the plan will serve as the acknowledged guidance towards fulfillment of our vision for the district as articulated: "The Lewisburg Area School District is a learning community that prepares every child individually to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow."

#### **Mission Statement**

The Lewisburg Area School District will provide all students with a safe, respectful, and challenging learning environment that is student-centered, personalized, data-guided, and supported through appropriate technologies and shared leadership.

#### **Vision Statement**

The Lewisburg Area School District is a learning community that prepares every child individually to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

#### **Shared Values**

Our shared values are encompassed in the following statements:

- 1. All children can learn when their individual needs are met.
- 2. A supportive school atmosphere where everyone feels emotionally, physically, and intellectually safe is essential.
- 3. Holding high expectations for student achievement and character will guide students to make responsible choices in the learning process and for their lives.
- 4. Creativity, imagination, critical thinking, collaboration, and problem solving are integral to our students' learning experiences.
- 5. Everyone should be treated with courtesy and develop respect and empathy for a variety of opinions, values, and cultures.
- 6. The responsibility for student achievement is incumbent upon a partnership between the school, student, family, and greater community.
- 7. Educational planning must anticipate, prepare for, and manage change.
- 8. The school board and all staff members are accountable for student success.
- 9. High quality teachers are essential to the academic success of each student.
- 10. Quality professional development for all district staff is essential to student success.
- 11. Accomplishing district goals requires high quality leadership at all levels.
- 12. The District, in partnership with the greater community, is committed to providing a high quality education that enables students to be productive members of their communities.

## **Educational Community**

The Lewisburg community can be characterized as a traditional, yet contemporary small town in rural, central Pennsylvania. Imbued with a proud sense of its history and the legacy of Union County's rich cultural heritage. Lewisburg and the surrounding area is home to Bucknell University, Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary, thriving small businesses and social services, the Evangelical Community Hospital, and ancillary services associated with Geisinger Medical Center. We enjoy a

viable downtown area replete with historic homes, churches, and public buildings as well as quaint shops and unique restaurants. The Lewisburg Area School District is fortunate to enjoy widespread community support and the level of parent and community interest is a notable strength for the four schools in the District: Kelly Elementary (primary center grades K-3), Linntown Elementary (intermediate center grades 4 and 5), Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School (grades 6-8), and our comprehensive High School (grades 9-12). Our diverse student body of nearly 2,000 students is comprised of 80% White, 5% Black, 4% Asian, 7% Hispanic, and 4% Multi-racial, with approximately 25% of our students living in economically disadvantaged families. Our changing demographics reflect a student population that is multi-cultural and somewhat more itinerant than in years past. We provide individualized learning plans to support our students receiving special education, gifted education, and 504 provisions. All students K-12 are working to explore and refine their individualized career and life plans through the implementation of provisions outlined in our 339 Plan and the resultant focus on college, work, and career readiness. Approximately 90% of our proud graduates enroll in post-secondary education programs.

Led by the elected School Board of Directors and our Superintendent, Dr. Steven Skalka, the Lewisburg Area School District is recognized for its notable academic achievement, commitment to our award winning fine arts and music programs, and our strong extra-curricular and athletics programs. Our instructional program affords all students opportunities to experience rigorous and authentic learning that is personalized to meet their individual needs and wants. We provide sound early learning in foundations of literacy and numeracy in our primary program; exploratory clubs, community service learning, and a full complement of related arts and fine arts classes and performance groups in our upper elementary and middle schools; and many secondary elective offerings, technology enhanced learning, 18 Advanced Placement courses, and numerous options for dual-credit college courses through several nearby post-secondary institutions. Our schools provide 1-1 learning devices for each student in grades 3-12, and all classroom environments are enhanced with teaching and learning technologies. We also provide learning options through our LASD eSchool, an online array of courses for students grades 1-12. Our professional staff of 147 teachers and 97 support staff as well as our administrative team collaborate as empowered professional learning communities (PLC), striving to fulfill the District's vision and mission and realize our shared beliefs and goals. We are proud to provide a quality comprehensive instructional program that seeks to have all students meet /exceed the academic standards and be individually well prepared for the challenges of today and tomorrow.

## **Planning Committee**

Name	Role
George Drozin	Administrator : Special Education
Cathy Moser	Administrator : Professional Education Special
	Education
Paula Reber	Administrator : Professional Education

Brianna Apfelbaum-Kula	Business Representative : Professional Education
John Rowe	Business Representative : Professional Education
Ann Glock	Community Representative : Professional
	Education
Amitpal Johal	Community Representative : Professional
	Education
Brenda Zack	Ed Specialist - Other : Professional Education
Kevin Mowrey	Ed Specialist - School Counselor : Professional
	Education
Kristie Lee	Elementary School Teacher - Regular Education :
	Professional Education
Michelle Rosenberg	Elementary School Teacher - Regular Education :
	Professional Education
Sherry Strohecker	Elementary School Teacher - Special Education :
	Special Education
Sydney Edwards	High School Teacher - Regular Education :
	Professional Education
Laurie Miller	High School Teacher - Regular Education :
	Professional Education
Bethany Acker	Middle School Teacher - Regular Education :
	Professional Education
John Haussener	Middle School Teacher - Regular Education :
	Professional Education
Christine Bedi	Middle School Teacher - Special Education : Special
	Education
Leslie Cullens	Parent : Special Education
Benita Kolman-Solomon	Parent : Professional Education
Tera Unzicker-Fassero	Parent : Professional Education
Pamela Kramer	Special Education Director/Specialist : Special
	Education

# **Core Foundations**

## **Standards**

## **Mapping and Alignment**

## **Elementary Education-Primary Level**

Standards	Mapping	Alignment
Arts and Humanities	Accomplished	Accomplished
Career Education and Work	Developing	Developing
Civics and Government	Developing	Developing
PA Core Standards: English Language Arts	Developing	Developing
PA Core Standards: Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects	Developing	Developing
PA Core Standards: Mathematics	Developing	Developing
Economics	Developing	Developing
Environment and Ecology	Developing	Developing
Family and Consumer Sciences	Developing	Developing
Geography	Developing	Developing
Health, Safety and Physical Education	Accomplished	Accomplished
History	Developing	Developing
Science and Technology and Engineering Education	Developing	Developing
Alternate Academic Content Standards for Math	Accomplished	Accomplished
Alternate Academic Content Standards for Reading	Accomplished	Accomplished
American School Counselor Association for Students	Accomplished	Accomplished
Early Childhood Education: Infant-Toddler→Second Grade	Developing	Developing
English Language Proficiency	Developing	Developing
Interpersonal Skills	Developing	Developing
School Climate	Developing	Developing

Explanation for standard areas checked "Needs Improvement" or "Non Existent":

NA

## **Elementary Education-Intermediate Level**

Standards	Mapping	Alignment
Arts and Humanities	Accomplished	Accomplished
Career Education and Work	Developing	Developing
Civics and Government	Developing	Developing
PA Core Standards: English Language Arts	Accomplished	Accomplished
PA Core Standards: Literacy in History/Social Studies,	Developing	Developing

Science and Technical Subjects		
PA Core Standards: Mathematics	Accomplished	Accomplished
Economics	Developing	Developing
Environment and Ecology	Developing	Developing
Family and Consumer Sciences	Developing	Developing
Geography	Developing	Developing
Health, Safety and Physical Education	Accomplished	Accomplished
History	Developing	Developing
Science and Technology and Engineering Education	Developing	Developing
Alternate Academic Content Standards for Math	Accomplished	Accomplished
Alternate Academic Content Standards for Reading	Accomplished	Accomplished
American School Counselor Association for Students	Accomplished	Accomplished
English Language Proficiency	Developing	Developing
Interpersonal Skills	Developing	Developing
School Climate	Developing	Developing

Explanation for standard areas checked "Needs Improvement" or "Non Existent":

NA

## **Middle Level**

Standards	Mapping	Alignment
Arts and Humanities	Accomplished	Accomplished
Career Education and Work	Accomplished	Accomplished
Civics and Government	Developing	Developing
PA Core Standards: English Language Arts	Accomplished	Accomplished
PA Core Standards: Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects	Developing	Developing
PA Core Standards: Mathematics	Accomplished	Accomplished
Economics	Developing	Developing
Environment and Ecology	Accomplished	Accomplished
Family and Consumer Sciences	Accomplished	Accomplished
Geography	Accomplished	Accomplished
Health, Safety and Physical Education	Accomplished	Accomplished
History	Developing	Developing
Science and Technology and Engineering Education	Developing	Developing
Alternate Academic Content Standards for Math	Accomplished	Accomplished
Alternate Academic Content Standards for Reading	Accomplished	Accomplished
American School Counselor Association for Students	Accomplished	Accomplished
English Language Proficiency	Developing	Developing
Interpersonal Skills	Developing	Developing
School Climate	Developing	Developing
World Language	Accomplished	Accomplished

Explanation for standard areas checked "Needs Improvement" or "Non Existent":

NA

## **High School Level**

Standards	Mapping	Alignment
Arts and Humanities	Accomplished	Accomplished
Career Education and Work	Developing	Developing
Civics and Government	Accomplished	Accomplished
PA Core Standards: English Language Arts	Accomplished	Accomplished
PA Core Standards: Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects	Developing	Developing
PA Core Standards: Mathematics	Accomplished	Accomplished
Economics	Accomplished	Accomplished
Environment and Ecology	Accomplished	Accomplished
Family and Consumer Sciences	Accomplished	Accomplished
Geography	Accomplished	Accomplished
Health, Safety and Physical Education	Accomplished	Accomplished
History	Accomplished	Accomplished
Science and Technology and Engineering Education	Developing	Developing
Alternate Academic Content Standards for Math	Accomplished	Accomplished
Alternate Academic Content Standards for Reading	Accomplished	Accomplished
American School Counselor Association for Students	Accomplished	Accomplished
English Language Proficiency	Developing	Developing
Interpersonal Skills	Developing	Developing
School Climate	Developing	Developing
World Language	Accomplished	Accomplished

Explanation for standard areas checked "Needs Improvement" or "Non Existent":

NA

## **Adaptations**

## **Elementary Education-Primary Level**

Checked answers

- Career Education and Work
- PA Core Standards: English Language Arts
- PA Core Standards: Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects
- PA Core Standards: Mathematics
- Science and Technology and Engineering Education

#### Unchecked answers

None.

#### **Elementary Education-Intermediate Level**

#### Checked answers

- Career Education and Work
- PA Core Standards: English Language Arts
- PA Core Standards: Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects
- PA Core Standards: Mathematics
- Science and Technology and Engineering Education

#### *Unchecked answers*

None.

#### Middle Level

#### Checked answers

- Career Education and Work
- PA Core Standards: English Language Arts
- PA Core Standards: Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects
- PA Core Standards: Mathematics
- Science and Technology and Engineering Education

#### *Unchecked answers*

None.

#### **High School Level**

#### Checked answers

- Arts and Humanities
- Career Education and Work
- PA Core Standards: English Language Arts
- PA Core Standards: Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects
- PA Core Standards: Mathematics
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Health, Safety and Physical Education
- Science and Technology and Engineering Education

#### **Unchecked** answers

None.

#### Explanation for any standards checked:

The PA Core Standards in ELA and Math are noted at the Elementary and Middle School Levels as we continue to build a robust curriculum with rigor, higher levels of DOK and refinement of critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and problem solving skills associated with 21st century learning. As we work with students with low incidence disabilities and maintain our inclusionary practices, we continue to customize instruction within PA Core Standards areas with the SDI in alternative standards areas. The noted standards sets for the high school level also indicate similar challenges to facilitate learning for all students. The notation in Arts and Humanities as well as Health, Safety, and Physical

Education, FCS, and STEM related areas reflect extended learning opportunities in these areas that exceed the Chapter 4 requirements. All building levels are expanding teaching and learning activities associated with the CEW standards and the fulfillment of our District's 339 Plan.

Our academic programs of instruction across the four building levels are aligned and mapped to the Pennsylvania standards as outlined in Chapter 4 and noted above. While we have not developed or improved the written Chapter 4 standards, our LASD approved written planned courses reflect additional learning objectives, and we incorporate measurable learning targets in the design and delivery of our instruction and assessment that scaffold, broaden, refine, and enrich standards based teaching and learning.

