

School Board of Broward County

A Collaborative Network for Improving Student Achievement

Broward County Public Schools has implemented Collaborative Network (cNET) teams to promote and support improved academic achievement at low-performing and fragile schools. cNET is a critical component of Broward's One Voice Plan (OVP). The OVP is a strategy to ensure that all activities of district-level departments and individual schools are coordinated to provide focused support to improve student performance. The OVP is built upon proven strategies to improve academic performance, including Lezotte's Correlates of Effective Schools, the 8-Step Instructional Process, and Marzano's High Yield Strategies. The OVP also incorporates core principles of high school reform and Ruby Payne's Framework for Understanding Poverty. Critical to the success of any academic improvement plan is the implementation of the strategies at the classroom level; hence, regular classroom monitoring via walkthroughs by the administration is essential.

cNET provides differentiated levels of support for the implementation of the OVP at selected schools as determined by the unique needs of each site. The cNET team assigned to each school consists of representatives from a variety of district departments, including Curriculum, Exceptional Student Education, English Speakers of Other Languages, Technology, Research, Instructional Staffing, and Facilities. The department representatives are assigned and dedicated to each school by providing targeted assistance from his or her sphere of responsibility.

cNET teams meet on a regularly scheduled basis at each supported school site. At each meeting, current student academic data are reviewed to identify necessary adjustments to instruction. Meeting agendas include review of school needs, establishment of priorities, allocation of resources, examination of current student achievement data, and classroom walkthroughs. This presentation will include detailed discussion of the data-review process, critical elements of the classroom walkthroughs, and data illustrating the impact of cNET on supporting improved academic performance.

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