

## Course / Program Enrollment & Discipline: Analysis

## **Analysis Overview: WAC 392-190-010**

In reviewing its data, the school district must determine whether a substantially disproportionate number of students in a protected class are enrolled (or not enrolled) in a particular course or program. Where a school district finds that a particular course or program contains a substantially disproportionate number of students who are members of any one of the categories identified, the district must take prompt action to ensure that the disproportion is not the result of discrimination, including in:

- (a) The identification and selection of students;
- (b) Course and program enrollment criteria;
- (c) Tests and appraisal instruments;
- (d) Academic, career, and vocational guidance materials;
- (e) Work/study programs and opportunities;
- (f) Educational scheduling or placement; and
- (g) Other factors related to course and program enrollment.

## **Convene a Team: Identifying Potential Disparities**

1. Organize a team and establish team member duties. Common team members include: principals, teacher leaders, counselor or school psychologist, etc. Disaggregated data will be provided centrally, and district staff will be available for consultation.

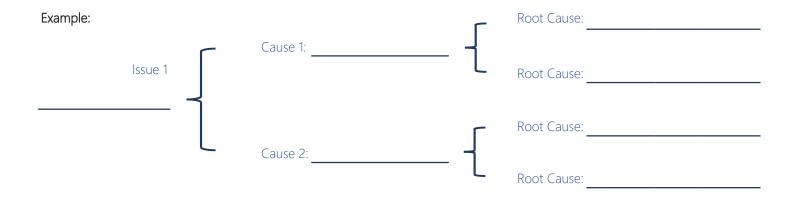
Staff members included in analysis:

Kelly Shepherd, Principal; Jaimie Burton, counselor; Hayley Taylor, D/A counselor & Success Coordinator, Rochelle Schultz, Teacher; Jonstahan Stanley, Teacher, Teach

2. List all programs (or discipline areas) reviewed, but analyze one area at a time with this protocol (e.g., elementary highly capable program enrollment OR middle school advanced courses OR elementary school exclusionary discipline (suspensions, expulsions).  Exclusionary Discipline (suspension, expulsions)
3. Conduct data analysis to note all preliminary findings and identified disparity issues. Examine and discuss the data; look objectively for patterns, trends, and variability; and brainstorm. Note preliminary findings. E.g., Hispanic students comprise 21% of our student body, but only represent 11% our highly capable students.
Team reviewed data as part of ongoing monitoring of student data and PBIS implementation. While there are some over/underrepresented areas the total actions is so small that the variation is based on 1 student. Total Out of School Exclusionary Data including LSU, SSE, EEX and EX) is 6 and Exclusionary Data In School Exclusion (IS, CE) is 4. With 10 actions and a total enrollment of 258 students. There is no pattern of statistically significant discrepancy in the data.
4. Determine if any additional data (qualitative or quantitative) are needed to answer questions raised by the preliminary findings. If so, where are these data located? For example, ways students learn about advanced courses at the secondary level; ways students are apprised of school expectations; tools used to communicate highly capable program specifications
None needed
N/A
5. After discussing the preliminary findings and reviewing any additional data, are there any additional findings and disparity issues the school and district can identify?

We will continue to focused on implementing a trauma informed approach for students in conjunction with our PBIS work on restorative practices.

6. For each disparity issue or finding, identify causes and root causes. Consider the systematic causes of disparities in course and program enrollment, and student discipline, and why they occur. Focus on one issue at a time. Click red tab above for more information about identifying root causes.



7. For each root cause, identify a corrective action to eliminate disparities. Focus corrective action on ways to dissolve the root rather than "patching up" a cause that yields disparities. In selecting a strategy, consider how the strategy will help, if the strategy is appropriate and feasible, and if it is supported by evidence-based research.

Example:

Root Cause:
Corrective Action:

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8. Develop an implementation plan. Establish measurement and evidence of success after making for corrective actions. Discuss who will be responsible, the resources needed, evidence of implementation, a prompt timeline, how success will be monitored, and the intended result. These strategies might already exist in school improvement plans, or be added.

Strategies to improve proportionality included in school improvement plans:

Continue to monitor data monthly for trends and are areas of concerns. Implement with fidelity Tiers of Behavior and Social Emotional interventions.

## **Additional Resources**

- Prohibiting Discrimination in Washington Public Schools: Counseling and Guidance Services, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Equity & Civil Rights Office (2012). Available online at: www.k12.wa.us/Equity/ProhibitingDiscrimination.aspx
- The Guidance Counselor's Role in Ensuring Equal Educational Opportunity, U.S. Dept. of Edu. Office for Civil Rights (1991). Available online at: www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/hq43ef.html
- Guidance on the Voluntary Use of Race to Achieve Diversity and Avoid Racial Isolation in the Elementary and Secondary Schools, U.S. Dept. of Justice & U.S. Dept. of Edu. (1991). Available online at: www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/guidance-ese-201111.pdf
- Dear Colleague Letter: Title VI Access to AP Courses, U.S. Dept. of Edu. Office for Civil Rights (2008). *Available online at:* www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-20080522.html.
- Dear Colleague Letter: Access by Students with Disabilities to Accelerated Programs, U.S. Dept. of Edu. Office for Civil Rights (2007). Available online at: www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-20071226.html
- Encouraging Girls in Math and Science: Institute of Education Sciences Practice Guide, U.S. Dept. of Edu. (2007). *Available online at:* http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/pdf/practice\_guides/20072003.pdf.
- Civil Rights Data Collection: College & Career Readiness, U.S. Dept. of Edu. (2011). Available online at: http://ocrdata.ed.gov.
- CTE Clearinghouse: Recruitment and Retention of Students to Non-Traditional Fields, Association for Career and Technical Education. *Available online at*: https://www.acteonline.org/general.aspx?id=1681#.V8obhmxTFPY.