#### Curriculum

#### **Planned Instruction**

#### **Elementary Education-Primary Level**

Curriculum Characteristics	Status
Objectives of planned courses, instructional units or interdisciplinary studies to be achieved by all students are identified for each subject area.	Developing
Content, including materials and activities and estimated instructional time to be devoted to achieving the academic standards are identified.	Accomplished
The relationship between the objectives of a planned course, instructional unit or interdisciplinary studies and academic standards are identified.	Developing
Procedures for measurement of mastery of the objectives of a planned course, instructional unit or interdisciplinary studies are identified.	Accomplished

#### Processes used to ensure Accomplishment:

Processes used to ensure the accomplishment of a curriculum framework that meets the above criteria include our common planning time and professional collaboration time afforded to all teaching staff; the Professional Learning Community (PLC) framework that institutionalizes our professional collegiality and staff ownership of the written, tested, and assessed curriculum; the staff utilization of the SAS as a guidance tool; our ongoing deliberate and focused attention to our curriculum which is continuously under review and ongoing revision; and prioritized professional development in refining effective teaching and learning opportunities as well as measurable assessment targets for demonstrated student achievement. These processes are the shared responsibilities of all staff and building level as well as central office administrators.

Explanation for any standards areas checked "Needs Improvement" or "Non Existent". How the LEA plans to address their incorporation:

NA

#### **Elementary Education-Intermediate Level**

Curriculum Characteristics	Status
Objectives of planned courses, instructional units or interdisciplinary studies to be achieved by all students are identified for each subject area.	Developing
Content, including materials and activities and estimated instructional time to be devoted to achieving the academic standards are identified.	Accomplished
The relationship between the objectives of a planned course, instructional unit or interdisciplinary studies and academic standards are identified.	Developing
Procedures for measurement of mastery of the objectives of a planned course, instructional unit or interdisciplinary studies are identified.	Accomplished

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Explanation for any standards areas checked "Needs Improvement" or "Non Existent". How the LEA plans to address their incorporation:

NA

#### Middle Level

Curriculum Characteristics	Status
Objectives of planned courses, instructional units or interdisciplinary studies to be achieved by all students are identified for each subject area.	Developing
Content, including materials and activities and estimated instructional time to be devoted to achieving the academic standards are identified.	Accomplished
The relationship between the objectives of a planned course, instructional unit or interdisciplinary studies and academic standards are identified.	Developing
Procedures for measurement of mastery of the objectives of a planned course, instructional unit or interdisciplinary studies are identified.	Accomplished

#### Processes used to ensure Accomplishment:

Processes used to ensure the accomplishment of a curriculum framework that meets the above criteria include our common planning time and professional collaboration time afforded to all teaching staff; the Professional Learning Community (PLC) framework that institutionalizes our professional collegiality and staff ownership of the written, tested, and assessed curriculum; the staff utilization of the SAS as a guidance tool; our ongoing

deliberate and focused attention to our curriculum which is continuously under review and ongoing revision; and prioritized professional development in refining effective teaching and learning opportunities as well as measurable assessment targets for demonstrated student achievement. These processes are the shared responsibilities of all staff and building level as well as central office administrators.

Explanation for any standards areas checked "Needs Improvement" or "Non Existent". How the LEA plans to address their incorporation:

NA

#### **High School Level**

Curriculum Characteristics	Status
Objectives of planned courses, instructional units or interdisciplinary studies to be achieved by all students are identified for each subject area.	Developing
Content, including materials and activities and estimated instructional time to be devoted to achieving the academic standards are identified.	Accomplished
The relationship between the objectives of a planned course, instructional unit or interdisciplinary studies and academic standards are identified.	Developing
Procedures for measurement of mastery of the objectives of a planned course, instructional unit or interdisciplinary studies are identified.	Accomplished

#### Processes used to ensure Accomplishment:

Processes used to ensure the accomplishment of a curriculum framework that meets the above criteria include our common planning time and professional collaboration time afforded to all teaching staff; the Professional Learning Community (PLC) framework that institutionalizes our professional collegiality and staff ownership of the written, tested, and assessed curriculum; the staff utilization of the SAS as a guidance tool; our ongoing deliberate and focused attention to our curriculum which is continuously under review and ongoing revision; and prioritized professional development in refining effective teaching and learning opportunities as well as measurable assessment targets for demonstrated student achievement. These processes are the shared responsibilities of all staff and building level as well as central office administrators.

Explanation for any standards areas checked "Needs Improvement" or "Non Existent". How the LEA plans to address their incorporation:

NA

#### **Modification and Accommodations**

Explain how planned instruction contains modifications and accommodations that allow all students at all mental and physical ability levels to access and master a rigorous standards aligned curriculum.

The Lewisburg Area School District is dedicated to meeting the needs of each and every student, and we have embraced the tenets of inclusion across all buildings and classrooms. Our planned instruction captures the standards, the essential understandings, the concepts and the competencies associated with the learning objectives associated at each grade and course level. As our staff members strive daily to plan and implement a guaranteed and viable curriculum, our teachers work with our educational specialists, our special education and gifted education staff, our ESL program specialists, and all other staff members to design appropriate modifications and accommodations necessary to customize our program of instruction for each student in their respective classes. Our staff and students collaborate to formulate academic and behavior plans as needed. Our grade level and subject area teams work together to support each student's best efforts to learn and grow. Our staff members maintain open and effective communication with parents to gain and maintain additional insights in meeting individual student needs.

#### Instruction

## Instructional Strategies

#### Checked Answers

- Formal classroom observations focused on instruction
- Walkthroughs targeted on instruction
- Annual Instructional evaluations
- Peer evaluation/coaching

#### **Unchecked Answers**

Instructional Coaching

#### Regular Lesson Plan Review

#### **Checked Answers**

Administrators

#### Unchecked Answers

- Building Supervisors
- Department Supervisors
- Instructional Coaches
- Not Reviewed

Provide brief explanation of LEA's process for incorporating selected strategies.

We utilize frequent walkthoughs and visit the classrooms often to monitor the ongoing teaching and learning. We incorporate formal observations and annual instructional evaluations according to state regulations and our LASD endorsed Learning Framework and Differentiated Supervision and Evaluation Plan. Our walkthroughs, observations, and evaluations are completed by our building level administrators and our district administrators. Lesson plans are reviewed by building level and district administrators as a part of our ongoing supervision and evaluation processes. Our teachers collaborate in

grade level team meetings, subject area team meetings, academic intervention teams (MTSS) and other special teams formulated at each building level to capitalize on our collegial mindset.

Provide brief explanation for strategies not selected and how the LEA plans to address their incorporation.

We have not incorporated formal instructional coaching, but informal peer teaching and sharing is readily evident in our professional development with respect to technological applications. The District's administration and faculty encourage and arrange collegial classroom visits, shared observation opportunities, mentoring visits across classrooms, and we promote collaboration in our team and subject area common planning structures at each building level. We utilize the PLC format with professional staff at each building level. We do not have a structure of department supervisors within our district.

## Responsiveness to Student Needs

## **Elementary Education-Primary Level**

Instructional Practices	Status
Structured grouping practices are used to meet student needs.	Implemented in less than 50% of district classrooms
Flexible instructional time or other schedule-related practices are used to meet student needs.	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
Differentiated instruction is used to meet student needs.	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
A variety of practices that may include structured grouping, flexible scheduling and differentiated instruction are used to meet the needs of gifted students.	Full Implementation

If necessary, provide further explanation. (Required explanation if column selected was

Students are heterogeneously grouped and fully included for greater than 50% of their instructional day in grades K-3, and therefore the structured grouping (tracking) indicated in the above prompt occurs in less than 50% of each instructional day.

#### **Elementary Education-Intermediate Level**

Instructional Practices	Status
Structured grouping practices are used to meet student needs.	Implemented in less than 50% of district classrooms
Flexible instructional time or other schedule-related practices are used	Implemented in

to meet student needs.	50% or more of district classrooms
Differentiated instruction is used to meet student needs.	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
A variety of practices that may include structured grouping, flexible scheduling and differentiated instruction are used to meet the needs of gifted students.	Full Implementation

If necessary, provide further explanation. (Required explanation if column selected was

Students are heterogeneously grouped and fully included for greater than 50% of their instructional day in grades 4 and 5, and therefore the structured grouping (tracking) indicated in the above prompt occurs in less than 50% of each instructional day.

#### Middle Level

Instructional Practices	Status
Structured grouping practices are used to meet student needs.	Implemented in less than 50% of district classrooms
Flexible instructional time or other schedule-related practices are used to meet student needs.	Full Implementation
Differentiated instruction is used to meet student needs.	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
A variety of practices that may include structured grouping, flexible scheduling and differentiated instruction are used to meet the needs of gifted students.	Full Implementation

If necessary, provide further explanation. (Required explanation if column selected was

Students are heterogeneously grouped for most of their day, with exception of grade 7 and 8 math - where the Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 levels of math are determined by more formalized process and therefore structured groups.

## **High School Level**

Instructional Practices	Status
Structured grouping practices are used to meet student needs.	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
Flexible instructional time or other schedule-related practices are used to meet student needs.	Full Implementation
Differentiated instruction is used to meet student needs.	Implemented in 50% or more of district

	classrooms
A variety of practices that may include structured grouping, flexible scheduling and differentiated instruction are used to meet the needs of gifted students.	Full Implementation

If necessary, provide further explanation. (Required explanation if column selected was NA

#### Recruitment

Describe the process you implement to recruit and assign the most effective and highly qualified teachers in order to meet the learning needs of students who are below proficiency or are at risk of not graduating.

Our District hires professional staff that meet highly qualified criteria without exception, and we maintain a 100% highly qualified status for staff throughout the District at all times. In our hiring process we require full credentials and certification, complete a thorough review of references and clearances, and utilize a multi-step interview process. Our initial screening and interviewing at the respective building level involves professional staff in a panel forum. All candidates are required to demonstrate their teaching craft and pedagogical knowledge through a model lesson. A second round interview for finalists is held with the Central Office Administration. Upon successful hire, all new staff is provided with professional development in the District endorsed frameworks of effective teaching and classroom management strategies, inclusion and special education processes, applications and integration of technology, and provided with a formal mentoring/induction process. All staff members receive ongoing professional development in appropriate teaching/learning and assessment strategies to meet the needs of each student, including those who may be below proficiency or at risk of not graduating.

#### **Assessments**

#### **Local Graduation Requirements**

Course Completion	SY 18/19	SY 19/20	SY 20/21
Total Courses	31.00	31.00	31.00
English	4.00	4.00	4.00
Mathematics	4.00	4.00	4.00
Social Studies	4.00	4.00	4.00
Science	4.00	4.00	4.00
Physical Education	4.00	4.00	4.00
Health	1.00	1.00	1.00
Music, Art, Family & Consumer Sciences, Career and Technical Education	3.00	3.00	3.00
Electives	7.00	7.00	7.00

Minimum % Grade Required for Credit	65.00	65.00	65.00
(Numerical Answer)	03.00	03.00	03.00

## **Graduation Requirement Specifics**

We affirm that our entity requires demonstration of proficiency or above in each of the following State academic standards: English Language Arts and Mathematics, Science and Technology and Environment and Ecology, as determined through any one or a combination of the following: *Checked answers* 

• Completion of secondary level coursework in English Language Arts (Literature), Algebra I and Biology in which a student demonstrates proficiency on the associated Keystone Exam or related project-based assessment if § 4.4(d)(4) (relating to general policies) applies.

#### *Unchecked answers*

- Locally approved and administered assessments, which shall be independently and objectively validated once every 6 years. Local assessments may be designed to include a variety of assessment strategies listed in ? 4.52(c) and may include the use of one or more Keystone Exams. Except for replacement of individual test items that have a similar level of difficulty, a new validation is required for any material changes to the assessment. Validated local assessments must meet the following standards:
  - I. Alignment with the following State academic standards: English Language Arts (Literature and Composition); Mathematics (Algebra I) and Environment and Ecology (Biology).
  - II. Performance level expectations and descriptors that describe the level of performance required to achieve proficiency comparable to that used for the Keystone Exams.
  - III. Administration of the local assessment to all students, as a requirement for graduation, except for those exempted by their individualized education program under subsection (g), regarding special education students, or gifted individualized education plan as provided in ? 16.32 (relating to GIEP).
  - IV. Subject to appropriations provided by law, the cost to validate local assessments shall be evenly divided between the school district, AVTS or charter school, including a cyber-charter school, and the Department. If the Department does not provide sufficient funding to meet its share, local assessments submitted for validation shall be deemed valid until a new validation is due to the Department.

