

# Thai-Chinese International School

ASC WASC SELF-STUDY REPORT
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TCIS: ONE SCHOOL. MULTI-CULTURAL



## **Self-Study Report**

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## 25TH ANNIVERSARY 1995 - 2020

## **Glossary of Terms**

AP Advanced Placement

BISAC Bangkok International Schools Athletic Conference

BM Business Manager

BODs Board of Directors

CCSS Common Core State Standards

CFB Chinese For Beginners

CMT Chinese Mother Tongue

EAL English as an Additional Language

EARCOS East Asia Regional Council of Schools

ELL English Language Learner

ECE Early Childhood Education

EIP English Intensive Program

ES Elementary School

FA Faculty Association

FT Foreign Tongue (Non-Thai)

GA General Affairs

HS High School

HOS Head of School

IELTS International English Language Testing System

ISAT International Schools Association of Thailand

IT Information Technology

MAP Measures of Academic Progress

MOE Ministry of Education

MS Middle School

MSSC Middle School Student Council

MT Mother Tongue

NJHS National Junior Honor Society

NHS National Honor Society

NGSS Next Generation Science Standards

ONESQA Office for National Education Standards and Quality Assessment

OPEC Office of the Private Education Commission

PA Parent Association

PSAT Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test
PBIS Positive Behavior Intervention System

ROTC Reserve Officers' Training Corps

RWW Readers' Writers' Workshop

SAR Self Annual Report

SAT Scholastic Assessment Test

SCP Safeguarding and Child Protection

SEL Social Emotional Learning

SHAPE Society for Health and Physical Educators

SSR Self-Study Report

SST Student Support Team

TCIS Thai Chinese International School

WIDA World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment



#### **Preface**

Explain the school self-study process used to accomplish the outcomes of the self-study, i.e., timeline, stakeholder involvement, and/or any modifications from the model self-study process. By addressing these outcomes of the self-study, the school will have accomplished:

- 1. The involvement and collaboration of all staff and other stakeholders to support student achievement
- 2. The clarification and measurement of what all students should know, understand, and be able to do, through schoolwide learner outcomes and academic standards
- 3. The analysis of data about students and student achievement
- 4. The assessment of the entire school program and its impact on student learning in relation to the schoolwide learner outcomes, academic standards, and ACS WASC criteria
- 5. The alignment of a long-range action plan to the school's areas of need; the capacity to implement and monitor the accomplishment of the plan.

Thai Chinese International Schools (TCIS) used the WASC Focus on Learning Accreditation Manual 2017 International Edition for the Self-Study process and when writing this report.

TCIS was placed on probation in 2014 with a follow-up probationary visit scheduled for 2016. After the 2016 probationary visit, TCIS was reinstated and granted a 6-year WASC accreditation backdated to 2014. Since our 2016 mid-cycle visit, we have been dedicated to continued school improvement and have been working towards meeting the goals of our action plan.

All TCIS stakeholders were involved in the 2020/21 self-study process, including The Board, administrators, students, parents, teachers, teaching assistants, alumni, student representatives, parent representatives, office staff, and our support staff. Our four-day virtual visit is scheduled to take from the 26th to 29th of April 2021

## **School-wide Focus Groups and Teams**

TCIS SCHOOL BOARD: Support received from our fully volunteer Board is integral to our success as a school.

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Annual Foundation Board Meeting: August 2020. Pictured left to right: Mr. Pornchai Uvimonchai, Mr. Chang Wei Pien, Ms. Carol Chung, and Mr. Somwang Wangsatith



The TCIS Foundation Board during the February 2021 Foundation Board Meeting, along with our Business Manager and Head of School.

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Dr. John McGrath Head of School



Ms. Penporn Kaewmark Thai Director



Dr. James Cooke ECE & Elementary Principal WASC Chair



Mr. Thomas English High School Principal



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Dr. Michael Purser Middle School Principal



Mr. Chung-An, Hsieh Chinese Director

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### EVIDENCE OF STAFF INVOLVEMENT

### WASC - Thai Staff Meeting Slides - Feb 9, 2021

Office Staff Meeting: February 9th, 2021

Teacher Assistant Meeting: February 18th, 2021

Support Staff Meeting: February 25th, 2021



## **WASC Self-Study Timeline**

WASC SELF-STUDY MEETINGS		
DATE	MEETING FOCUS	ATTENDEES
March 1st, 2021	Send Self-Study to WASC	Dr. James
February 25th, 2021	Final Self-Study Review/Edits	All Faculty
February 22nd, 2021	Self-Study Presented to Board for Review	Mr. Chang Wei Pien Dr. James Dr. John
February 25th, 2021	Support Staff WASC Meeting WASC - Thai Staff Meeting	Ms. Patcharing Support Staff Dr. James
February 18th, 2021	Teacher Assistants WASC Meeting  WASC - Thai Staff Meeting	Ms. Patcharing Teacher Assistants Dr. James
February 12th, 2021	Action Plan Development Meeting	Admin Team Dr. James
February 11th, 2021	Action Plan Development Meeting	Admin. Team Dr. James
February 10th, 2021	Long-term Strategic Plan in Alignment with Action Plan Meeting	Dr. James Dr. John
February 9th, 2021	Thai Office Support Staff WASC Meeting WASC - Thai Staff Meeting - Feb 9, 2021	Ms. Patcharin Support Staff

		Dr. James
February 8th, 2021	Share Self-study with Stakeholders	All Faculty
January 27th, 2021	2020 Action Plan	Admin Team
January 26th, 2021	Full Self-study Review	Admin Team
January 25th, 2021	Focus Group Zoom Meeting finalize updating of categories	Dr. James Dr. John Focus Group Leaders Focus Group Members
January 19th, 2021	Focus Group Leader Meeting to review progress and plan upcoming focus group meeting	Dr. James Dr. John Focus Group Leaders
January 18th, 2021	Review Progress of 2016 Critical Areas of Need and Self- identified Areas of Need	Dr. James & Dr. John
January 8th, 2021	Zoom meeting discussing self-study update, Thai Category E, and scheduling	Mr. Yanik and Dr. James
January 11th, 2021	Revise Self-Study Categories	Focus Group Teams
January 6th, 2021	Ms. Patchain Involves Support Staff	Support Staff
January 6th, 2021	Perception Surveys (Postponed: COVID-19 Lockdown)	All Staff (local and international)
December 14th, 2020	Revise Self-Study Categories	Focus Group Teams
December 14th, 2020	WASC Update	Leadership Team
November 27th, 2020	Review Focus Group Categories	Dr. James Focus Group
November 25th, 2020	Review Focus Group Categories	Focus Group Leaders
November 23rd, 2020	Preview Virtual Visit/Assign Groups	All Faculty
November 23rd, 2020	Preview Virtual Visit/Assign Roles	Leadership Team
November 16th, 2020	Review WASC Chair Meeting Notes	Leadership Team
October 8th, 2020	Self-study Plan and Review	Dr. James & Dr. John
September 2020	WASC Progress Update Meeting	Dr. James & Dr. John
August 10th, 2020	Re-Introduce WASC to Teachers/Staff	All Faculty
June 2020	New WASC Chair Appointed	Dr. James Dr. John
April 2020	WASC Visit Postponed	Leadership Team
February 2020	Plans were made for the visiting committee, including:  • Hotel reservations	Travel Documents

	<ul> <li>Restaurant reservations (noting food preferences, allergies)</li> <li>Transportation arrangements were made</li> <li>TCIS email accounts were created and Chromebooks secured</li> <li>WASC room was prepared to host the visiting team</li> </ul>	
January 2020	Final draft of the WASC self-study was edited by two teachers from the English Department  Slides were created and shared with all stakeholders	Self-Report Stakeholder Presentation
	Self-study report was shared with the visiting committee (with more than six week's advance notice)	
Spring 2019	WASC Chair appointed	WASC Teams
	Formed focus groups and home groups.	
	Shared launch of self-study with staff	
	Created timeline	<u>Timeline</u>
Fall 2018	WASC Chair attended training at EARCOS	Focus Group Launch Presentation
	Compiled and reviewed perception data (staff, students, parents, TAs)	Perception Data
	Commiled and reviewed academic data (MAD, AD, Crades)	A 1 1 D 1 D 10
	Compiled and reviewed academic data (MAP, AP, Grades)	Academic Data Pages 12-30
	Developed learner profile	<u>30</u>
		30 Learner Profile
	Developed learner profile	<u>30</u>
	Developed learner profile  Identified critical learner needs  Leadership team wrote, reviewed, shared and revised Chapters	30 Learner Profile Critical Learner Needs



Chapter I: Progress Report



## **Progress Report**

#### **Chapter I: Progress Report**

Summarize progress on each section of the current schoolwide action plan that incorporates all schoolwide critical areas of follow-up from the last full self-study and all intervening visits. Comment on the original critical areas for follow-up not in the current plan.

