



Jefferson County Public Schools

External Review Exit Report

January 30, 2013

Systems Accreditation

An international protocol for corporation systems committed to systemic, systematic, and sustainable improvement

- Builds capacity of the system and its schools to increase and sustain student learning
- Stimulates and improves effectiveness and efficiency throughout the corporation system.

Key Elements for Accreditation

Assessment of Standards and Indicators

- Self-Assessment
- External Review Team Assessment

Student Performance
Results

Stakeholder Perceptions

- Student
- Teacher



External Review

The External Review Team

- Is comprised of professional peers with diverse experiences and rich contextual perspectives
- Assesses and evaluates corporation effectiveness in meeting requirements of accreditation

External Review Process

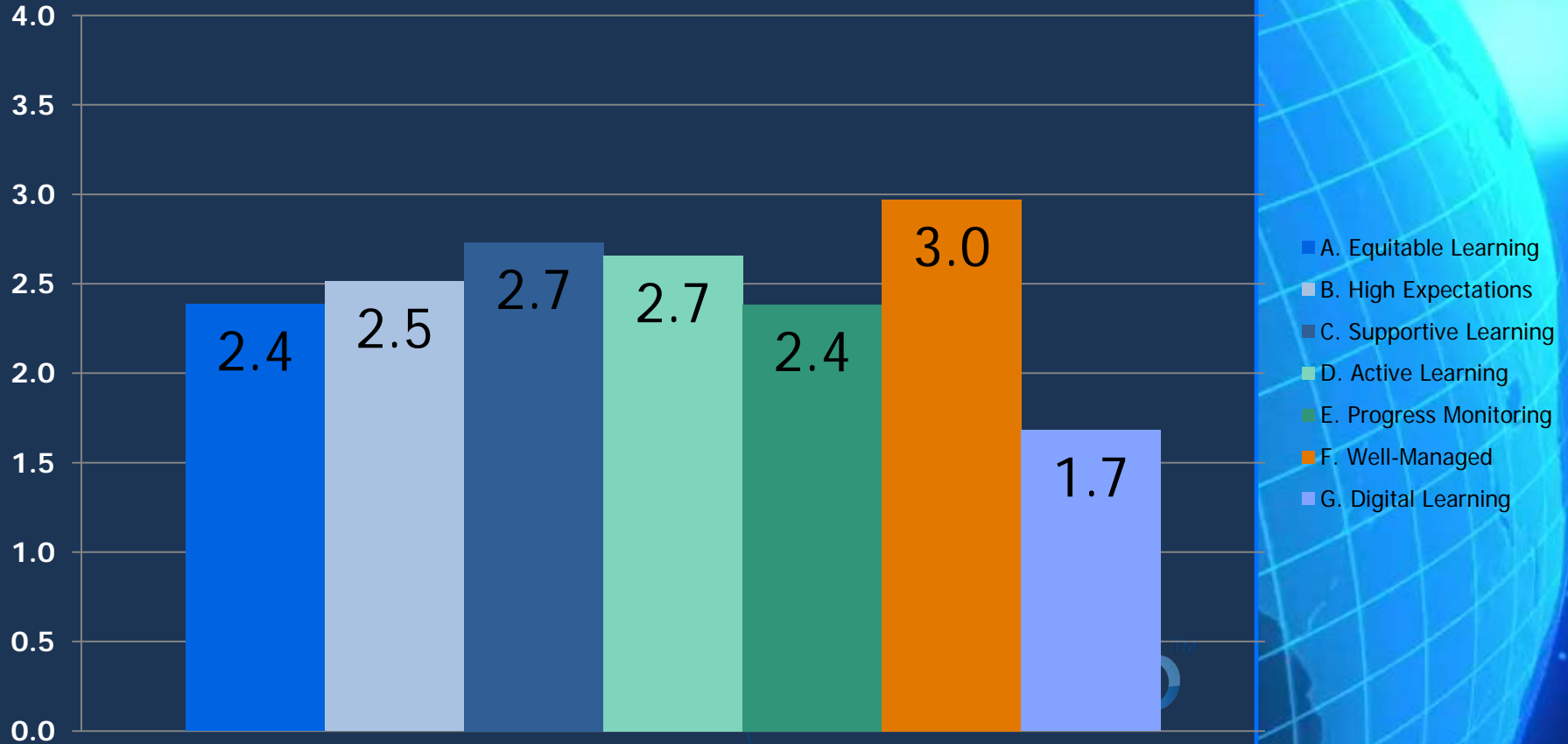
- Provides important validation and recognition
- Delivers valuable feedback and direction for improvement



AdvancED System Standards



Effective Learning Environments



Themes

Emerging Powerful Practices

- Community partnerships
- Strategic Plan Vision 2015
- Openness and transparency
- Refocus on schools and student achievement
- Pockets of excellence that can be celebrated and replicated
 - Professional Learning Communities
 - Use of sound instructional and organizational practices



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Themes

Opportunities for Improvement

- Systemic thinking
 - Process and Procedures
 - Infrastructure
 - Operational definitions
- Equity
 - Resource distribution
 - Instructional quality and fidelity
- Communication



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Required Actions

1. Engage representatives from all stakeholder groups (including school leaders) to clarify communication processes and procedures in a way that ensures collaborative decision making, positive engagement in the district and schools, and a strong sense of community and ownership so that all stakeholders can achieve the district's mission and vision.
2. Ensure equity in facilities, resources, technology, and instruction for all learners.



Required Actions

3. Implement and evaluate system-wide professional development procedures designed to ensure instructional best practices for effective and equitable curriculum delivery.
4. Implement and monitor formal, systematic, and systemic continuous improvement processes at all levels.
5. Annually revise and adopt board policies to support practices that ensure effective administration of the system and its schools.



Accreditation Decision

External Review

Completed!

**AdvancED Accreditation Office Reviews and
Sends Report Back to Institution**

**30 Business
Days**

**AdvancED Accreditation Commission Grants
Accreditation and Status**

**January and
June**

Final Thoughts

The External Review team

- Appreciates *your hospitality, support, and professionalism*;
- Respects and acknowledges the *efforts to improve the quality of your system*;
- Congratulates your progress towards achieving *Systems Accreditation*.