- V. The Department will establish a list of entities approved to perform independent validations of local assessments in consultation with the Local Assessment Validation Advisory Committee as provided in ? 4.52(f).
- VI. School boards shall only approve assessments that have been determined to meet the requirements of this subsection by an approved entity performing the independent validation. If a school district, AVTS or charter school, including a cyber-charter school, uses a local assessment that has not been independently validated, the Secretary will direct the school entity to discontinue its use until the local assessment is approved through independent validation by an approved entity.
- Completion of an Advanced Placement exam or International Baccalaureate exam that includes academic content comparable to the appropriate Keystone Exam at a score established by the Secretary to be comparable to the proficient level on the appropriate Keystone Exam.
- Not Applicable. Our LEA does not offer High School courses.

#### **Local Assessments**

Standards	WA	TD	NAT	DA	PSW	Other
Arts and Humanities	X	X			X	X
Career Education and Work				X	X	X
Civics and Government		X				X
PA Core Standards: English Language Arts		X		X		X
PA Core Standards: Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects		X				X
PA Core Standards: Mathematics		X		X		X
Economics		X				X
Environment and Ecology		X		X		X
Family and Consumer Sciences		X			X	X
Geography		X				X
Health, Safety and Physical Education		X	X			X
History		X				X
Science and Technology and Engineering Education		X		X	X	X
World Language		X				X

#### **Methods and Measures**

#### **Summative Assessments**

Summative Assessments	EEP	EEI	ML	HS
Curriculum Based Assessments, PSSA 3, Chapter Tests, Theme Tests, Unit Tests	X			
Curriculum Based Assessments, PSSA 4,5, Chapter Tests, Unit Tests		X		
Curriculum Based Assessments, PSSA 6,7,8, Chapter Tests, Unit Tests, Science Experiments, Projects/Rubrics, Performance Works, Keystone Exams			X	
Curriculum Based Assessments, Final Exams/Projects, AP Exams, Keystone Exams, Projects/Rubrics, Portfolios, Performance Works				X

## **Benchmark Assessments**

Benchmark Assessments	EEP	EEI	ML	HS
DIBELS, STAR Early Literacy and Math, Running Records, Math Facts CBA, 4Sight, AIMS Web (Progress monitoring)	X			
4Sight, STAR Reading and Math, AIMS Web (Progress Monitoring)		X		
4Sight, STAR Reading and Math, AIMS Web (Progress Monitoring)			X	
AIMS Web (Progress Monitoring)				X

## **Formative Assessments**

Formative Assessments	EEP	EEI	ML	HS
quick checks, observation, independent practice, worksheets, projects, progress monitoring, Running Records, closure and summarizing activities	X			
informal classroom assessments, classwork and projects, Read Naturally, chapter tests, closure and summarizing activities		X		
student work, exit tickets, performance products and projects/rubrics, progress monitoring, textbook assessments, science group and lab work			X	
classroom tests and quizzes, projects/rubrics, demonstrations, assignments; lab work; student self-assessment				X

## **Diagnostic Assessments**

Diagnostic Assessments	EEP	EEI	ML	HS
Gates - McGinity, Brigance (K) Screener, locally developed pre-assessments, Early Numeracy, CDT	X			
STAR, IRI, locally developed pre-assessments, CDT		X		

CDT, locally developed pre-assessments		X	
CDT, locally developed pre-assessments			X

## Validation of Implemented Assessments

Validation Methods	EEP	EEI	ML	HS
External Review	X	X	X	X
Intermediate Unit Review				
LEA Administration Review	X	X	X	X
Building Supervisor Review				
Department Supervisor Review				
Professional Learning Community Review	X	X	X	X
Instructional Coach Review				
Teacher Peer Review	X	X	X	X

Provide brief explanation of your process for reviewing assessments.

All diagnostic, benchmark, formative, and summative assessments are reviewed at all building levels through the processes indicated in the checklist above. As indicated above, the Lewisburg District uses systemic review processes unique to each building. At the primary elementary level the assessments are created and reviewed through grade level teams structured in the PLC format. There is collegial review among members of grade level teams. At the intermediate elementary level the Principal participates with grade level and subject area teams as they review student performance data. Teacher teams create common assessments and review student assessment performance in grade level teams. At the middle school level there are data team meetings to review data and both building level and district level administration review assessment data. At the high school, external reviews occur through the administration of the AP Exams and the other components referenced above, namely building and district administrative review, and PLC team and teacher peer reviews. Formative assessments may be reviewed by the individual teacher, the teacher peers, or the PLC groups as they use diagnostic, benchmark, and formative data to guide instruction. The District administration reviews assessment data as well through reports accessed from our shared data warehouse and provided sources, such as eMetric, DRC, PVAAS.

## Development and Validation of Local Assessments

If applicable, explain your procedures for developing locally administered assessments and how they are independently and objectively validated every six years.

NA

#### **Collection and Dissemination**

Describe your system to collect, analyze and disseminate assessment data efficiently and effectively for use by LEA leaders and instructional teams.

Utilizing our own internal data systems as well as one provided by our IU and the state provided assessment information (eMetric, PVAAS, DRC), the District has worked to provide staff development to enable all professional staff to access student performance, and growth data. Common professional time is scheduled to enable teams of teachers to review data and aggregate/disaggregate reports. Through efficient sharing of information and structuring time for review and discussion, teams of teachers can then collaborate and utilize the data to make decisions with respect to instruction, remediation, enrichment, and support. Each building level has configured the data teams to work within the schools, and the administrative team under the Superintendent's leadership works together to examine the District achievement/growth profile. Building Principals work collaboratively with their building level and subject area teams to further analyze assessment data and identify strengths and critical areas of need that become the priorities for instruction and staff development. Action Plans for each building level are developed to further focus initiatives aimed at increasing student achievement. These action plans are revisited and refined through the course of the school year. The School Board is kept apprised through the Superintendent's Annual Data Report and Principals' reports of the ongoing progress.

## Data Informed Instruction

Describe how information from the assessments is used to assist students who have not demonstrated achievement of the academic standards at a proficient level or higher.

The District at all four building levels uses the assessment information to direct the design and delivery of instruction, place students in appropriate classes and groups, provide the unique and personalized means of differentiation, and provide appropriately customized academic interventions. The individual student plans as well as IEP Goals and GIEP Goals are crafted with the use of assessment information (achievement and growth). The assessment information is shared with our parents as partners as well. We are engaged in ongoing work across all building and grade levels to refine our instructional program to not only align with academic standards, but also to delineate specific learning and skills objectives within those standards in order to provide clear understanding of the expectations and the evidence necessary to demonstrate student achievement of the standards. The result is the delivery of teaching and learning opportunities and assessments that are appropriate for each student, thus enabling our students to maximize their learning and demonstrate that they have met/exceeded levels of proficiency.

#### Assessment Data Uses

Assessment Data Uses	EEP	EEI	ML	HS
Assessment results are reported out by PA assessment anchor or standards-aligned learning objective.	X	X	X	X
Instructional practices are identified that are linked to student success in mastering specific PA assessment	X	X	X	X

anchors, eligible content or standards-aligned learning objectives.				
Specific PA assessment anchors, eligible content or standards-aligned learning objectives are identified for those students who did not demonstrate sufficient mastery so that teachers can collaboratively create and/or identify instructional strategies likely to increase mastery.	X	X	X	X
Instructional practices modified or adapted to increase student mastery.	X	X	X	X

Provide brief explanation of the process for incorporating selected strategies.

The four strategies noted above are evidenced in practice across the District. Through the dedicated collaborative planning and data team analysis structures, our professional staff works to "drill down" to the anchors, objectives, and eligible content. By using item analysis and error patterns, as well as the aggregated/disaggregated reports, the teams are able to modify and adapt their instructional practices to increase student learning. Often the teams collectively identify and share effective practices and strategies that will further enhance personalized student learning. Through their collaboration they implement adjustments and refinements to enhance student performance.

Provide brief explanation for strategies not selected and how you plan to address their incorporation.

NA

## Distribution of Summative Assessment Results

Distribution Methods	EEP	EEI	ML	HS
Course Planning Guides				
Directing Public to the PDE & other Test-related Websites	X	X	X	X
Individual Meetings	X	X	X	X
Letters to Parents/Guardians	X	X	X	X
Local Media Reports	X	X	X	X
Website	X	X	X	X
Meetings with Community, Families and School Board	X	X	X	X
Mass Phone Calls/Emails/Letters	X	X	X	X
Newsletters				
Press Releases	X	X	X	X
School Calendar				
Student Handbook				

Provide brief explanation of the process for incorporating selected strategies.

We have a comprehensive system of summative data distribution in place appropriate to each building level in the District. We communicate directly with parents, provide

generalized information about state assessments on our website, and share with the press the accomplishments of the District. We communicate with all parents/guardians with letters and released data reports. We hold individual parent meetings as warranted to overview the assessment process and answer questions pertinent to their child's assessment performance. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent share our District Summative Assessment Data with the School Board in our public meetings.

Provide brief explanation for strategies not selected and how the LEA plans to address their incorporation.

Ones not selected would not be appropriate means to share student assessment information.

## **Safe and Supportive Schools**

## **Assisting Struggling Schools**

Describe your entity's process for assisting schools that either do not meet the annual student achievement targets or experience other challenges, which deter student attainment of academic standards at a proficient level or higher.

If your entity has no struggling schools, explain how you will demonstrate continued growth in student achievement.

The Lewisburg Area School District has not had "struggling schools" as used in this context, however we remain focused on raising student achievement for all students in our learning community. We work diligently with our staff and stakeholders to both customize and personalize learning for each student. We acknowledge the challenges of meeting increasingly rigorous standards and measures of accountability as part of serving public education K-12. We are challenged to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse student body and demographics that are changing with respect to poverty, racial diversity, and student behavioral/mental health needs. We are most fortunate to have the leadership, LASD School Board support, community engagement, staff expertise, and shared professional staff commitment towards fulfilling our articulated mission, vision, and shared values as outlined in this iteration of a LASD Comprehensive Plan.

## Programs, Strategies and Actions

Programs, Strategies and Actions	EEP	EEI	ML	HS
Biennially Updated and Executed Memorandum of Understanding with Local Law Enforcement	X	X	X	X
School-wide Positive Behavioral Programs	X	X	X	
Conflict Resolution or Dispute Management	X	X	X	X
Peer Helper Programs	X	X	X	X

Safety and Violence Prevention Curricula	X	X	X	X
Student Codes of Conduct	X	X	X	X
Comprehensive School Safety and Violence Prevention Plans	X	X	X	X
Purchase of Security-related Technology	X	X	X	X
Student, Staff and Visitor Identification Systems	X	X	X	X
Placement of School Resource Officers	X	X	X	X
Student Assistance Program Teams and Training			X	X
Counseling Services Available for all Students	X	X	X	X
Internet Web-based System for the Management of Student Discipline	X	X	X	X

Explanation of strategies not selected and how the LEA plans to address their incorporation:

We have our own District contracted School Police Officers (not SRO) to provide a physical, visible presence and monitoring service across all four buildings.

We continue to refine our high school program of positive school-wide behavior. This is being developed with our students and staff to best reflect the high school environment. We do not have formal Elementary SAP in place - but have student academic and behavior intervention teams in place at each of our two elementary buildings.

## Screening, Evaluating and Programming for Gifted Students

Describe your entity's awareness activities conducted annually to inform the public of the gifted education services and programs offered (newspaper, student handbooks, school website, etc.)

<u>Gifted and Identification Manual for Letters,</u> <u>Checklists, and Matrix</u>

- 1. Student is referred for initial screening.
- a. Counselor receives TEACHER REFERRAL FORM (T1) or PARENT REQUEST LETTER or sends PARENT REQUEST FORM (P1) to the parents.
- b. Counselors should make TEACHER REFERRAL FORMS available to the teachers at their request.
- 2. Counselor sends: PARENT NOTIFICATION FOR SCREENING (P2) and the PERMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE K-BIT (P3). Counselor sends PARENT RECOMMENDATION FORM (P6) if parent requests the screening.
- 3. The counselor collects permission form and creates a folder for the student.