## **Significant School Developments Since 2016**

Since the 2016 WASC visit, TCIS has undergone significant changes in the areas of administration, curriculum, assessment, facilities improvements, and in other areas. Significant developments were made in these areas because the TCIS School Board strives for and supports constant school improvement in all areas. These changes have had a positive impact on the improvement of the quality of administration and providing students with a curriculum that will better prepare them for life after TCIS

#### **Area 1 Administrative**

A significant challenge faced by TCIS was the lack of stability in the Administration and the general attitude that there was not a consistent plan or direction for the school. Indeed, over the course of a seven year period from 2011-2018 six changes of leadership had happened at the Middle School. There was also a lack of transparency in any appointment process and a sense that only outside candidates would be selected. With the appointment of Dr. Steve as Head of Schools in 2014 and Dr, John in 2017 this trend has been gradually changed and stability has ensued. Also, internal appointments have balanced the hiring system. 2018-2020 represented the first time in the school that the Administrative team had no changes. A proper organization structure was put in place and the ensuring of a Curriculum Coordinator in place has stabilized curriculum direction.

2016 New Curriculum Coordinator

New Middle School Principal

New Head of Schools promoted from High School Principal position

New Thai Director promoted from Head of Thai Department position

New Head of Chinese (reinstated from 2015)

New Elementary Principal

New High School Principal

New Curriculum Coordinator promoted from teaching position and Head of English department

**2018** Creation of the 10th Foundation School Board, including new Chairperson

New Curriculum Coordinator promoted from teaching position

**2019** New Middle School Principal promoted from Curriculum Coordinator and Head of English department New Curriculum Coordinator promoted from teaching position and Head of English

2020 New Business Manager

New Early Years and Elementary Principal

New WASC Chair

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#### **Area 2 Curriculum**

An area of concern for some time as reported in successive WASC visits was addressed in 2016 with the reinstatement of the position of Curriculum Coordinator. Strides have been made in this area particularly in regards to syllabi and curriculum mapping. Though google was and is being used to house and maintain curricula, it has been decided that Atlas Rubicon will be purchased for 2021/22 in order to improve in this area. Some improvements in the curriculum opportunities are highlighted.

2017 Adoption of Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)

Adoption of Reader's and Writer's Workshop in Elementary

2019 Extended Reader's and Writer's Workshop into Middle School

Extended NGSS from Elementary into Middle School

Expanded Advanced Placement (AP) Program: Introduced AP Capstone, Calculus BC, Statistics,

Comparative Government, Macroeconomics, Physics 2

Expanded foreign language elective classes from high school to grades 7 and 8.

Expanded Robotics from high school to grades 7 and 8.

2020 Adoption of Society for Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) Standards for Physical Education

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#### Area 3 - Assessment

This is an area that lacked direction and consistency in terms of policy and recording, including identification and delineation regarding formative and summative. Beginning in 2017 standards-based reporting was brought in at the elementary level and later expanded to early middle school. Also, only English language-based tests were taken and tracked. That and Chinese proficiency national exams were added annually beginning in 2017.

2016 Sermpanya Proficiency Testing: Thai Language and Social Studies, Grades 3-12

2017 Standards Based Reporting Implemented in Elementary School

Sermpanya Proficiency Testing: Thai Language, Social Studies, and English, Grades 3-12

Asian Science and Mathematics Olympiad (ASMO) Thai Science and Math Test,

Grades 2-11

Children's Chinese Competency Certification (CCCC) and Test of Chinese as Foreign Language (TOCFL), Grades 3-12

**2018** Sermpanya Proficiency Testing: Thai Language, Social Studies, English, and General Aptitude Test (GAT), Grades 3-12

**2019** Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT), added grades 8 & 9 tests

Thailand Educational Development and Evaluation Tests (TEDET) Grades 2-9

**2020** Sermpanya Proficiency Testing: Thai Language, Social Studies, English, General Aptitude Test (GAT), Science, Math, and Advanced English, Grades 2-12

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#### **Area 4 Facility Improvements**

While there have always been funds allocated for facility maintenance and improvement, the lack of a plan and direction hindered the school development in this regard. Consequently, in 2016 a significant injection was given to the school for large projects from the Foundation Board. Under the direction of the Head of Schools and the Chairman a series of facility improvements were undertaken over a three-year period. In addition, land behind the existing school was purchased for expansion.

**2016** 20-million-baht facility upgrade approved by the Board, funds from the Foundation Board not from Annual budget process.

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#### **Other Significant Developments**

**2017** Improved HR hiring practices, including:

- Background checks
- Readmittance to Search Associates and International Education and School Services (ISS)
- Google Level 1 Certified Educator requirements

2017-20 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of Taiwan

- 1. National Taiwan University
- 2. National Sun Yat-Sen University
- 3. Ming Chuan Universiy
- 4. Kun Shan University

**2018** Election of new TCIS Parent Association

2019 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Praksawithedsuksa School to collaborate on education

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## Spring 2016 Probationary Visit: Critical Areas of Need and Recommendations

In 2016, WASC highlighted eight (8) critical areas of need. Critical area of need # 2 was subsequently divided into 2A and 2B. Each critical area has been addressed by the leadership of TCIS. While some areas have been completed, others are ongoing - such as the continued implementation of our 5-year strategic plan (critical area 2B).

#### Critical Area #1

Identify and implement consistent systems for documenting and archiving standards-based curriculum.

Since 2016-2017, TCIS has been developing online curriculum using Google platforms including Google Sites and Google Docs. Teachers have created unit plans, curriculum maps, and course syllabi which are updated annually. TCIS has steadily improved the collection and publication of syllabi and curriculum maps. In the 2018-19 SY, collection completed March of 2019. For the 2020-21 school year, curriculum maps and syllabi were completely collected and published by November of 2020. TCIS has identified a need for a comprehensive system to manage the standards and curriculum. TCIS will be returning to Atlas Rubicon, purchasing in the Spring of 2021, and rolling out to the divisions at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

Over 80% of our international and Taiwanese teachers are Google Level I or Level II certified ensuring the proper use of the required technology to teach our students and communicate with our families. Teachers who are not yet Google Certified Educators are on a plan to receive their certification before the end of the 2020/21 school-year. The impact on student learning is that teachers spend less time determining what to teach and more time determining how to differentiate lessons to best support and engage students.

- i.Link to curriculum site
- ii.ES Course Catalog
- iii.MS Course Catalog
- iv.HS Course Catalog
- v.Highlight Reel
- vi.Highlight Reel 2
- vii.GCE Certification Tracking
- viii.Atlas Rubicon Briefing

#### Critical Area #2 A

Develop systematic procedures to collaboratively review and update policy manuals and administrative procedures with the Faculty Handbook.

Since 2016, the staff and student handbooks have been shared by the leadership team with the school Faculty Association. The Faculty Association has shared them with the staff and helped collect feedback on the manuals. Annually, the manual is reviewed during teacher orientation with all faculty highlighting any changes. Teachers sign off that they have read and understood the contents on the manuals.

Issues or areas of concern are addressed weekly by the Faculty Association and brought to the attention of the administration. These meetings are attended by a member of the administration 2016-2019.

Issues concerning the Faculty Handbook or policies that cannot be addressed during these meetings are brought to the attention of the Head of Schools by the Faculty Association leadership. Meeting minutes and results are shared with all faculty members through the Faculty Association. With time provided by the administrations, the Faculty Association also conducts its own staff meetings, as needed. These conversations led to increased planning time for teachers so they can plan collaboratively, meet with students, assess student work, and communicate with parents.

