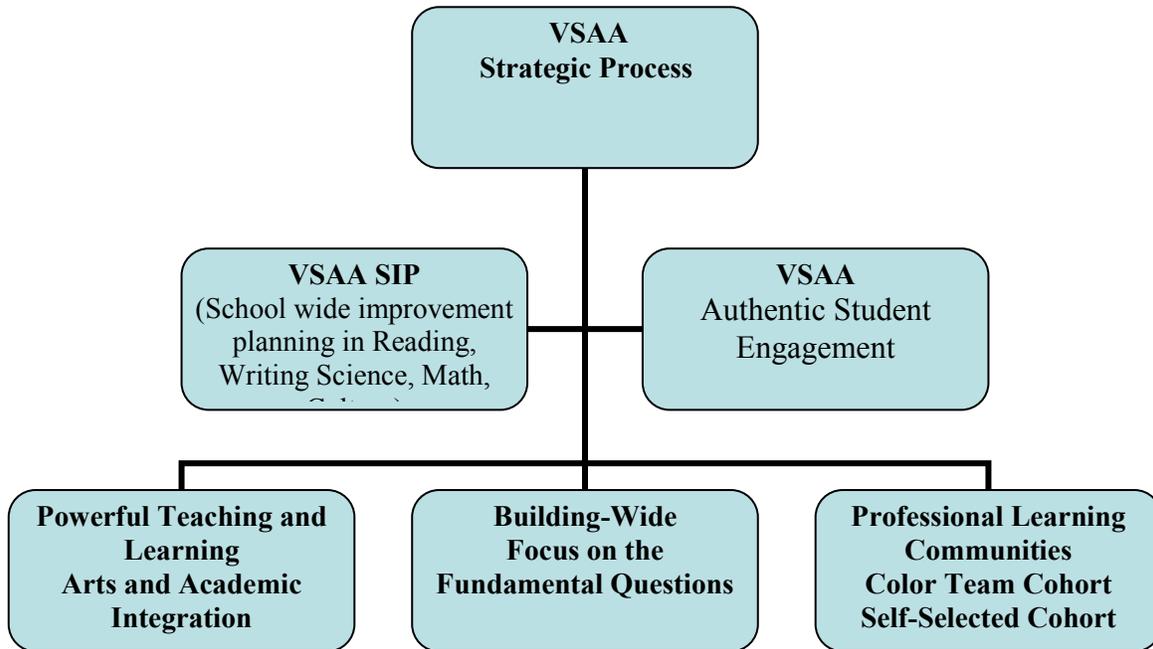


VSAA
“Plan on a Page”
School Year 2009 - 2010



Powerful Teaching and Learning

VSAA is focusing strategic intention on collaboration. We will continue implementing the concepts of PT&L in order to allow more opportunities for educators to reflect on their own instruction, pedagogy and implement PT&L strategies. Every educator is expected to observe PT&L in action. The opportunity to reflect and share will be built into the observation experience.

Building-Wide Focus on the Fundamental Questions

Educating students to be authentically engaged demands they develop critical thinking skills and apply them in their daily construction of knowledge. Educators will use the framework of the Fundamental Questions to guide their: Evidence, Perspective, Connections, Supposition, Relevance, Transitions. Evidence will be collected and shared. Resulting data be will collected, and shared. All staff members have been invited to read *“The Power of Their Ideas.”* The creative process used to author the Fundamental Questions was thoroughly shared through this book.

Professional Learning Communities

Our staff is committed to working in professional learning communities, primarily composed of interdisciplinary teams. Once a week each Professional Learning Communities (color team) will meet before or after school. Their focus will be creating common lesson plans in an arts/academic integration model with the Theme for the year at the center. Educators will focus on common assessments in order to examine student effort and performances as well as reflect on best instructional practice. Additionally, every other Monday, staff will participate in a self-selected Professional Learning Community with the goal of strengthening their instructional skill and increasing the level of student achievement.