- 4. The counselor administers and scores the K-BIT. Testing is done at the convenience of the counselor through the school year.
- 5. The counselor completes the Pre-Screening data on the Matrix to determine if the student continues with the screening. Minimum score for screening is 7.
- a. The counselor tallies the number of items checked on the Referral Checklist.
- b. If the student does not continue for screening, then the counselor sends the K-BIT results NO (P4) or calls the parents to inform them of the K-BIT results.
- 6A. If the student does qualify for screening, then the counselor sends the K-BIT RESULTS YES (P5), the CHECKLIST FOR RATING TRAITS (PT5); if the teacher referral was made, send the PARENT RECOMMENDATION FORM (P6) and the PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE (P7) to the parent(s) at this time.
- 6B. The counselor completes the top portion on the REQUEST FOR GIFTED SCREENING FORM (C1). The teacher or team indicates when the gifted referral was discussed with the parent.
- The counselor distributes the GIFTED EVALUATION SCALE, and RATE OF ACQUISITION FORM (T2) and RATE OF RETENTION FORM (T3) to the classroom teacher (grades K through 4) or the team (grades 5 through 12).
- The counselor collects all teacher information within one week of distribution. The teacher and parent checklists are tallied for the number of responses and then assigned a score from the Matrix. The CHECKLIST FOR RATING TRAITS (parent PT5) is numbered and then tallied. Assign category numbers: 0=Seldom or Never; 1=Occasionally; 2=Considerably; 3=Almost Always. Match the total score on this checklist to the Matrix score.
  - 7. Once all materials have been collected from the parents and the teacher/team, then the counselor reviews the data and determines the need for classroom observation, CBA, etc.
  - 8. The counselor completes the Matrix
  - a. Screening Data (page 2) Complete Form C2 (Achievement Tests by Grade Level). Starting with number 3, enter the numerical data that corresponds to the specific child's

levels. Note: you may not have data for every single category. Please refer to form C2 for numbers 3 and 4. Only use most recent achievement data.

- b. Complete items 5-10 (if you have existing data) and total 3-10 and place score in box at bottom.
- 9. Complete Page 3, Additional Options, if needed.
- 10. Add totals from pages 1, 2, and Additional Options. Enter that total in the box Total Screening Score.
- 11. Take the total screening score and divide by the number of completed items used to obtain that score to find the Average. If the Average is 4.0 or higher, this indicates that the student should go on for further evaluation with the WISC-IV (and possibly the WIAT-II Screener) to be administered by the Certified School Psychologist.
- 12. The counselor sends the Matrix on to the School Psychologist with the other referral packet information and forms.

#### Record Keeping

- 1. The Gifted Identification Matrix is filed in the student's cumulative folder for future reference.
- 2. If the child is not referred for a Gifted Multidisciplinary Evaluation (GMDE), then the school counselor keeps the Multiple Criteria protocol for 2 years and then purges those protocols (K-BIT and all completed teacher/parent checklists and questionnaires).
- 3. If the child is referred for a GMDE, the original Matrix and protocols are forwarded to the school psychologist and Central Office Secretary for the Gifted Written Report (GWR). The school psychologist maintains protocols and the Matrix goes in the student's cumulative folder.

- 4. If the student is identified for Gifted services, the school psychologist sends collected protocols (checklists/questionnaires) to the Gifted Support Teacher for the Gifted IEP file.
- 5. If the child is not identified for Gifted services, the school psychologist returns collected protocols (checklists/questionnaires) to the school counselor to keep on file for 2 years.

# Describe your entity's process for locating students who are thought to be gifted and may be in need of specially designed instruction (screening).

Students thought to be gifted can be located by teachers or parents, and our screening process begins with the request for evaluation.

Describe your entity's procedures for determining eligibility (through multiple criteria) and need (based on academic strength) for potentially mentally gifted students (evaluation).

Our procedures are outlined above.

Describe the gifted programs\* being offered that provide opportunities for acceleration, enrichment or both. \*The word "programs" refers to the continuum of services, not one particular option.

Gifted programming in elementary, middle and high school offer opportunities for acceleration through curriculum compacting, course sequence or grade advancement, or demonstration of proficiency through examination and advancement. Our gifted programming offers enrichment with elementary pull-out programs in math, coding, vocabulary, interdisciplinary units and research. In the middle school students opt to participate in various clubs and contests, academic challenges, and individualized research projects/independent studies. Our high school gifted programs consist of honors and AP courses, college courses, and independent study/research facilitated by a faculty advisor.

## **Developmental Services**

Developmental Services	EEP	EEI	ML	HS
Academic Counseling	X	X	X	X
Attendance Monitoring	X	X	X	X
Behavior Management Programs	X	X	X	X
Bullying Prevention	X	X	X	X
Career Awareness	X	X	X	X
Career Development/Planning	X	X	X	X
Coaching/Mentoring	X	X	X	X
Compliance with Health Requirements –i.e., Immunization	X	X	X	X
Emergency and Disaster Preparedness	X	X	X	X
Guidance Curriculum	X	X	X	X
Health and Wellness Curriculum	X	X	X	X
Health Screenings	X	X	X	X

Individual Student Planning	X	X	X	X
Nutrition	X	X	X	X
Orientation/Transition	X	X	X	X
RTII/MTSS	X	X	X	
Wellness/Health Appraisal	X	X	X	X

Explanation of developmental services:

The District provides structured programming as noted above to meet the developmental needs of our students and their families.

## Diagnostic, Intervention and Referral Services

Diagnostic, Intervention and Referral Services	EEP	EEI	ML	HS
Accommodations and Modifications	X	X	X	X
Administration of Medication	X	X	X	X
Assessment of Academic Skills/Aptitude for Learning	X	X	X	X
Assessment/Progress Monitoring	X	X	X	X
Casework	X	X	X	X
Crisis Response/Management/Intervention	X	X	X	X
Individual Counseling	X	X	X	X
Intervention for Actual or Potential Health Problems	X	X	X	X
Placement into Appropriate Programs	X	X	X	X
Small Group Counseling-Coping with life situations	X	X	X	X
Small Group Counseling-Educational planning	X	X	X	X
Small Group Counseling-Personal and Social Development	X	X	X	X
Special Education Evaluation	X	X	X	X
Student Assistance Program			X	X

Explanation of diagnostic, intervention and referral services:

The District provides diagnostic, intervention and referral services across the preK-12 program through our pupil personnel offices - school counselors, social workers, SAP Teams, and referrals as needed to community resources.

#### Consultation and Coordination Services

Consultation and Coordination Services	EEP	EEI	ML	HS
Alternative Education			X	X
Case and Care Management	X	X	X	X
Community Liaison				
Community Services Coordination (Internal or External)	X	X	X	X
Coordinate Plans	X	X	X	X
Coordination with Families (Learning or Behavioral)	X	X	X	X

Home/Family Communication	X	X	X	X
Managing Chronic Health Problems	X	X	X	X
Managing IEP and 504 Plans	X	X	X	X
Referral to Community Agencies	X	X	X	X
Staff Development	X	X	X	X
Strengthening Relationships Between School Personnel, Parents and Communities	X	X	X	X
System Support				
Truancy Coordination	X	X	X	X

#### Explanation of consultation and coordination services:

The District's counselors, contracted social workers, and support services personnel work within our building level structures to provide consultation and deliberate coordination of services in meeting the needs of each and all of our students.

## **Communication of Educational Opportunities**

Communication of Educational Opportunities	EEP	EEI	ML	HS
Course Planning Guides				X
Directing Public to the PDE & Test-related Websites	X	X	X	X
Individual Meetings	X	X	X	X
Letters to Parents/Guardians	X	X	X	X
Local Media Reports	X	X	X	X
Website	X	X	X	X
Meetings with Community, Families and Board of Directors	X	X	X	X
Mass Phone Calls/Emails/Letters	X	X	X	X
Newsletters	X	X		
Press Releases	X	X	X	X
School Calendar	X	X	X	X
Student Handbook	X	X	X	X
Social Media - Facebook	X	X	X	X

## Communication of Student Health Needs

Communication of Student Health Needs	EEP	EEI	ML	HS
Individual Meetings	X	X	X	X
Individual Screening Results	X	X	X	X
Letters to Parents/Guardians	X	X	X	X
Website	X	X	X	X
Meetings with Community, Families and Board of Directors	X	X	X	X
Newsletters	X	X		

School Calendar				
Student Handbook	X	X	X	X
Nurses and school counselors and social workers places phone calls directly to families	X	X	X	X

## **Frequency of Communication**

#### **Elementary Education - Primary Level**

• More than once a month

#### **Elementary Education - Intermediate Level**

More than once a month

#### Middle Level

• More than once a month

#### **High School Level**

More than once a month

## **Collaboration for Interventions**

Describe the collaboration between classroom teachers and individuals providing interventions regarding differing student needs and academic progress.

The ongoing collaboration between classroom teachers and the resource specialists, educational specialists, health professionals, and intervention specialists is a valued and prioritized process towards fulfilling our mission of individualizing our educational program to meet student needs. In place at each building is an extensive child find process, a child study team / academic intervention team structure configured to that building level, and a structured protocol of team meetings and processes designed to address student academic and health needs. When a classroom teacher or other school personnel bring forward a student evidencing academic/health concern, the information is shared appropriately with the associated team(s) and meetings/consultations occur in timely manner. School counselors, social workers, and school nurses assist in the coordination of these meetings and parents are contacted. Roles are assigned for data collection, sharing information, and report compilation. The pupil services committee, facilitated by the Assistant Superintendent meets monthly to review all building level intervention structures and our collaborative processes.

## **Community Coordination**

Describe how you accomplish coordination with community operated infant and toddler centers, as well as preschool early intervention programs. In addition, describe the

community coordination with the following before or after school programs and services for all grade levels, including pre-kindergarten, if offered, through grade 12.

- 1. Child care
- 2. After school programs
- 3. Youth workforce development programs
- 4. Tutoring

The Lewisburg Area School District is a willing partner with community based child care centers, the CSIU Early Intervention Services program, and the before/after school programs that operate in the greater Lewisburg area. District representatives meet often with community representatives from child care providers, the Heiter Community Center, the SUM CD network, and IU personnel to communicate and share expertise as well as coordinate services for our students and families in the District. We house an early-intervention program on site in our primary school. The District's primary elementary building is also an operational site for before/after school care and tutoring. Our primary school is also a designated Pre-K Counts program site. The District actively seeks collaboration in creating new opportunities and extended services for our students and families, including summer study camps and STEM/Career study opportunities. Academic assistance programs after school are in place in our middle and high school buildings and staffed by teachers. Workforce development programs are coordinated with Career Link, OVR, special education transition teachers, and other outside agencies.

## **Preschool Agency Coordination**

Explain how the LEA coordinates with agencies that serve preschool age children with disabilities.

- 1. Address coordination activities designed to identify and serve children with disabilities and the supports and accommodations available to ensure both physical and programmatic access.
- 2. Address pre-kindergarten programs operated directly by the LEA and those operated by community agencies under contract from the LEA.
- 3. Describe how the LEA provides for a smooth transition from the home setting and any early childhood care or educational setting the students attend, to the school setting.

We work with our IU (Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit) through the provision of Early Intervention Services to serve children with disabilities and their families. Our Coordinator of Special Education serves as the liaison to assure that information comes forward to the school district as the child enters kindergarten and to assure a continuity of services and programming. We continue to use the IU program specialists as ongoing consultants in the provision of support services to meet the student needs. The District operates one program of pre-kindergarten through the Pre-K Counts state grant. There are an additional number of private providers and faith based providers of pre-kindergarten programs in the Lewisburg community. We work with all providers to coordinate

kindergarten transition activities and share curricular/program information to assure that children are well prepared to enter K-12 education. Our elementary principal and guidance counselor as well as our kindergarten teachers participate in our program of transition for these students and their families. Visits are arranged with community based preschools and staff interactions foster open communication. Tours of our elementary school are arranged for families, the various preschools, and the Headstart program, and orientation sessions are held in advance of the start of the school year. Exchanges of information occur to further assure that individual student strengths and needs of all children are addressed in placement and coordination of services.

#### **Materials and Resources**

## Description of Materials and Resources

#### **Elementary Education-Primary Level**

Material and Resources Characteristics	Status
Aligned and supportive of academic standards, progresses level to level and demonstrates relationships among fundamental concepts and skills	Accomplished
A robust supply of high quality aligned instructional materials and resources available	Developing
Accessibility for students and teachers is effective and efficient	Accomplished
Differentiated and equitably allocated to accommodate diverse levels of student motivation, performance and educational needs	Accomplished

Provide explanation for processes used to ensure Accomplishment.