At its annual retreat, the administrative team reviews the Faculty Handbook and all other manuals. The Head of School then meets with the Faculty Association to discuss proposed changes. This procedure was initiated by the Head of Schools in 2017. This is an area that continues to require refinement and formalization.

i.2020/21 Parent and Student Handbook

ii.2020/21 Faculty Handbook

iii.FA meeting minutes and agendas

iv.ES Weekly Team Meeting Notes and Agendas

#### Critical Area #2 B

Fully implement the strategic (5-year) plan to ensure effective communication and transparency.

The TCIS Board has shown strong commitment to the long-term strategic development of the school. TCIS has successfully implemented its 5-year strategic plans, which are divided into different categories, including the 2018 5-year strategic plan, Chon Buri expansion (possible future new campus location, a specific facilities improvement plan, a strategic curriculum plan, an on-campus branding plan, and an IT strategic plan).

Negotiating the effects of COVID-19 has proved challenging while implementing the strategic plans during the past year, but the Board and school administrators remain committed to continual improvement of the school with the goal of providing the best learning environment for students. This is further evidenced by the participation of Board members in Recruiting Trips and attending senior administration meetings. In addition, TCIS is developing a five-year plan on being recognized as a top 10 international school in Thailand. In the plan, we will focus on the areas of curriculum, marketing and branding, facility upgrades, IT upgrades, acceptances into top 10 universities in the United States, governance and leadership, enrollment, and our Safe School initiative.

#### Top 10 International School in Thailand 2021-2026 Long-term Plan

TCIS 2018 5-year Strategic Plan

TCIS 2019 Expansion Plan: Chon Buri

**TCIS Facilities Improvement Plan November 2020** 

TCIS 3-year Curriculum Plan 2017-2020

**TCIS On-Campus Branding Strategic Plan 2017** 

TCIS IT 3-year Strategic Plan 2018-2021

**TCIS Marketing Plan 2018-2021** 

#### Critical Area #3

Faculty Handbook and policy manual updates should be in the school's action plan.

The administrative team has reviewed the critical area and felt it was comprehensively addressed by our actions and follow-up in Critical Area #2A, as that critical area was also focused on the faculty handbook.

#### Critical Area #4

Continue to consider strategies and incentives to attract and retain quality administration, faculty, and staff.

1. In 2018, the TCIS foundation board approved an increase in the housing allowance (4,000 baht) for all teachers regardless of country of origin. Teachers are eligible for salary step increases on an annual or biannual basis. TCIS has retained the services of International School Consortium (ISC) to provide a comparison of TCIS salary and benefits in South-East Asia and Bangkok, specifically, in order to understand TCIS's market position. Currently, the faculty association - in conjunction with the head of

- schools have prepared a reorganization of the salary scale and benefits to present to the board finance committee to be implemented in 2020. However, this was put on hold due to COVID.
- 2. Further, the leadership team has worked to increase the amount of teacher planning and prep time, from 80 to 120 minutes per day. The leadership team has also focused on minimizing the number of teaching assignments (preps) for teachers.
- 3. The administration base salaries have increased in recent years in order to attract and retain high-quality candidates. Each year, an increase of 3.5% is added to the base salaries of principals. Housing stipends for administrators were increased significantly in 2018. In 2020, a report was provided by EARCOS which ranked administrators' salaries in international schools world-wide by geography. TCIS was found to be competitive.
- 4. In 2017, the head of schools initiated weekly senior administration meetings where the administrators drive the agenda. An annual administrative retreat is held by the head of schools in order to synthesize school direction.
- 5. In 2019, we launched a participatory action research (PAR) study, in partnership with East Carolina University, to determine how to better support new teachers to improve teacher retention.

#### **Summary Statement**

The result of these initiatives has been an increase in staff and administrator retention, as well as resulting in a much higher degree of quality and quantity of candidates who wish to work at TCIS. There is very little turnover in the Thai or Chinese departments. In the international teachers section, we experience an annual average turnover of about 14%.

Because of salary adjustments, transparency, and new teacher induction programs there has been a gradual improvement in teacher retention. For example, in 2015 there was a turnover of 32%. That has reduced to about 14% in 2020.

As a result of the PAR study, we implemented a teacher induction program that expanded our one-week summer orientation into a three-phased, year-long system of support. We have two critical findings from the phased teacher induction program that can help international schools to fully integrate new teachers into a school and host country culture. First, regular communication boosted teacher readiness and feelings of belonging. Secondly, focusing on cultural awareness had a two-pronged result: (a) teachers were more familiar with the school culture and host country culture; and (b) because the Thai and Chinese instructors and directors were more equitably included in the phased induction processes, they became a stronger part of the school as a whole. Thus, what we learned about intentionally and equitably focusing on the host country culture in inducting new teachers to an international school could shift practices in other international school settings.

International Schools Benchmark Report
Fall presentation to staff by Dr. John
New Teacher Site

#### Critical Area #5

Develop a formal and consistent means of collecting stakeholder input and feedback regarding the overall effectiveness of the school program.

Since 2017, TCIS has consistently collected teacher perception data in the spring and parent perception data in the fall. We also collect perception data from the students each fall. This data is reviewed by the stakeholders and helps inform our action plans each year. This data consistently indicates we score in the 70-80% satisfaction range, revealing that we have room to improve, particularly in the area of student engagement.

<u>Perception data</u> (summary slides/graphs for parents, teachers, students and TAs) March 7, 2018 HS Student Survey results

#### Critical Area #6

Review, revise, and write TCIS job descriptions including the new Curriculum Coordinator position.

Starting the summer of 2016, administration began reviews of all TCIS job descriptions for faculty, staff, and administration. Job descriptions were created for any new position, such as the <u>Curriculum Coordinator</u> and <u>Marketing Director</u>. The goal to present to the Faculty Association in September 2016 to review was completed, prior to presenting to the School Board by December 2016.

All job descriptions were shared with all TCIS faculty members in September 2016 for review and are located in a central folder. This process will help ensure expectations, roles, and responsibilities are clear and transparent.

#### **All Job Descriptions**

#### Critical Area #7

Create a timeline and calendar of Executive Board meetings to be distributed to all interested parties to help further the positive developments between the Board and the administration.

The Secretary-General of the TCIS Foundation Board creates a timeline at the initial School Board meeting. The timeline is distributed to the administration. The timeline is updated as needed. The Secretary-General also records and distributes the minutes from each meeting for review. They are then ratified at the beginning of each successive meeting.

TCIS Board Meeting Schedule 2020/21 School-Year Board Meeting Sample Presentation

#### Critical Area #8

Examine administrative compensation to retain administrators.

Administrators (along with all teachers) received an increase in the housing allowance in 2018. The High School Principal is in his fifth year at TCIS. The Middle School Principal, was promoted from within the school and has been at TCIS for five years. In addition, Dr. John, the Head of Schools, has been with the school for nine years and was also promoted from within the organization. The Thai Director has been with TCIS for fourteen years. The Head of Chinese has been with the school for sixteen years.

The base compensation package for newly hired administrators has increased annually. This has resulted in an increased desire for administrators to remain at TCIS. An annual raise of approximately 3.5 % is also part of the Annual Budget.

## **Self-Identified Areas of Improvement**

#### Self-Identified Area of Improvement #1

Continue to develop and implement a consistent K-12 evaluation plan for the professional staff.

There is alignment of the evaluation process from PK2-Grades 12. The focus of the evaluation is on ensuring that students know what they are learning and why it is important. Further, the evaluation focused is connected to the critical learner needs. For example, in 2019-2020, the critical learner need has been on developing literacy skills in English.

i.Faculty Handbook pages 39-41

To further improve our staff evaluation and support, TCIS is moving towards a rubric-based evaluation system that includes staff self-evaluation and meaningful conversation components that provide clear and explicit standards. The focus is on providing a path for staff improvement.

#### Self-Identified Area of Improvement #2

Continue to follow-up with alumni to provide insight into how effectively the academic program prepares students for pursuing higher education, entering the workforce, and achieving their goals in life. An alumni data collection system will be created and the results will be analyzed.

We are very proud that 100% of TCIS graduates go on to attend universities around the world. As a school, we endeavour to keep close contact with our alumni, however, this is an area that requires further attention. COVID-19 has made this especially challenging during the past year. Nonetheless, we are committed to following up with our alumni to gain insight of their experiences after they entered higher education institutions.

In 2018, TCIS hosted an alumni breakfast and also saw two recent graduates join the Foundation School Board. A second <u>alumni breakfast</u> was held December 20, 2019. At this breakfast, we shared a <u>survey</u> with the attendees to both hear their feedback on their time at TCIS and collect their contact information. This was a great start to compiling a database as well as reflecting on teaching and learning as it applies in the real world.

We also currently use Facebook and Instagram to connect with other alumni for the 25th anniversary celebration in 2020. As students graduate each year, we will collect contact information and invite them to join our alumni Facebook group as we feel this has become more relevant than email or other forms of communication.

In addition, we have invited alumni back to speak at various TCIS events, including keynote speakers for our graduation ceremonies.





Alumnus Khun Joe addresses the 2019 graduating seniors (left) and admin with a returning alumni at homecoming breakfast.

Flier for alumni breakfast

#### Self-Identified Area of Improvement #3

Continue to further develop the School Support Program to meet the academic, social, emotional, and learning needs of the students. Determine the school needs for the guidance department.

The Student Services Department includes counselors, a Chinese counselor, a Chinese Director, a Thai Director and support staff.

As of 2018, we transitioned from a departmental approach to a "one-school" mindset so we assigned counselors to each school division. As a result, student engagement with guidance counselors increased.

The transition to a new school can be daunting, so we felt it was important to offer this support to parents and students from their first moments at TCIS. Bridging admissions to the classroom teachers through our counselors and student services department, addressed a gap in supporting students. The report below shows the commitment TCIS has made to supporting all students, with a renewed focus on new students.

To help new students, we implemented an organized buddy system to help them transition to the TCIS. We also create activities for new students and their buddies. We also have expanded our Peer Tutoring Program to not only assist with new students but all students who need support.

#### **Evidence**

Elementary Student Assessment Data Tracking and Goal Setting Sample
Early Years and Elementary Student Support Sheet







We welcome a new family (left) and dedicated members of our Admissions and Marketing Team and Middle School Counselor, Mr. Jeff, with buddy student Boeing and new student Punn

The counselors are available to students, teachers, and parents throughout the day, and help with college admissions and application, social-emotional counseling, academic support and reporting, and more. Students can visit the counselors as needed and our counselors visit classes to support students in a more proactive manner. They are a visible part of our community.

Weekly Marketing and Admissions Report

#### **Self-Identified Area of Improvement #4**

Facilities and Long-Range Resource Plan: Ensure the <u>five-year maintenance plan</u> is completed, updated, and should be followed.

Since 2016, TCIS has seen numerous facilities upgrades. These upgrades are part of our <u>five-year</u> <u>maintenance plan</u> and have been consistent with our rebranding. Included in the facility upgrades are:

- 1. New basketball court and AstroTurf
- 2. Furniture Replacement (ECE, ES, HS)
- 3. Painting (all buildings)
- 4. New Security Gates
- 5. New Awning/Canopy
- 6. Brick Removal and Replacement with Stucco
- 7. Parking Lot Addition and Improvements
- 8. HS Office Refurbishing, including Admissions Wing
- 9. MS Office Refurbishing
- 10. Early Years classrooms update

<u>Link to PDF</u> showing 20 Million Baht Facilities Improvement

Facilities Improvement Document

#### **Challenges Faced and Overcome**

A challenge to our 5-year facilities plan had been hiring and maintaining a business manager for the school. This position had been unfilled for almost a year, but the position has been recently filled with a business manager with many years' experience working in international education and as a business manager in other industries. This new leadership has enabled us to maintain our upgrades and continue to make much needed improvements. Among the improvements are several marketing and branding changes:

- 1. New logo
- 2. New uniforms
- 3. New signage to the buses and vans
- 4. New PE uniforms
- 5. New on campus signage
- 6. New website
- 7. All new marketing collateral materials (folders, gifts, clocks, etc.)



Our new TCIS Business Manager, Ms. Patcharin (center front) with our Head of School and support staff



Chapter II:
Student & Community Profile

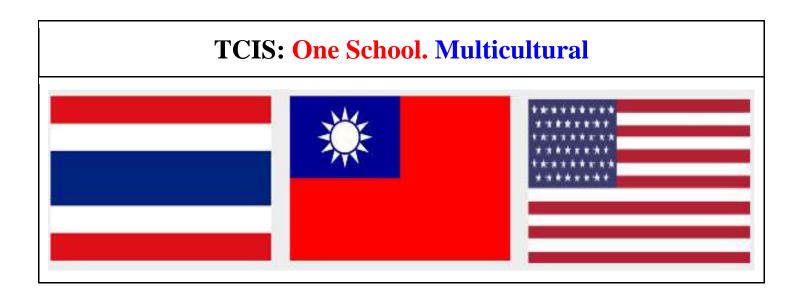


# **Student and Community Profile**

# **Chapter II: Student and Community Profile**

Prepare a student/community profile. Include data and findings for the following:

- Demographic data, including the refined schoolwide learner outcomes
- Disaggregated and interpreted student outcome data
- Perception data summaries, if any
- Provide a brief summary that includes:
  - o Implications of the data
  - Identification of 2–3 preliminary critical student learning needs (at this stage of analysis)
  - o Important questions to be discussed in the Focus Groups.



#### THE TCIS STORY

TCIS is a non-profit organization that was established in 1995 with 155 students. The founding school board consisted of a group of Taiwanese expatriate business people who had the vision and goal of creating an American curriculum school with an additional Chinese language program which would prepare students for U.S. and international universities and be comparable to the best schools in Taiwan. Students are regularly admitted to top Thai, Taiwanese, American, and other universities around the world. For the Class of 2019, 100% of our graduates earned university acceptance. TCIS has no formal business ties or income other than tuition.

TCIS is recognized among the top ten international schools in Bangkok that offer an American Curriculum and 100% American-English speaking academic programs. We currently have more than 40 American and Canadian teachers, 13 Chinese teachers and 9 Thai teachers. We are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and offer multiple Advanced Placement high school courses.

We take pride in our daily instruction in Chinese and in Thai languages. Our graduates are regularly accepted at major colleges and universities in North America, Asia and Europe.

#### 25 Years of Learning and Growth at TCIS

A major mile-stone in our school's history was the preparation for the celebration of our 25th year anniversary. The longevity of TCIS is evidence of the success of the founders' vision, as well as an indicator of the school as an important part of the local community.

#### **TCIS WASC Accreditation History**

Year(s)	Accreditation
1995	School Founded
2002- 2008	6-Year Accreditation
2008- 2011	3-Year Accreditation
2011- 2014	3-Year Accreditation (Placed on Probation in May 2014)
2014- 2020	Probation removed June 2016 6 -Year Accreditation: mid-year visit in 2017 Sample WASC Update to Community, Spring 2018
2020	WASC Visit Schedule Visit postponed due to COVID 19
2021	Re-scheduled WASC Visit April 26th to April 29th, 2021

CIS' MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS: Some of our proudest moments during the past 26 years.				
Year	Achievement			
Sep 1995	School Established			
1998	Received WASC Accreditation			
1999	Granted Full Regional Membership to EARCOS			
2001	1st HS Graduation			
2002	Full K-12 WASC Accreditation			
2003	1st Advance Placement (AP) courses			
2003	Groundbreaking for new Recreation Center (3rd Building)			
2005	U17 Boys Basketball Team were BISAC champions			
2006	Held First EARCOS Weekend Workshop			
2007	Multifunctional Hall (360)			
2011	Opening 5th Building			
2014	Princeton Graduate			
2014	Expansion of 1:1 Laptop Gr. 5-12			
2014	Recognized as Google School Using Google Classroom System			
2014	Achieved 5-Year Accreditation from ONESQA			
2015	Hosted 1st Google Summit			
2016	New Music Department			
2018	TCIS Re-Branding - New Logo & New Philosophy			
2019	AP Capstone Program			
2019	Launched National Junior Honor Society			
2019	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of TCIS			



TCIS' ribbon cutting ceremony.