We continue to work with the expertise of our leadership and professional staff, utilizing resources like SAS to align standards, materials, resources, and staff development to assure all Lewisburg District students receive teaching/learning experiences that are challenging and engaging. Our teachers and students have access to all materials, and our selected core resources in ELA and Math have been conscientiously selected to provide differentiation/adaptation/modifications in meeting all students' needs. Our curriculum writing and revision processes are ongoing in order to assure alignment, and we are currently focusing on our science/STEM and our career education resources across all levels. Our materials selection and approval processes assure equity of access. Our building leadership, distributed teacher ownership of course planning and materials, and our investment of time and resources for professional development ensure the accomplishment of the Materials and Resources Characteristics.

Explanation for any row checked "Needs Improvement" or "Non Existent". How the LEA plans to address their incorporation:

NA

#### **Elementary Education-Intermediate Level**

Material and Resources Characteristics	Status
Aligned and supportive of academic standards, progresses level to level and demonstrates relationships among fundamental concepts and skills	Accomplished
A robust supply of high quality aligned instructional materials and resources available	Developing
Accessibility for students and teachers is effective and efficient	Accomplished
Differentiated and equitably allocated to accommodate diverse levels of student motivation, performance and educational needs	Accomplished

Provide explanation for processes used to ensure Accomplishment.

We continue to work with the expertise of our leadership and professional staff, utilizing resources like SAS to align standards, materials, resources, and staff development to assure all Lewisburg District students receive teaching/learning experiences that are challenging and engaging. Our teachers and students have access to all materials, and our selected core resources in ELA and Math have been conscientiously selected to provide differentiation/adaptation/modifications in meeting all students' needs. Our curriculum writing and revision processes are ongoing in order to assure alignment, and we are currently focusing on our science/STEM and our career education resources across all levels. Our materials selection and approval processes assure equity of access. Our building leadership, distributed teacher ownership of course planning and materials, and our investment of time and resources for professional development ensure the accomplishment of the Materials and Resources Characteristics.

Explanation for any row checked "Needs Improvement" or "Non Existent". How the LEA plans to address their incorporation:

NA

#### Middle Level

Material and Resources Characteristics	Status
Aligned and supportive of academic standards, progresses level to level and demonstrates relationships among fundamental concepts and skills	Accomplished
A robust supply of high quality aligned instructional materials and resources available	Developing
Accessibility for students and teachers is effective and efficient	Accomplished
Differentiated and equitably allocated to accommodate diverse levels of student motivation, performance and educational needs	Accomplished

Provide explanation for processes used to ensure Accomplishment.

We continue to work with the expertise of our leadership and professional staff, utilizing resources like SAS to align standards, materials, resources, and staff development to assure all Lewisburg District students receive teaching/learning experiences that are challenging and engaging. Our teachers and students have access to all materials, and our selected core resources in ELA and Math have been conscientiously selected to provide differentiation/adaptation/modifications in meeting all students' needs. Our curriculum writing and revision processes are ongoing in order to assure alignment, and we are

currently focusing on our science/STEM and our career education resources across all levels. Our materials selection and approval processes assure equity of access. Our building leadership, distributed teacher ownership of course planning and materials, and our investment of time and resources for professional development ensure the accomplishment of the Materials and Resources Characteristics.

Explanation for any row checked "Needs Improvement" or "Non Existent". How the LEA plans to address their incorporation:

NA

#### **High School Level**

Material and Resources Characteristics	Status
Aligned and supportive of academic standards, progresses level to level and demonstrates relationships among fundamental concepts and skills	Accomplished
A robust supply of high quality aligned instructional materials and resources available	Developing
Accessibility for students and teachers is effective and efficient	Accomplished
Differentiated and equitably allocated to accommodate diverse levels of student motivation, performance and educational needs	Accomplished

Provide explanation for processes used to ensure Accomplishment.

We continue to work with the expertise of our leadership and professional staff, utilizing resources like SAS to align standards, materials, resources, and staff development to assure all Lewisburg District students receive teaching/learning experiences that are challenging and engaging. Our teachers and students have access to all materials, and our selected core resources in ELA and Math have been conscientiously selected to provide differentiation/adaptation/modifications in meeting all students' needs. Our curriculum writing and revision processes are ongoing in order to assure alignment, and we are currently focusing on our science/STEM and our career education resources across all levels. Our materials selection and approval processes assure equity of access. Our building leadership, distributed teacher ownership of course planning and materials, and our investment of time and resources for professional development ensure the accomplishment of the Materials and Resources Characteristics.

Explanation for any row checked "Needs Improvement" or "Non Existent". How the LEA plans to address their incorporation:

NA

## **SAS Incorporation**

#### **Elementary Education-Primary Level**

Standards	Status
Arts and Humanities	Full

	Implementation
Career Education and Work	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
Civics and Government	Full Implementation
PA Core Standards: English Language Arts	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
PA Core Standards: Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
PA Core Standards: Mathematics	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
Economics	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
Environment and Ecology	Full Implementation
Family and Consumer Sciences	Full Implementation
Geography	Full Implementation
Health, Safety and Physical Education	Full Implementation
History	Full Implementation
Science and Technology and Engineering Education	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
Alternate Academic Content Standards for Math	Full Implementation
Alternate Academic Content Standards for Reading	Full Implementation
American School Counselor Association for Students	Full Implementation
Early Childhood Education: Infant-Toddler→Second Grade	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
English Language Proficiency	Implemented in 50% or more of district

	classrooms
Interpersonal Skills	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
School Climate	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms

Further explanation for columns selected "

NA

## **Elementary Education-Intermediate Level**

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Standards	Status		
Arts and Humanities	Full Implementation		
Career Education and Work	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms		
Civics and Government	Full Implementation		
PA Core Standards: English Language Arts	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms		
PA Core Standards: Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms		
PA Core Standards: Mathematics	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms		
Economics	Full Implementation		
Environment and Ecology	Full Implementation		
Family and Consumer Sciences	Full Implementation		
Geography	Full Implementation		
Health, Safety and Physical Education	Full Implementation		
History	Full Implementation		
Science and Technology and Engineering Education	Implemented in		

	50% or more of district classrooms
Alternate Academic Content Standards for Math	Full Implementation
Alternate Academic Content Standards for Reading	Full Implementation
American School Counselor Association for Students	Full Implementation
English Language Proficiency	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
Interpersonal Skills	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
School Climate	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms

Further explanation for columns selected "

NA

### Middle Level

Standards	Status
Arts and Humanities	Full Implementation
Career Education and Work	Full Implementation
Civics and Government	Full Implementation
PA Core Standards: English Language Arts	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
PA Core Standards: Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
PA Core Standards: Mathematics	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
Economics	Full Implementation
Environment and Ecology	Full Implementation

Family and Consumer Sciences	Full Implementation
Geography	Full Implementation
Health, Safety and Physical Education	Full Implementation
History	Full Implementation
Science and Technology and Engineering Education	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
Alternate Academic Content Standards for Math	Full Implementation
Alternate Academic Content Standards for Reading	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
American School Counselor Association for Students	Full Implementation
English Language Proficiency	Full Implementation
Interpersonal Skills	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
School Climate	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
World Language	Full Implementation

Further explanation for columns selected "

NA

## **High School Level**

Standards	Status
Arts and Humanities	Full Implementation
Career Education and Work	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
Civics and Government	Full Implementation
PA Core Standards: English Language Arts	Implemented in 50% or more of

	district classrooms
PA Core Standards: Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
PA Core Standards: Mathematics	Full Implementation
Economics	Full Implementation
Environment and Ecology	Full Implementation
Family and Consumer Sciences	Full Implementation
Geography	Full Implementation
Health, Safety and Physical Education	Full Implementation
History	Full Implementation
Science and Technology and Engineering Education	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
Alternate Academic Content Standards for Math	Full Implementation
Alternate Academic Content Standards for Reading	Full Implementation
American School Counselor Association for Students	Full Implementation
English Language Proficiency	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
Interpersonal Skills	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
School Climate	Implemented in 50% or more of district classrooms
World Language	Full Implementation

Further explanation for columns selected "

NA

### Early Warning System

The free PA Educator Dashboard Early Warning System and Intervention Catalog (PA EWS/IC) utilizes the metrics of Attendance, Behavior and Course grades to identify students who may be on a path to dropping out of school. Please indicate your selection of the following options.

Yes, we are interested in the PA EWS/IC for our district, and would like more information regarding the process.

### **Professional Education**

### **Characteristics**

District's Professional Education Characteristics	EEP	EEI	ML	HS
Enhances the educator's content knowledge in the area of the educator's certification or assignment.		X	X	X
Increases the educator's teaching skills based on effective practice research, with attention given to interventions for struggling students.		X	X	X
Increases the educator's teaching skills based on effective practice research, with attention given to interventions for gifted students.				
Provides educators with a variety of classroom-based assessment skills and the skills needed to analyze and use data in instructional decision making.		X	X	X
Empowers educators to work effectively with parents and community partners.	X	X	X	Х

District's Professional Education Characteristics	EEP	EEI	ML	HS
Provides the knowledge and skills to think and plan strategically, ensuring that assessments, curriculum, instruction, staff professional education, teaching materials and interventions for struggling students are aligned to each other, as well as to Pennsylvania's academic standards.	X	X	X	X
Provides the knowledge and skills to think and plan strategically, ensuring that assessments, curriculum, instruction, staff professional education, teaching materials and interventions for gifted students are aligned to each other, as well as to Pennsylvania's academic standards.				
Provides leaders with the ability to access and use appropriate data to inform decision making.	X	X	X	X
Empowers leaders to create a culture of teaching and	X	X	X	X

learning, with an emphasis on learning.				
Instructs the leader in managing resources for effective results.	X	X	X	X

Provide brief explanation of your process for ensuring these selected characteristics.

Planned professional development time is built into the individual building structure on a daily basis. Professional education time is also built into the District wide calendar and a diverse offering of opportunities are scheduled into our designated in-service days. We also provide resources to allow all professional staff to seek other professional development opportunities through conferences, workshops, and college courses. We support these offsite opportunities with financial resources and tuition reimbursement.

Provide brief explanation for strategies not selected and how you plan to address their incorporation.

We have continued to work through professional development activities and initiatives that enable teachers to personalize, customize, and address individual needs of students in the District, but have not had a focused emphasis on gifted students - rather using differentiation as the broader context in efforts to design and provide effective teaching and learning.

### Educator Discipline Act 126, 71

Provides educators with mandated reporter training, totaling 3 hours, every 5 years as outlined in Act 126.

#### Questions

The LEA has conducted the required training on:

2/16/2015 this is now provided to each individual at their time of hiring in the District

Provides educators with four (4) hours of professional development in youth suicide awareness and prevention every five (5) years for professional educators in grades six through twelve as outlined in Act 71.

#### **Questions**

The LEA has conducted the training on:

8/23/2016 this is now provided to each individual at their time of hiring in the District

Provides educators with four (4) hours of professional development every five (5) years for professional educators that are teaching the curriculum in which the Child Exploitation Awareness Education program is incorporated as outlined in Act 71.

### Questions

The LEA plans to conduct the training on approximately:

8/21/2018 this will be initial training for implementation -state provided programming

### Strategies Ensuring Fidelity

#### Checked answers

- Professional Development activities are based upon detailed needs assessments that utilize student assessment results to target instructional areas that need strengthening.
- Using disaggregated student data to determine educators' learning priorities.
- Professional Development activities are based upon detailed needs assessments that utilize student assessment results to target curricular areas that need further alignment.
- Professional Development activities are developed that support implementation of strategies identified in your action plan.
- The LEA has a systemic process that is used to validate whether or not providers have the capacity to present quality professional development.
- Administrators participate fully in all professional development sessions targeted for their faculties.
- The LEA has an ongoing monitoring system in place (i.e. walkthroughs, classroom observations).

#### *Unchecked answers*

- Clear expectations in terms of teacher practice are identified for staff implementation.
- An implementation evaluation is created, based upon specific expectations related to changes in teacher practice, which is used to validate the overall effectiveness of the professional development initiative.
- Every Professional development initiative includes components that provide ongoing support to teachers regarding implementation.
- Professional Education is evaluated to show its impact on teaching practices and student learning.

Provide brief explanation of your process for ensuring these selected characteristics.

LASD utilizes a professional staff survey instrument to ascertain staff identified areas of need for PD, especially in areas of technology integration. Our administrative team holds several planning meetings to further identify the priorities for staff development for the school year, and across several years of implementation as per our strategic planning processes. Student achievement data is utilized in our decision-making, as are current education research, technology initiatives, and the administrative team's vision for the District. Building level administrators further refine the PD programs to be building specific to needs at grade levels or subject areas, in coordination with Central Office administrators. We use 100 Day Action Plans to enact identified, prioritized initiatives and gauge effectiveness of implementation. Our administrative team reviews, refines, revises programming upon receipt of staff feedback provided after PD sessions. Staff provides feedback and further direction through our Professional Education Committee and staff surveys.