### TCIS CAMPUS 12 - Groundbreaking photo through to 2020 school-year

### **Groundbreaking and School Opening in 1995**

1995-1999







2005-2009



### 2010-2014







### **TCIS VISION**

To create an international environment where both Eastern and Western philosophies/cultures are taught and encouraged.



#### TCIS MISSION

To provide a strong educational program based on American curriculum standards and three required languages: Chinese, Thai, and American English.



Our school buses spread our tri-lingual message across Bangkok

### **School-wide Learner Outcomes**

At TCIS, we use SLOs because it is part of our strong history of our trilingual approach to education 21st Century learners. We use them across the curriculum and in multiple ways during classroom instruction.

The SLOs reflect the ideal traits students need to be successful in the 21st century, and the skills and viewpoints we would hope they would all exemplify.

We want our students prepared for the world they are graduating into. These SLOs have the critical skills all people will need in our challenging future.

When students graduate from TCIS, we ask them, "who are you becoming?" We expect our students will exemplify our SLOs.

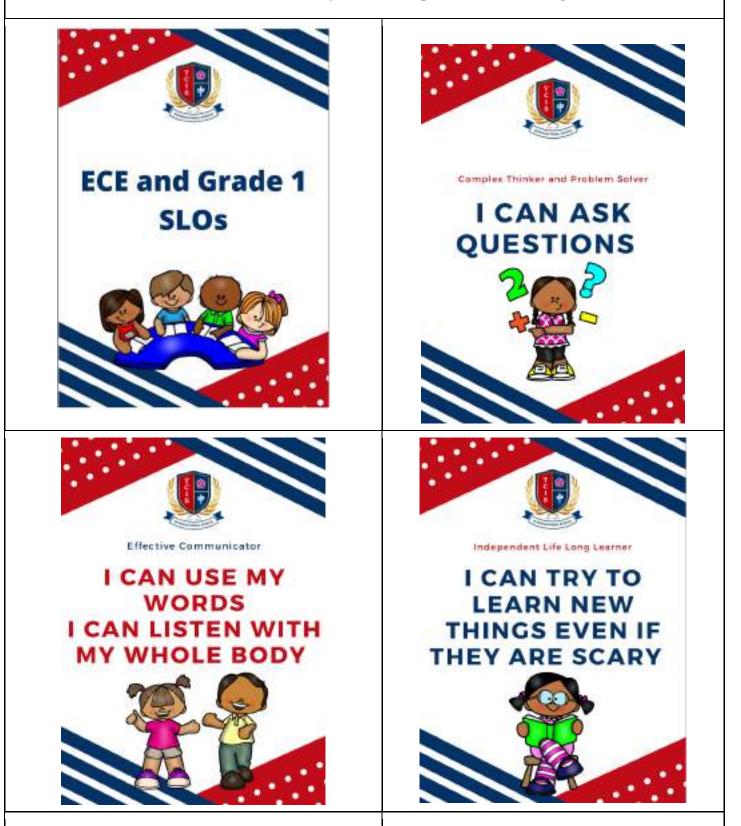
SLOs are not subject-specific. They encompass models for the entire person, and should, in fact, encapsulate and bring to life the lessons learned in the classroom and in their activities while students at TCIS.

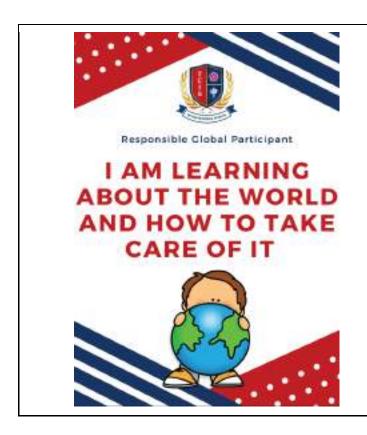
#### **SLO Differentiation**

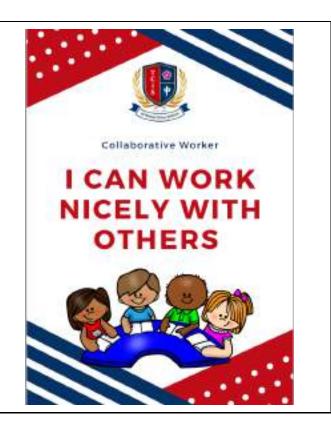
To ensure understanding, our SLOs are taught to students in a developmentally appropriate manner. With that in mind, we have developed different posters that meet the students age and developmentally appropriate levels. Early years and elementary students use two different sets of engaging posters to meet their needs. Middle and high school use another set. All posters are available in English, Thai and Chinese languages.



### ECE and Grade 1 Student Friendly SLO Descriptors For Our Young Learners



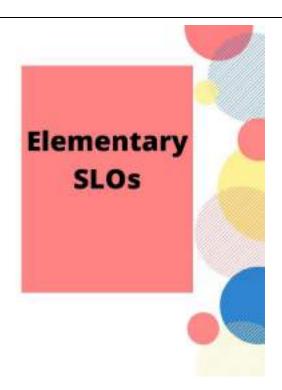


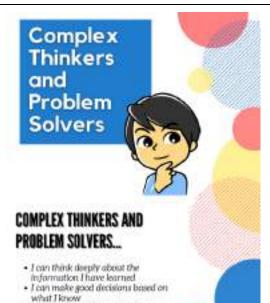




Grade 1 student was presented with a special SLO Award for displaying the TCIS SLO values of being an Independent Life-Long Learning and a Collaborative Worker both in and out of school.

### **Elementary School Student Friendly SLO Descriptors for Grades 2 to 5**

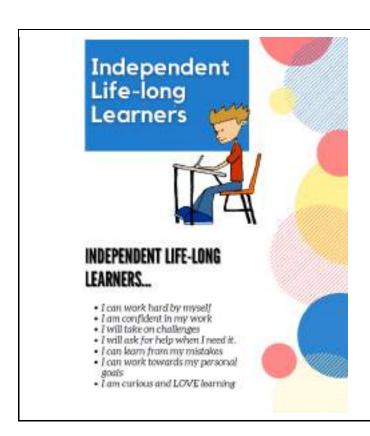




I can use my knowledge to solve real-life problems
I can learn how to deal with problems in the right way











Studentsbeing responsible global participants on a Thai Cultural field trip

#### Middle and High School Posters (Thai Language Version)

#### ผลลัพธ์แห่งการเรียนรู้ (SLOs)

์โรงเรียนนานาชาติไทย-จีน มีความคาดหวังที่จะให้นักเรียนของเรามีความตั้งใจ ใฝ่เรียนรู้และสามารถแสดงศักยภาพในการเรียนรู้และมีทักษะที่จำเป็นให้เห็นเป็นที่ประจักษ์ ดังนี้



### 1. นักคิด มีทักษะในการแก้ปัญหาที่ซับซ้อน

#### นักเรียนจะ:

- 1.1 ใช้ข้อมูลที่หลากหลาย จากแหล่งที่มาที่หลากหลาย
- 1.2 ตัดสินใจได้ถูกต้องโดยอิงจากข้อมูลที่สรรหามาและใช้ วิจารณญาณในการตัดสินใจ
- 1.3 นำข้อมูลที่เคยเรียนรู้มาช่วยแก้ปัญหาที่เกิดขึ้นจริงในปัจจุบัน
- 1.4 สามารถเผชิญกับปัญหาได้อย่างถูกวิธี



#### 2. กระบวนการทำงานร่วมกันกับผู้อื่น

#### นักเรียนจะ:

- 2.1 สามารถปรับตัวให้เข้ากับสถานการณ์ต่างๆได้
- 2.2 สามารถแก้ปัญหาร่วมกับผู้อื่นได้
- 2.3 มีความพร้อมที่จะเป็นผู้นำ
- 2.4 มีความรับผิดชอบต่อเพื่อนพ้องและผู้อื่น



### 3. สื่อสารได้อย่างมีประสิทธิภาพ

#### นักเรียนจะ:

- 3.1 พูด, อ่าน, และเขียนภาษาอังกฤษได้อย่างชัดเจน และสามารถ สื่อสารได้เป็นอย่างดีทั้งภาษาไทยและภาษาจีน
- 3.2 ใช้แหล่งข้อมูลความรู้ที่หลากหลายเพื่อการสื่อสารที่มี ประสิทธิภาพ
- 3.3 พดชัดเจน ฟังเข้าใจ และโต้ตอบได้อย่างเหมาะสม
- 3.4 นำเสนอแนวคิดตามข้อเห็จจริงได้



#### 4. เรียนรู้ตลอดชีวิตได้อย่างอิสระ

#### นักเรียนจะ:

- 4.1 สามารถทุ่มเททำงานด้วยตนเอง และมีความสุขกับงานที่ทำ
- 4.2 กล้าที่จะลองสิ่งใหม่ ไม่รู้สึกแย่ที่จะขอความช่วยเหลือบ้างในบาง ครั้งและเรียนรู้จากข้อผิดพลาดที่ผ่านมา
- 4.3 ยอมรับแนวคิดใหม่ๆและสามารถนำมาปรับใช้ในโลกปัจจุบัน
- 4.4 มุ่งมั่นเพื่อไปสู่ความสำเร็จที่ตนตั้งไว้และอนาคตที่สดใส



#### 5. รับผิดชอบต่อสังคมโลก

#### นักเรียนจะ:

- 5.1 เข้าใจปัญหาที่เกิดขึ้นในโลกของเรา
- 5.2 ยอมรับในความแตกต่างของผู้คน
- 5.3 สามารถแก้ปัญหาที่เกิดขึ้นจริงในโลกปัจจุบัน
- 5.4 นำสิ่งที่ได้เรียนรู้มาสร้างความแตกต่างให้กับโลกของเรา

### **FACILITIES**

### TCIS CAMPUS 2020

























#### **OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY**

TCIS is nestled in the heart of a local working-class community in Samut Prakan on the outskirts of Bangkok. With a short distance of our school is a mall, villas where some of our families and staff live, and local shops.





### TCIS CAFE

Our new cafe is a popular gathering place for students, parents, and staff. It has a very modern and welcoming design and feel, with comfortable seating and a laid-back atmosphere.







### TCIS SPORTS FACILITIES, GYM, & POOL

Sports are very popular with our students, and our facilities support a large variety of activities for our students to take part in.

























### TCIS CLASSROOMS: Early Years, Elementary, Middle School, High School

All our classrooms are comfortable environments that support engagement of students. All classrooms have a computer and a projector to support delivery of instruction.

### **Early Years Classrooms**













### **Elementary Classrooms**













**Middle School Classrooms** 













**High School Classrooms** 













#### TCIS EARLY YEARS PLAYGROUND

The early-years playground is a covered play area that is enjoyed by students from PK2 to kindergarten. Students are always supervised during playtime and the slides are very popular. Also located in the playground is a large outdoor sink where our young learners wash their hands and brush their teeth.













#### **COMPUTER LABS & DIGITAL LEARNING CENTERS**

TCIS has three computer labs: a dedicated early years/elementary lab, a shared computer lab in the school library, and a dedicated high school computer lab.

### **Elementary Computer Lab**







### **Library Computer Lab**







**High School Computer Lab** 







### PERFORMING ARTS FACILITIES

TCIS has invested heavily in the performing arts facilities. Included in recent improvements is the addition a new music wing to the school.













### ART ROOMS plus STUDENT ART PROJECTS

Elementary, middle, and high school all have deviate art rooms. In addition, middle school students make use of an additional art area located in the elementary school.

### **ES Art Room**







### **MS Art Room**







### **HS Art Room**













### **LIBRARY**

TCIS' library is a shared space for all divisions that meets the needs of early years, elementary, middle, and high school students. One shared computer lab is connected to the library.















### CANTEEN

TCIS students, parents, and staff enjoy the use of our large canteen. Our lunches are staggered, and there is ample room to service all stakeholders.













### **CAMPUS VIDEOS**

Get to know us even better by watching the TCIS videos, below.

TCIS Thai-Chinese International School Overview

TCIS School Preparation Video

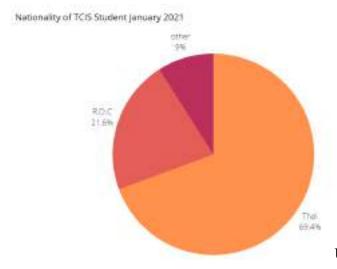
TCIS Teacher Recruitment Video

Thai Chinese International School Highlights from Harrogate International Youth Festival

### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

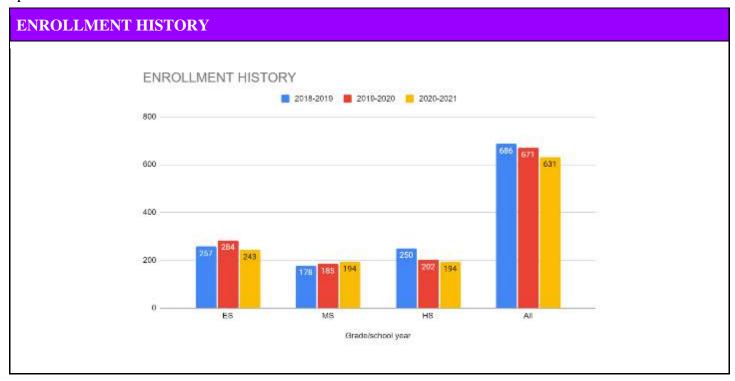
#### **TCIS Students**

The typical TCIS student is a non-native English speaking student from Thailand, Japan, Korea or Taiwan. While historically there has been a dominant Taiwanese student population, the Taiwanese presence has gradually decreased from 46% of the student body in 2002 to 21% in 2021. Each student enrolls in TCIS with the expectation that they learn English, Thai, and Chinese, and meet or exceed American academic standards in core subjects. TCIS students embrace a western-style education and work to receive a diploma that will allow them to apply for universities around the world.



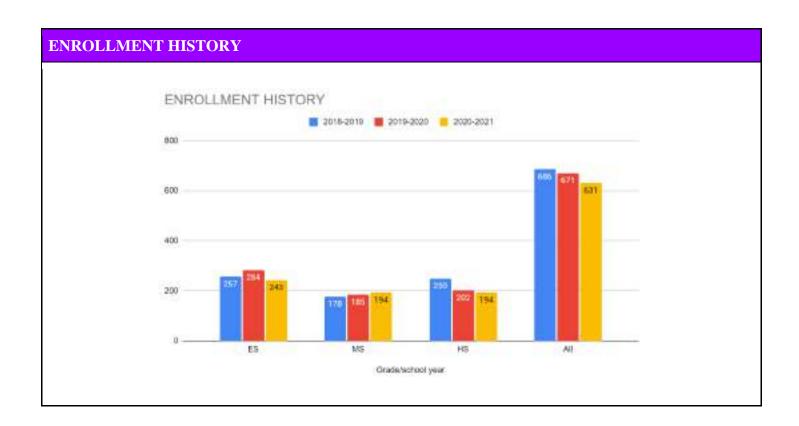
Update the pie chart with 2020/21 data

As of January 2021, our enrollment was 633 students. There were 243students in the Elementary School (PreK-Grade 4), 194 students in the Middle School (Grades 5-8), and 196 students in the High School (Grades 9-12); the population is approximately equal in number of boys and girls. From 2010 to 2021, enrollment has fluctuated from a high of 803 in 2013 to a low in 2016 of 665. While there had been a decline in enrollment in recent years, our focus on marketing and branding and an expansion of our admissions team has led to an uptrend since 2018.