Provide brief explanation for strategies not selected and how you plan to address their incorporation.

The items not selected encompass the challenge for the District that has been identified in our Systems Analysis - namely enhancing professional development implementation and evaluation. We have not always set clear expectations for teacher implementation, nor have we utilized teacher practices implementation in evaluating our professional development program offerings.

### **Induction Program**

#### Checked answers

- Inductees will know, understand and implement instructional practices validated by the LEA as known to improve student achievement.
- Inductees will assign challenging work to diverse student populations.
- Inductees will know the basic details and expectations related to LEA-wide initiatives, practices, policies and procedures.
- Inductees will know the basic details and expectations related to school initiatives, practices and procedures.
- Inductees will be able to access state curriculum frameworks and focus lesson design on leading students to mastery of all state academic standards, assessment anchors and eligible content (where appropriate) identified in the LEA's curricula.
- Inductees will effectively navigate the Standards Aligned System website.
- Inductees will know and apply LEA endorsed classroom management strategies.
- Inductees will know and utilize school/LEA resources that are available to assist students in crisis.
- Inductees will take advantage of opportunities to engage personally with other members of the faculty in order to develop a sense of collegiality and camaraderie.
- The LASD Induction Program will focus on curriculum, instructional practices, the social processes of peer interaction, building specific procedures and practices, district and community orientation, and administrative policies.

#### *Unchecked answers*

None.

Provide brief explanation of your process for ensuring these selected characteristics.

The LASD Induction Program is a year-long program that provides a 1-1 mentor for each inductee. Our program is a fully developed one with designated meetings, defined and delineated topics, and outlined roles and responsibilities for administrators as well as mentors and inductees. Our Mentor/Inductee Checklist and signed Certification of

Completion serve as documentation and validation of the process. The Certification of Completion is filed in the professional staff member's permanent personnel file.

Provide brief explanation for strategies not selected and how you plan to address their incorporation.

NA

### **Needs of Inductees**

#### Checked answers

- Frequent observations of inductee instructional practice by a coach or mentor to identify needs.
- Frequent observations of inductee instructional practice by supervisor to identify needs.
- Regular meetings with mentors or coaches to reflect upon instructional practice to identify needs.
- Student PSSA data.
- Standardized student assessment data other than the PSSA.
- Classroom assessment data (Formative & Summative).
- Inductee survey (local, intermediate units and national level).
- Review of inductee lesson plans.
- Review of written reports summarizing instructional activity.
- Submission of inductee portfolio.
- Knowledge of successful research-based instructional models.
- Information collected from previous induction programs (e.g., program evaluations and second-year teacher interviews).

#### *Unchecked answers*

None.

Provide brief explanation of your process for ensuring these selected characteristics.

Mentors meet often - formally and informally with inductees. Principals meet with inductee/mentors on a regularly scheduled basis. Central Office administration meets quarterly with inductees and mentors as a whole group. Observations are scheduled between mentors/inductees - other observations across grade and subject areas are

scheduled throughout the year to assist in acclimating inductees and broadening their perspective. The Lewisburg District has a three-year tenure track plan that accompanies the formal induction plan. This companion plan involves the professional staff member in building level and district level committee work to allow the individual to "grow" their understanding and familiarity with the learning community. The completion of the programmatic checklist of topics as well as the narrative feedback gained at each quarterly meeting with inductees and mentors allow the program to continually be adjusted and refined. The District publishes the Induction Program for all inductees to receive an overview/training. The mentors receive formal training at the onset of a mentoring assignment in the District.

Provide a brief explanation for strategies not selected and your plan to address their incorporation.

NA

#### **Mentor Characteristics**

#### Checked answers

- Pool of possible mentors is comprised of teachers with outstanding work performance.
- Potential mentors have similar certifications and assignments.
- Potential mentors must model continuous learning and reflection.
- Potential mentors must have knowledge of LEA policies, procedures and resources.
- Potential mentors must have demonstrated ability to work effectively with students and other adults.
- Potential mentors must be willing to accept additional responsibility.
- Mentors must complete mentor training or have previous related experience (e.g., purpose of induction program and role of mentor, communication and listening skills, coaching and conferencing skills, problem-solving skills and knowledge of adult learning and development).
- Mentors and inductees must have compatible schedules so that they can meet regularly.
- Mentors support LASD mission, vision, shared beliefs, current initiatives

#### **Unchecked** answers

None.

Provide brief explanation of your process for ensuring these selected characteristics.

Mentor selection is completed by each building level Principal and the Assistant Superintendent with the above referenced criteria in mind. Mentor criteria are also outlined in our internal District publication. Mentor training is provided. Mentors attend all meetings, complete the required Checklist/Certification forms, and provide feedback that informs our practices.

Provide brief explanation for characteristics not selected and how you plan to address their incorporation.

### **Induction Program Timeline**

Topics	Aug- Sep	Oct- Nov	Dec- Jan	Feb- Mar	Apr- May	Jun- Jul
Code of Professional Practice and Conduct for Educators	X		X		X	
Assessments	X	X	X	X		
Best Instructional Practices		X	X	X		
Safe and Supportive Schools		X	X	X	X	
Standards		X	X	X	X	
Curriculum		X	X	X	X	
Instruction		X	X	X		
Accommodations and Adaptations for diverse learners		X	X	X		
Data informed decision making		X	X	X		X
Materials and Resources for Instruction	X	X	X	X	X	X

If necessary, provide further explanation.

Above topics are found within District Induction Plan - other, additional topics for mentor/inductee collaboration can be found within Lewisburg Area School District Induction Plan and supporting documents, such as the Mentor/Inductee Checklist and Certification of Completion.

### Monitoring and Evaluating the Induction Program

Identify the procedures for monitoring and evaluating the Induction program.

The procedures for monitoring are established at the building level - under the direction of the building principal. The Induction Program is also monitored by the Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services, as this individual completes the reporting in the Comprehensive Plan, conducts the end of year program evaluation, and revises the program with the assistance of the Professional Education Committee. The Professional Education Committee is a broad group of stakeholders who work to conduct needs assessments, assist in determining professional development opportunities, and offers input into both the Lewisburg District's Differentiated Supervision and Evaluation Plan and the Induction/Tenure Track Plan.

### **Recording Process**

Identify the recording process for inductee participation and program completion. (Check all that apply) *Checked answers* 

- Mentor documents his/her inductee's involvement in the program.
- A designated administrator receives, evaluates and archives all mentor records.

- School/LEA maintains accurate records of program completion and provide a certificate or statement of completion to each inductee who has completed the program.
- LEA administrator receives, tallies, and archives all LEA mentor records.
- Completion is verified by the LEA Chief Executive Officer on the Application for Level 2 Certification.

*Unchecked answers* 

None.

### **Special Education**

### **Special Education Students**

Total students identified: 240

### **Identification Method**

Identify the District's method for identifying students with specific learning disabilities.

The Lewisburg Area School District uses a Discrepancy Model for identification of specific learning disabilities.

#### **Enrollment**

Review the Enrollment Difference Status. If necessary, describe how your district plans to address any significant disproportionalities.

The data is publicly available via the PennData website. You can view your most recent report. The link is:

https://penndata.hbg.psu.edu/PublicReporting/DataataGlance/tabid/2523/Default.aspx

Not significantly disproportionate

### Non-Resident Students Oversight

- 1. How does the District meet its obligation under Section 1306 of the Public School Code as the host District at each location?
- 2. How does the District ensure that students are receiving a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE)?
- 3. What problems or barriers exist which limit the District's ability to meet its obligations under Section 1306 of the Public School Code?

Currently there are no 1306 facilities for Nonresident Students within the Lewisburg Area School District

### **Incarcerated Students Oversight**

Describe the system of oversight the District would implement to ensure that all incarcerated students who may be eligible for special education are located, identified, evaluated and when deemed eligible, are offered a free appropriate public education (FAPE).

The following guidelines will be followed in accordance to 24 P. S. Section 13-1306.2 for the Educational Services for Students Incarcerated:

- (1) The Lewisburg Area School District will be considered the LEA for all students at the Union County Jail until they reach 17 years of age. Persons under 21 years of age who have not graduated will have rights to an education upon request.
- (2) A Child Find Notice is posted yearly at the jail for incarcerated individuals to access and understand their rights under Chapter 14 and IDEIA.
- (3) The Warden of the Union County Jail will contact the CSIU 16, with whom the District holds a contract for servicing incarcerated students, once it is determined that an incarcerated individual fits the criteria as listed above.
- (4) The CSIU 16 will contact the Coordinator of Special Education at 570-522-3277 or via Email after interviewing the individual to determine if the student is a student with a disability and eligible for FAPE under Federal and State Regulations. If the student is of compulsory educational age or if the student is under 21 years of age who has not graduated and has requested education, educational provisions will be provided.
- (5) If the student is an identified student, the Coordinator of Special Education will work to obtain records from the student's home district, set up an IEP meeting and ensure compliance of Federal and State regulations to ensure FAPE.
- (6) If the student is not an identified student, the Lewisburg Area School District guidance counselor, who will coordinate the educational services with the CSIU 16, will be contacted.

#### Least Restrictive Environment

- 1. Describe the District procedures, which ensure that, to the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities, including those in private institutions, are educated with non-disabled children, and that removal from the regular education environment only occurs when education in that setting with supplementary aids and services, cannot be achieved satisfactorily.
- 2. Describe how the District is replicating successful programs, evidence-based models, and other PDE sponsored initiatives to enhance or expand the continuum of supports/services and education placement options available within the District to support students with disabilities access the general education curriculum in the least restrictive environment (LRE). (Provide information describing the manner in

- which the District utilizes site-based training, consultation and technical assistance opportunities available through PDE/PaTTAN, or other public or private agencies.)
- 3. Refer to and discuss the SPP targets and the district's percentages in the Indicator 5 section Educational Environments. Also discuss the number of students placed out of the district and how those placements were determined to assure that LRE requirements are met.

Once it is determined that a student is eligible and in need of special education services, the Individual Education Plan (IEP) team considers all options available within the full continuum of services to provide a Free Appropriate Public Education within the Least Restrictive Environment for all identified students within the Lewisburg Area School District. The IEP team determines the program type and level of service based on the individual needs of each student working from a least restrictive paradigm.

The Lewisburg Area School District believes that all children can learn when their individual needs are met. The district believes that this is best achieved through a collaborative approach that includes parents, special education staff, regular education staff and a Local Educational Agency Representative. The district works from an inclusionary model, where students are supported to the maximum extent possible in the regular education setting using Supplementary Aids and Services to support mastery of same age standards using both near and far links as appropriate to meet student needs in the regular education classroom to the maximum extent possible. Only when a student's needs cannot be satisfactorily met in the regular education classroom does the IEP team consider alternative environments. The Supplementary Aids and Services Toolkit is utilized as deemed appropriate to help in the decision-making process.

The Lewisburg Area School District uses a variety of supplementary aids and services to ensure students with disabilities are included in the general education environment using grade level standards and curriculum to the maximum extent possible. These range from simple modifications to more complex adaptations and modifications and are student specific to meet the needs of students while offering supports through a strength based model. Supplementary aids and services span the areas of supporting students instructionally, environmentally and socially/emotionally/behaviorally.

The district is replicating successful programs, evidence-based models, and other PDE sponsored initiatives to enhance and expand the continuum of supports/services and educational placement options available within the district to support students with disabilities in their ability to access the general education curriculum in the least restrictive environment (LRE) through ongoing site-based training, consultation, technical assistance and collaboration with both PaTTAN, CSIU 16 Consultants and by using public and private agencies to provide training and supports. Specifically, the district is invested in promoting the School Wide Positive Behavior Supports initiative, Transition services, Autism supports, Assistive Technology, and Early Literacy . These supports have and continue to include site-based training, consultation, technical assistance and coaching supports through both PaTTAN and CSIU 16 Consultants. In addition, the District employs several privately contracted Social Workers who provide on-going intervention, consultation, training and supports.

The School Performance Plan (SPP) targets and the district's percentages as they relate to Indicator 5 - Educational Environments (Ages 6-21), confirms the district's successful approach to Least Restrictive Environment. The district is indicated to be above the State average of educating students inside the regular class 80% or more and below the State average of educating identified student inside the regular class less than 40%.