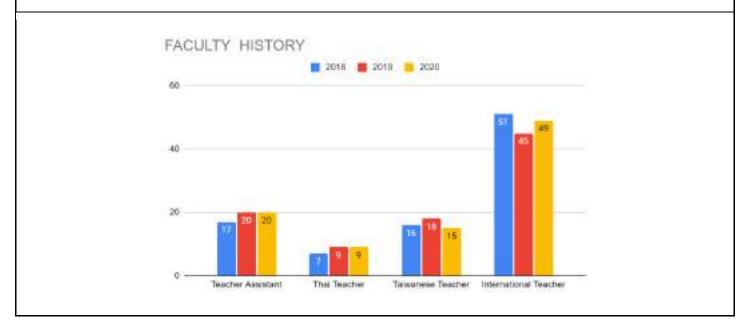
January 2021 Enrollment					
Grade	# Students	Grade	# Students		
PK2	7	Gr.5	43		
PK3	26	Gr.6	45		
PK4	27	Gr.7	57		
KG	33	Gr.8	49		
Gr.1	37	Gr.9	40		
Gr.2	35	Gr.10	51		
Gr.3	36	Gr.11	54		
Gr.4	42	Gr.12	51		
Lower School	243	Senior School	390		

**Total Current Enrollment 633** 



### **FACULTY HISTORY**

Our international teachers are largely from the USA, although we do have several British, Canadian, and Philippino, and other nationalities on staff. Our Chinese language teachers and exclusively from Taiwan, and our Thai language teachers and TAs are all from Thailand.

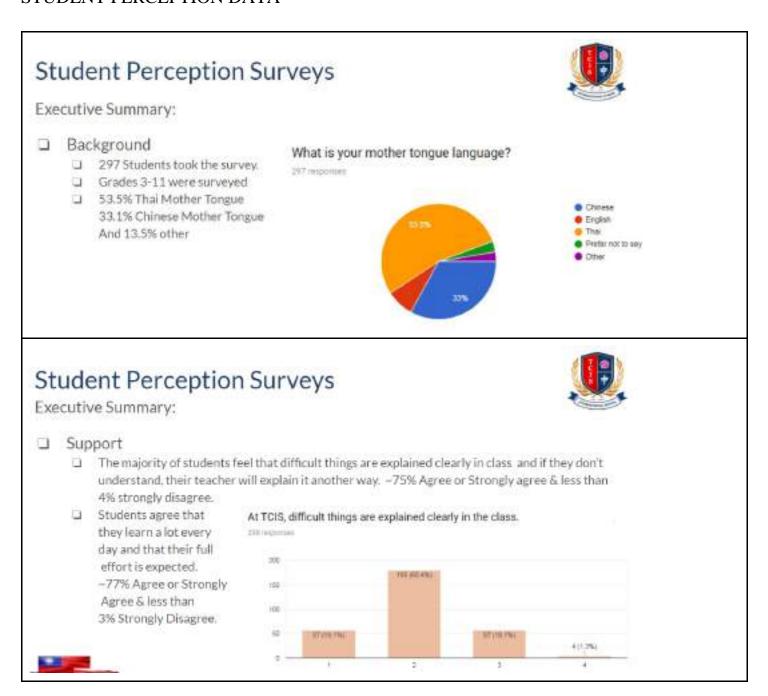


### STAKEHOLDER PERCEPTIONS

Our perception survey results consistently score in the 70-80% range on questions about instruction, communication, relationships, and engagement. This means that generally 20-30% of students, staff, and parents do not have a positive feeling about TCIS, and needs further review and action.

### **Link to: Perception Data**

#### STUDENT PERCEPTION DATA

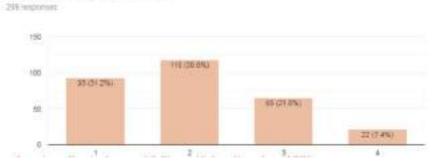


# Student Perception Continued...



Executive Summary:

- Engagement and Expectations
  - □ The majority of students report that their class time is used effectively. -70% responded Strongly Agree or Agree
  - A majority of students state that learning at TCIS is enjoyable, ~70% responded Strongly Agree or Agree Learning is enjoyable at TCIS.





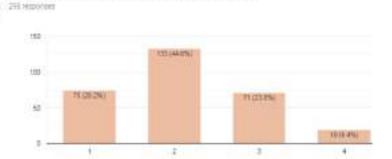
# Student Perception Continued...



Executive Summary:

AT TCIS, I feel the staff and teachers care about me.

- Relationships and Community
  - "I feel the staff and teachers care about me."
    - -70% Strongly Agree or Agree
  - "My ideas and suggestions are respected."
    - -75% Strongly Agree or Agree



 Overall Observation: Approximately 19-26% of students responded that they Disagree with all of the survey questions.

# Summer School Surveys



Executive Summary:

- 15 Surveys were returned by parents
- 9 Parents stated summer school was a great experience and they would attend again
- 4 Parents stated summer school was ok and they were not sure if they would attend again
- O Parents stated that it was not a good experience

# Summer School Continued...



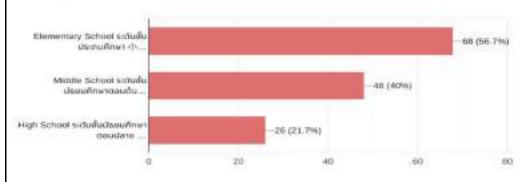
Executive Summary:

- What parents liked most:
  - ☐ STEM lessons
  - ☐ Communication
  - Spirit Days
  - ☐ The Schedule
- □ What parents disliked the most:
  - ☐ The price
  - ☐ The food



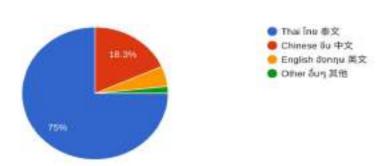
### l have a child/children in: ข้าพเจ้าเป็นผู้ปกครองของนักเรียน: 我的孩子就讀(可複選):

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### My child/children's first language is: บุตรธิดาของข้าพเจ้าใช้ภาษาหลัก คือ: 我的孩子的母語是:

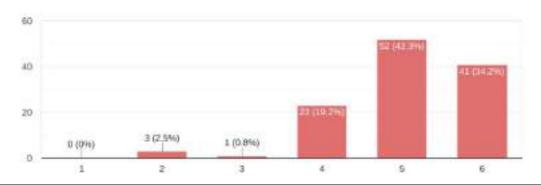


#### mean score: 5.06



1. My child/children's teachers care about their students' well-being. คุณครูให้การดูแลบุตรธิดาของข้าพเ...เป็นอย่างดี. 我孩子(們)的老師非常關心他(們)。

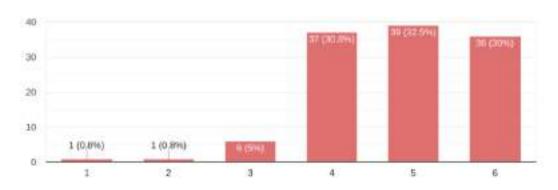
120 responses



mean score: 4.83



2. My child/children's teachers are available to help their students if they need extra help. คุณครูให...(們)的老師在孩子需要額外幫助的時候能協助他們。

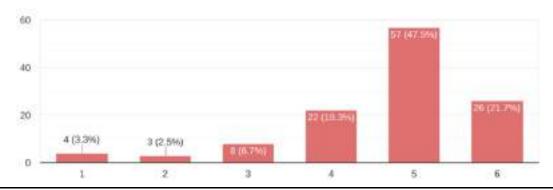


#### mean score: 4.69



1. I am satisfied with the curriculum offering at TCIS. ข้าพเจ้าพึงพอใจในหลักสูตรการเรียน...นนานาชาติไทย-จีน. 我很滿意TCIS提供的課程。

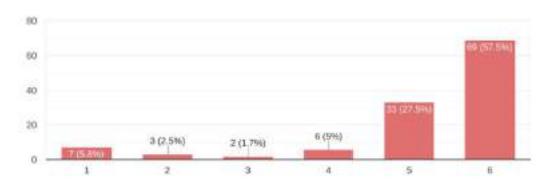
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mean score: 5.18



1. It is important for my child/children to study Thai, Chinese, and English at TCIS. เป็นสิ่งสำคัญอย่า...TCIS學習中文、英語、泰語三種語言是非常重要的。





#### mean score: 4.46

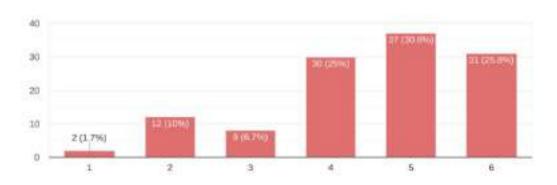
 I am satisfied with the technology used (ipads, Macbooks, computer labs, wifi, online resources, et...Mac電腦、電腦教室、無線網路、線上學校資源等等)