Currently the district has 14 students in out of the district placements. Out of district placements are done on a case-by-case basis and placement decisions are made by the IEP team. LRE is of utmost concern when discussing a placement out of the district. When a decision is made for a more restrictive setting, the IEP has determined that the student's needs indicate that the nature and severity of the disability is such that education within the neighborhood school cannot be achieved satisfactory.

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### **Behavior Support Services**

- 1. Provide a summary of the District policy on behavioral support services including, but not limited to, the school wide positive behavior supports (PBS).
- 2. Describe training provided to staff in the use of positive behavior supports, deescalation techniques and responses to behavior that may require immediate intervention.
- 3. If the district also has School-Based Behavioral Health Services, please discuss it.

Exceptional students are protected under the behavior management provisions and procedures in the regulations as set forth in Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA) and those found in the PA State Standards and Regulations (Chapter 14). All applicable Federal and State laws and regulations are followed for students who are eligible for Special Education services or who are thought to be eligible.

The Lewisburg Area School District has in place several policies to address positive behavior support services. Specifically, programs for exceptional students prohibits the use of unsafe or cruel techniques. The following aversive techniques of handling behavior concerns, per district policy are considered inappropriate and shall not be used:

- 1. Corporal punishment.
- 2. Punishment for a manifestation of a student's disability.
- 3. Locked rooms, locked boxes or other locked structures or spaces from which the student cannot readily exit.
- 4. Noxious substances.
- 5. Deprivation of basic human rights, such as withholding meals, water, or fresh air.

- 6. Suspensions constituting a pattern under §14.143(a) (relating to disciplinary placement).
- 7. Treatment of a demeaning nature.
- 8. Electric shock.

Further, policy indicates that positive rather than negative measures will form the basis of behavior intervention plans. Positive techniques will be employed for the change and maintenance of selected behaviors prior to use of more intrusive or restraining measures.

The Lewisburg Area School District provides training to relevant district staff in the use of specific procedures, methods, and techniques that encourage a positive approach to dealing with behavioral concerns. Crisis-management training is provided to train and educate relevant staff to recognize and manage crisis in a professional manner.

The Lewisburg Area School District Special Education Department, teachers, and/or staff continue to develop skills and strategies that provide clear expectations of positive and effective behavioral supports that include but are not limited to:

- 1. Antecedent-prevention strategies.
- 2. Teaching of replacement behaviors.
- 3. Consequence consideration.
- 4. Functions of behavior.
- 5. Nonverbal and verbal de-escalation strategies.
- 6. Collaborative/Team approach to problem solving.
- 7. Non-verbal and verbal signals.
- 8. Counter-aggression.
- 9. Other research-based techniques and practices.

All exclusions, suspensions, and expulsions follow the guidelines as set forth in IDEA and the PA State Standards and Regulations.

The District does not provide formal school based mental health supports to students, but the district does work collaboratively with the local mental health providers to ensure that student's mental health needs are being met both in and outside of the classroom. The district contracts with several licensed social workers who support both students and families to access the community resources they need to address mental health needs.

### Intensive Interagency/Ensuring FAPE/Hard to Place Students

- 1. If the LEA is having difficulty ensuring FAPE for an individual student or a particular disability category, describe the procedures and analysis methods used to determine gaps in the continuum of special education supports, services and education placement options available for students with disabilities.
- 2. Include information detailing successful programs, services, education placements as well as identified gaps in current programs, services, and education placements not available within the LEA. Include an overview of services provided through interagency collaboration within the LEA.
- 3. Discuss any expansion of the continuum of services planned during the life of this plan.

The Lewisburg Area School District is not currently having any difficulty ensuring FAPE for an individual student or a particular disability category.

Currently, the district offers a wide range of services within its local neighborhood schools. Programs currently operated within the district include Learning Support, Emotional Support, Autistic Support, Speech and Language Support, and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Supports. At each building level, both itinerant and supplemental levels of programming are offered and are dependant on the level of need.

If the Lewisburg Area School District is having difficulty ensuring FAPE for an individual student or a particular disability category, the following procedures and methods are used to determine gaps in the continuum of special education supports, services and educational placement options with an emphasis of making sure that all gaps are closed and the student's needs are being met.

The Lewisburg Area School District will work collaboratively with the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU 16) and other designated local school districts to establish and provide appropriate educational services for students with disabilities.

The district will use the Technical Assistance Consultants at CSIU 16 to provide support to IEP teams to provide consultation and training if a gap in services presents itself or when more specialized consultation is needed.

In addition, the Lewisburg Area School District will work collaboratively with local mental health agencies when warranted. Students who are at risk of or in need of mental health services are identified and teamed through interagency meetings or through the Children and Adolescence Service System Program (CASSP).

The following is an overview of the list of agencies and/or school districts the Lewisburg Area School District works collaboratively with to ensure that student needs are being addressed in the Least Restrictive Environment:

- \* Columbia, Montour, Snyder, Union (CMSU) MH/ID
- \* CMSU/CMSU D & A
- \* OVR
- \* Center For Independent Living
- \* Juvenile Probation
- \* Children & Youth
- \* Career Link
- \* Northwestern Counseling Services
- \* Keystone Human Services
- \* Laurel Creek Counseling
- \* Behavioral Health Specialists, Inc.
- \* Hempfield Counseling Associates
- \* CSIU 16
- \* Warrior Run School District
- \* Selinsgrove Area School District
- \* Milton Area School District
- \* Danville Area School District
- \* New Story (a specialized private provider of educational supports relevant to Emotional Support and Autistic Support needs)

Through this network of supports the district has been successful in achieving a continuum of programs, services, and education placements without any gaps in services for students.

Although the district has been successful in meeting the needs of many of the students within the district, the district is always looking for ways to provide expanded programs within the district. Specifically, the Lewisburg Area School District recently started two new programs in the district in collaboration with the CSIU 16. Specifically, the district was able to open a Middle School Autistic Support program within the district as well as a High School level Emotional Support program. Expansion is determined by the needs presented through a careful analysis of data collected and an examination of the trends and needs of the students.

### Strengths and Highlights

Describe the strengths and highlights of your current special education services and programs. Include in this section directions on how the district provides trainings for staff, faculty and parents.

The Lewisburg Area School District is located in a small rural college community in the heart of central Pennsylvania. The district is committed to providing a learning community that prepares every child individually to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow. The district provides all students with a safe, respectful, and challenging learning environment that is student-centered, personalized, data-guided, and supported through appropriate technologies and shared

leadership. The district, in partnership with the greater community, ensures an education that will enhance the viability of the region.

The Lewisburg Area School District believes that all children can learn when their individual needs are met. With this premise in mind, the special education department strives to ensure the success of all students identified and in need of special education services. The district believes that this is best achieved when regular education teachers, special education teachers, parents and administrators work together to meet the needs of students in the least restrictive environment. The district works from an inclusionary model, where students are supported to the maximum extent possible in the regular education classroom with supplementary aids and services prior to moving to a more restrictive environment. The Lewisburg Area School District is significantly above the state average in supporting students with less than 21% of services outside of the regular education classroom. This is felt to be a strength for both the district as a whole and for students individually.

In an effort to support students within the home district, the Lewisburg Area School District currently employs 12 special education teachers, one speech and language therapist, one school psychologist, one school psychologist/coordinator of special education and 29 paraprofessionals.

The Lewisburg Area School District contracts with the CSIU 16 and several private providers to ensure that student needs are being addressed. CSIU 16 services include Speech and Language Therapy, Social Work Services and Vision and Hearing Therapy. The district contracts privately for Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Social Work Services.

In addition, the district utilizes educational consultation provided through CSIU 16 Technical Assistance Consultants. Consultation is utilized for behavioral issues, transition services supports, assistive technology supports, PASA testing supports, autism supports, and for reading and early literacy concerns.

Within the supports provided in the regular education classroom, several co-teaching models of instruction have been implemented as well as flexible grouping and differentiation of instruction. Both the regular education teacher as well as the special education teacher are actively involved in a team process to meet the various student needs identified within the school environment. The district feels strongly about the need for communication and collaboration among team members in meeting the needs of students as well as engaging parents in the process. Teachers are given common planning time at each grade level to encourage this team process.

Opportunities for training is felt to be paramount in ensuring a high level of success for all students. Both regular education and special education teachers have been trained in a variety of research-based practices. These include training in the areas of classroom management techniques, functional behavioral assessment, Multi-Tiered System of Support, progress monitoring, SAS toolkit, transition, autism, assistive technology and differentiation of instruction. The District is committed to employ best practice in the field of education to ensure the success of all students. The District is committed to involving parents in many training opportunities and encourages parent involvement in the decision making process. Training and coaching has been and will continue to be provided by PaTTAN consultants, IU consultants, parents and when appropriate by private providers.

## **Assurances**

### Safe and Supportive Schools Assurances

The LEA has verified the following Assurances:

- Implementation of a comprehensive and integrated K-12 program of student services based on the needs of its students. (in compliance with § 12.41(a))
- Free Education and Attendance (in compliance with § 12.1)
- School Rules (in compliance with § 12.3)
- Collection, maintenance and dissemination of student records (in compliance § 12.31(a) and § 12.32)
- Discrimination (in compliance with § 12.4)
- Corporal Punishment (in compliance with § 12.5)
- Exclusion from School, Classes, Hearings (in compliance with § 12.6, § 12.7, § 12.8)
- Freedom of Expression (in compliance with § 12.9)
- Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance (in compliance with § 12.10)
- Hair and Dress (in compliance with § 12.11)
- Confidential Communications (in compliance with § 12.12)
- Searches (in compliance with § 12.14)
- Emergency Care and Administration of Medication and Treatment (in compliance with <u>35</u> P.S. § 780-101—780-144)
- Parents or guardians are informed regarding individual survey student assessments and provided a process for refusal to participate (consistent with § 445 of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C.A. § 1232h) and in compliance with § 12.41(d))
- Persons delivering student services shall be specifically licensed or certified as required by statute or regulation (in compliance with § 12.41(e))
- Development and Implementation of Local Wellness Program (in compliance with <u>Public Law 108-265, Section 204</u>)
- Early Intervention Services System Act (if applicable) (11 P.S. § 875-101—875-503)

- Establishment and Implementation of Student Assistance Programs at all of levels of the school system (in compliance with <u>24 PS § 15-1547</u>)
- Acceptable Use Policy for Technology Resources
- Providing career information and assessments so that students and parents or guardians might become aware of the world of work and career options available.

### **Special Education Assurances**

The Local Education Agency (District) has verified the following Assurances:

- Implementation of a full range of services, programs and alternative placements available to the school district for placement and implementation of the special education programs in the school district.
- Implementation of a child find system to locate, identify and evaluate young children and children who are thought to be a child with a disability eligible for special education residing within the school district's jurisdiction. Child find data is collected, maintained and used in decision-making. Child find process and procedures are evaluated for its effectiveness. The District implements mechanisms to disseminate child find information to the public, organizations, agencies and individuals on at least an annual basis.
- Assurances of students with disabilities are included in general education programs and extracurricular and non-academic programs and activities to the maximum extent appropriate in accordance with an Individualized Education Program.
- Compliance with the PA Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education's report revision notice process.
- Following the state and federal guidelines for participation of students with disabilities in state and district-wide assessments including the determination of participation, the need for accommodations, and the methods of assessing students for whom regular assessment is not appropriate.
- Assurance of funds received through participation in the medical assistance reimbursement program, ACCESS, will be used to enhance or expand the current level of services and programs provided to students with disabilities in this local education agency.

### 24 P.S. §1306 and §1306.2 Facilities

Facility Name	Facility Type	Services Provided By	Student Count
Union County Jail	Incarcerated	Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 16 (CSIU 16)	0

### **Least Restrictive Environment Facilities**

Facility Name	Type of Facility	Type of Service	Number of Students Placed
White Deer Elementary	Neighboring School Districts	Life Skills Support	1
Selinsgrove High School	Neighboring School Districts	Life Skills Supports	3
5 Star Day Treatment Facility	Other	Emotional Support	2
5 Star Day Treatment Facility	Other	Life Skills Supports	1
Work Foundations +	Other	Life Skills Supports	2
New Story	Other	Autistic Support	2
New Story	Other	Emotional Support	1
Warrior Run High School	Neighboring School Districts	Autistic Support	1
Alpha Circle	Other	Emotional Support	1

## **Special Education Program Profile**

**Program Position #1 - Proposed Program** 

Operator: School District

PROPOSED PROGRAM INFORMATION

*Type:* Position

Implementation Date: August 24, 2016

Justification: Compliance for proximity to home, classroom design (for instruction), classroom external noise, classroom accessibility, classroom location, classroom size was marked as inappropriate.

**PROGRAM SEGMENTS** 

Type of	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Support				

Itinerant	Learning Support	5 to 7	20	0.5
Locations:				
Kelly Elementary	An Elementary School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Itinerant	Learning Support	7 to 9	20	0.5
Locations:				
Kelly Elementary	An Elementary School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

### **Program Position #2 - Proposed Program**

Operator: School District

#### PROPOSED PROGRAM INFORMATION

*Type:* Position

Implementation Date: August 24, 2016

Justification: Compliance for proximity to home, classroom design (for instruction), classroom external noise, classroom accessibility, classroom location, classroom size

was marked as inappropriate.

#### **PROGRAM SEGMENTS**

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Supplemental (Less Than 80% but More Than 20%)	Emotional Support	5 to 8	8	0.5
Locations:				
Kelly Elementary	An Elementary School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Itinerant	Emotional Support	7 to 9	10	0.5
Locations:				
Kelly Elementary	An Elementary School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

#### **Program Position #3 - Proposed Program**

*Operator:* School District

### PROPOSED PROGRAM INFORMATION

*Type:* Position

Implementation Date: August 24, 2016

*Justification:* Compliance for proximity to home, classroom design (for instruction), classroom external noise, classroom accessibility, classroom location, classroom size was marked as inappropriate.

#### **PROGRAM SEGMENTS**

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Supplemental (Less Than 80% but More Than 20%)	Autistic Support	7 to 9	4	0.5
Locations:				
Kelly Elementary	An Elementary School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Supplemental (Less Than 80% but More Than 20%)	Learning Support	5 to 7	10	0.5
Locations:				
Kelly Elementary	An Elementary School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

Operator: School District PROGRAM SEGMENTS

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Itinerant	Emotional Support	9 to 11	3	0.25
Locations:				
Linntown Intermediate	An Elementary School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Itinerant	Learning Support	9 to 11	6	0.5
Locations:				
Linntown Intermediate	An Elementary School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Itinerant	Autistic Support	9 to 11	1	0.25
Locations:				
Linntown Intermediate School	An Elementary School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

### **Program Position #5**

Operator: School District PROGRAM SEGMENTS

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Itinerant	Emotional Support	10 to 12	3	0.25
Locations:				
Linntown Intermediate	An Elementary School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Itinerant	Learning Support	10 to 12	7	0.5
Locations:				
Linntown Intermediate	An Elementary School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Itinerant	Autistic Support	10 to 12	1	0.25
Locations:				
Linntown Intermediate School	An Elementary School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

Operator: School District PROGRAM SEGMENTS

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Itinerant	Learning Support	11 to 13	17	1
Locations:				
Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School	A Middle School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

### **Program Position #7**

Operator: School District
PROGRAM SEGMENTS

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Itinerant	Learning Support	12 to 14	24	1
Locations:				
Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School	A Middle School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

#### **Program Position #8 - Proposed Program**

*Operator:* School District

### PROPOSED PROGRAM INFORMATION

*Type:* Position

Implementation Date: August 24, 2016

*Justification:* Compliance for proximity to home, classroom design (for instruction), classroom external noise, classroom accessibility, classroom location, classroom size

was marked as inappropriate.

### **PROGRAM SEGMENTS**

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Itinerant	Learning Support	12 to 15	20	0.5
Locations:				
Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School	A Middle School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

#### **Program Position #9**

Operator: School District PROGRAM SEGMENTS

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Itinerant	Learning Support	14 to 17	20	1
Locations:				
Lewisburg Area High School	A Senior High School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

### **Program Position #10**

Operator: School District
PROGRAM SEGMENTS

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Itinerant	Learning Support	17 to 20	22	1

Locations:			
Lewisburg Area High School	A Senior High School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated	

Operator: School District PROGRAM SEGMENTS

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Supplemental (Less Than 80% but More Than 20%)	Learning Support	15 to 18	5	0.25
Locations:				
Lewisburg Area High School	A Senior High School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Supplemental (Less Than 80% but More Than 20%)	Emotional Support	15 to 18	8	0.75
Locations:				
Lewisburg Area High School	A Senior High School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

### **Program Position #12**

Operator: School District PROGRAM SEGMENTS

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Itinerant	Speech and Language Support	5 to 10	15	0.5
Justification: Speech and Language Supports are on a one-to-one or small gorup bases and at no time are students grouped outside of their age range				
Locations:				
Kelly Elementary	An Elementary School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Itinerant	Speech and Language Support	9 to 12	7	0.25
Locations:				
Linntown Intermediate	An Elementary School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Itinerant	Speech and Language Support	12 to 13	2	0.15
Locations:				
Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School	A Middle School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Itinerant	Speech and Language	16 to 16	1	0.1

	Support		
Locations:			
Lewisburg Area School District	A Senior High School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated	

Operator: Intermediate Unit PROGRAM SEGMENTS

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Itinerant	Deaf and Hearing Impaired Support	11 to 11	1	0.01
Locations:				
Linntown Intermediate	An Elementary School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

### **Program Position #14 - Proposed Program**

*Operator:* Intermediate Unit

#### PROPOSED PROGRAM INFORMATION

Type: Class

*Implementation Date:* August 19, 2015

#### **PROGRAM SEGMENTS**

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Full-Time Special Education Class	Autistic Support	11 to 13	6	1
Locations:				
Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School	A Middle School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

### **Program Position #15 - Proposed Program**

*Operator:* School District

### PROPOSED PROGRAM INFORMATION

*Type:* ClassandPosition

Implementation Date: August 24, 2016

### **PROGRAM SEGMENTS**

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Supplemental (Less Than 80% but More Than 20%)	Emotional Support	16 to 19	15	0.75
Locations:				
Lewisburg Area High School	A Senior High School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Supplemental (Less Than 80% but More Than 20%)	Learning Support	16 to 19	5	0.25
Locations:				
Lewisburg Area High School	A Senior High School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

### **Program Position #16 - Proposed Program**

*Operator:* School District

### PROPOSED PROGRAM INFORMATION

Type: Class

Implementation Date: August 23, 2017

### PROGRAM SEGMENTS

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Supplemental (Less Than 80% but More Than 20%)	Learning Support	6 to 8	6	0.75
Locations:				
Kelly Elementary	An Elementary School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

Type of Support	Level of Support	Age Range	Caseload	FTE
Supplemental (Less Than 80% but More Than 20%)	Life Skills Support	6 to 9	4	0.25
Locations:				
Kelly Elementary	An Elementary School Building	A building in which General Education programs are operated		

## **Special Education Support Services**

Support Service	Location	Teacher FTE
Coordinator of Special Education/School Psychologist	District	1
School Psychologist	District	1
Paraprofessionals	Kelly Elementary	8
Paraprofessionals	Linntown Intermediate	4
Paraprofessionals	Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School	9
Paraprofessionals	Lewisburg Area High School	7
Transition Coordinator	Lewisburg Area High School	0.5
Personal Care Aide	Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School	1

## **Special Education Contracted Services**

Special Education Contracted Services	Operator	Amt of Time per Week
Occupational Therapy	Outside Contractor	10 Hours
Physical Therapy	Outside Contractor	5 Hours
Social Worker	Outside Contractor	5 Days
Occupational Therapy	Intermediate Unit	1 Days
Physical Therapy	Intermediate Unit	1 Days

Social Worker	Intermediate Unit	1 Days
Social Worker	Outside Contractor	5 Days
Social Worker	Outside Contractor	5 Days
Educational Interpreter	Outside Contractor	5 Days

# **Needs Assessment**

### **Record School Patterns**

#### Question:

After reviewing school level accomplishments and systemic challenges, what patterns can you identify among your schools?

What other information do you still need to assess?

#### **Answer:**

Patterns identified by the District as a result of the review of school level accomplishments and challenges include affirmation of the high level of student academic and extra-curricular accomplishment that characterizes the Lewisburg Area School District. We are very pleased and proud of our student achievements and our administrative leadership and underlying Board and community support. These accomplishments include academic accolades respective to each building level, successful athletic programs, and exceptional related and fine arts offerings. Our schools are characterized by positive school climates and student-centered cultures of learning. Students in the Lewisburg Area School District are afforded a comprehensive program of academic and co-curricular study as well as extra-curricular opportunities.

We also see persistent patterns of systemic challenges to meet the needs of our three most prevalent sub-groups of students, namely English Language Learners, special education students, and economically disadvantaged students/families. We currently are not seeing student achievement or growth measures with these groups commensurate to those of our total student populations across all building levels. We seek to continue our work as professional learning communities to refine our instruction/assessment practices and to identify effective teaching and learning strategies to support all individual students in these sub-groups close achievement gaps and demonstrate their learning on various assessments, such as the PSSA and Keystone tests. Our challenges include personalizing and customizing our instruction and support, providing effective professional development, and working with families to improve student learning.

A second related challenge presents us with opportunity to refine our programs of learning to address social-emotional learning and student behavioral health, and a developmentally appropriate K-12 career education program. We seek to expand school resources to work in these additional areas within our classrooms and total school programming. Accompanying this area of challenge are the related needs for professional development and facilitating parent and community collaboration and support.

Dedicated to our vision to prepare <u>every child individually</u> to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow, and our shared belief that all children can learn when their individual needs are met, we continue to build on our strengths and embrace our challenges as we strive collaboratively to realize the articulated goals outlined in this plan.

### **District Accomplishments**

### **Accomplishment #1:**

The District has noted academic accomplishments, including strong PSSA performance in grades 3-8; LAHS SAT and ACT scores of noted distinction at the state level; and most recently a second national Blue Ribbon award for academic achievement for the Middle School. Each year several outstanding high school students further distinguish themselves by attaining Merit Scholarship semi-finalist and finalist designations. Our students exceed state and national scores on AP Exams across 18 content areas.

### **Accomplishment #2:**

The Lewisburg Area School District has been named one of the Best Communities for Music (NAMM) for seven consecutive years.

Our music programs boast widespread student participation, and many of our musicians distinguish themselves by attaining District, Regional, and State level recognition in band, orchestra, and choir. We provide opportunities for students to perform in fall plays and our annual spring musical productions.

#### **Accomplishment #3:**

Our outstanding visual arts program boasts opportunity for all students K-12 to participate in our District Art Show each spring.

Student art work is proudly displayed throughout our buildings throughout the school year.

### **Accomplishment #4:**

The District has an outstanding athletic program of 23 organized PIAA sports, and our students distinguish themselves as individuals and our teams boast Conference, District, and State championships.

#### **Accomplishment #5:**

Our students K-12 enjoy opportunities to experience service-learning in our schools and community; and a wide variety of school sponsored clubs and extra-curricular activities are offered on site and through parent and community collaboration with our schools.

### **Accomplishment #6:**

Strong parent and community support through volunteering, PSA, booster organizations, and the Alumni Foundation and Green Dragon Foundation afford the District the ongoing support and continued positive affirmation of the importance of the Lewisburg Area School District to our greater community. Our vested partnerships with families and community members make it possible for us to create, maintain, and sustain our schools and programs and reflect the positive tenets of public education in the Lewisburg community.

#### **Accomplishment #7:**

The new Lewisburg Area High School has earned a LEED Gold certification.

### **District Concerns**

#### Concern #1:

1. Effectively meet the needs of our English Language Learners, special education students, and economically disadvantaged students in order to increase individual student achievement.

#### Concern #2:

2. Provide a focused approach to social and emotional learning as well as behavioral health that complements academic learning and supports all students in their development across K-12.

#### Concern #3:

3. Guide students K-12 in their understanding and planning for post-secondary career, education, and employment opportunities.

## **Prioritized Systemic Challenges**

**Systemic Challenge #1** (*Guiding Question #10*) Establish a district system that fully ensures professional development is focused, comprehensive and implemented with fidelity.

### **Aligned Concerns:**

1. Effectively meet the needs of our English Language Learners, special education students, and economically disadvantaged students in order to increase individual student achievement.

2. Provide a focused approach to social and emotional learning as well as behavioral
health that complements academic learning and supports all students in their
development across K-12.

 $3.\,$  Guide students K-12 in their understanding and planning for post-secondary career, education, and employment opportunities.