60 40 20 3 (2.5%) 30 (3.3%) 9 (7.5%) 3 4 5 6



#### mean score: 4.46

4. I am satisfied with how teachers use technology (google classroom, online programs, google drive...m、線上教學軟體、google drive 雲端硬碟等等)

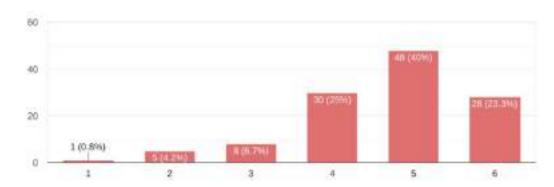




#### mean score: 4.69

1. I am satisfied with the social and emotional support provided to my child/children at TCIS (te...例如: 教師的支持、輔導員的協助、同儕的幫忙等等)

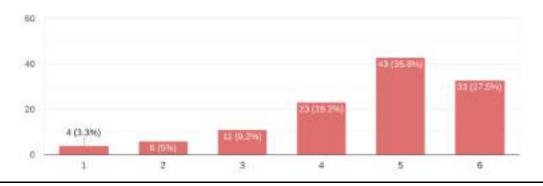
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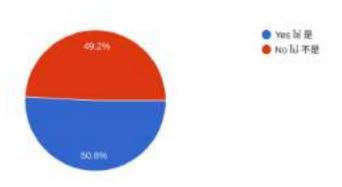
2. My child/children feel safe and secure in the school environment provided at TCIS. บุตรธิดาชองข้...นานาชาติไทย-จีน. 我的孩子在校園中感覺安全。





1. My child/children participate in one or more TCIS ASEP Program (After School Enrichment Program... 我的孩子參加一個或一個以上的課後課。(ASEP)

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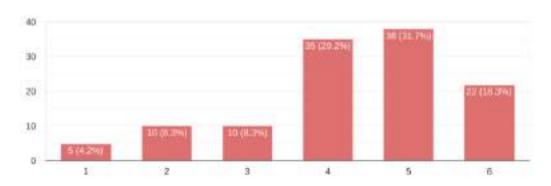


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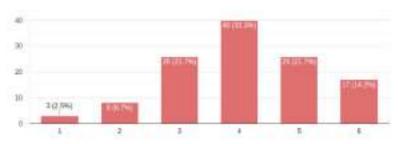


#### mean score: 4.08

3. I am satisfied with the quality of the ASEP (After School Enrichment Program) programs offered to my child/children at TCIS (tutoring, art club, magic club, SAT prep etc.). ข้าพเจ้ามีความพึงพอใจในคุณภาพของ โปรแกรมพิเศษหลังเลิกเรียน(ASEP)ที่จัดให้สำหรับนักเรียนโรงเรียน นานาชาติไทยจีน(เรียนพิเศษ, ชมรมศิลปะ, ชมรมยายากล,การเครียมความ พร้อมสำหรับSAT และอื่นๆ) 我很滿意學校課後課(ASEP)的品質。(例如: 家教課、藝術社團、屬術社、SAT準備課程等等)



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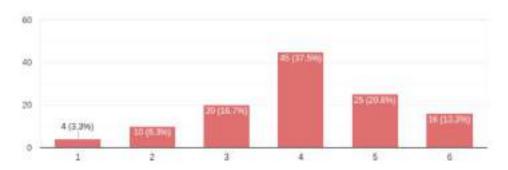


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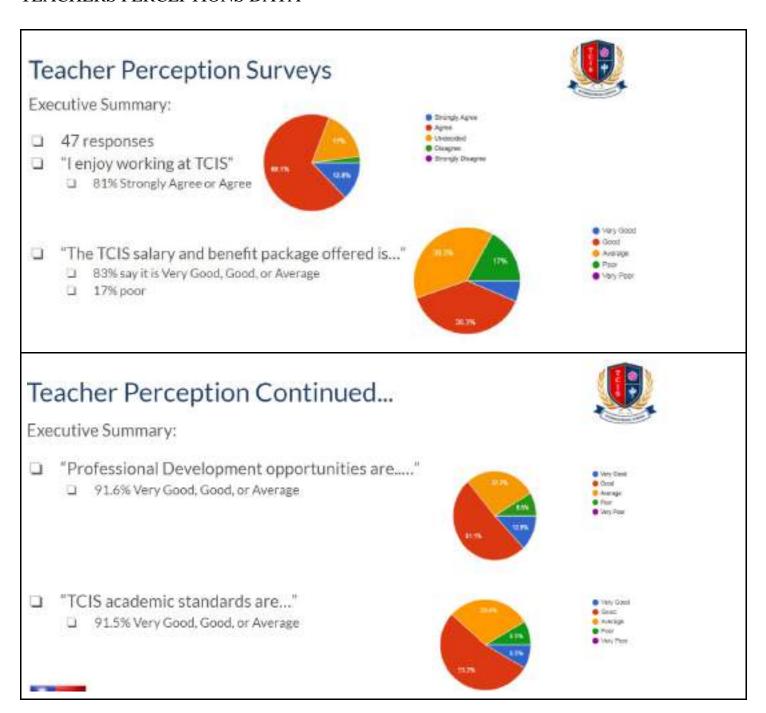
4. I am satisfied with the quality of the athletic programs offered to my child/children at TCIS (coaching, equipment, facilities, etc.). ข้าพเจ้าพึง พอใจในคุณภาพด้านการกีฬาที่หางโรงเรียนจัดให้กับบุตรธิดาของข้าพเจ้า (ครูผู้ฝึกสอน, อุปกรณ์, สิ่งอำนวยความสะดวก,อื่นๆ). 我很滿意學校體育活動的品質。(例如: 訓練、裝備、設備等等)



120 responses



## TEACHERS PERCEPTIONS DATA



# Teacher Perception Continued...

Executive Summary:

- "The level of support from the TCIS administration is..."
  - ☐ 61.7% Very Good or Good
  - Li 10.7% Poor or Very Poor





Overall, the majority of teachers feel supported at all levels.



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- - 71.8% Very Good or Good 10.8% Poor or Very Poor.
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- 89.3% Very Good or Genet



86.9% Very Good or Good



89.4% Very Good or Good

# Teacher Perception Continued...





☐ 61.7% Agree or Strongly Agree





- "The stability of my teaching assignment at TCIS is..."
  - ☐ 57.4% Very Stable or Stable
  - □ 17% Unstable or Very Unstable







# TA Perception Surveys



## Executive Summary:

- TAs most enjoy working with our students
- ☐ They also enjoy working the their teacher partners
- What's most difficult is the challenge of working across multiple languages and cultures
- They are most interested in receiving professional development to help them support positive student behavior and work best with parents/offer "customer service"

## **CURRICULAR OVERVIEW**

#### US STANDARDS-BASED CURRICULUM

# Curriculum Description

TCIS uses American curriculum, centered on Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for English. Mathematics uses CCSS through the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt GoMath products (Grades PK-8) and by subject (Grades 9-12). For Science, TCIS has migrated to Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Physical Education recently migrated to the SHAPE America standards.

Teachers, from multi-subject in elementary to single-subject, are encouraged to use a variety of approaches and techniques. Professional development is offered to enhance teaching skills and approaches. All teachers who teach Advanced Placement are offered AP training, either during summer institutes or workshops throughout the year.

The majority of teachers in the American curriculum subjects hold US or Canadian licensure, though our team includes English and South African licensure.

TCIS is establishing a separate ELL Department, which will begin work throughout the school during the 2021-22 SY. ELL will support classroom teachers through push-in and pull-out support.

Also for the 2021-22 SY, TCIS will begin rolling out Atlas Rubicon for the creation and tracking of lesson plans and curriculum maps. Its primary purpose is to track the teaching and assessment of standards.

TCIS Curriculum Site

**CCSS** English

Mathematics

**Standards Links** 

Curriculum Maps (2020-21 SY)

# Instructional Practices

TCIS is a Reader's and Writer's Workshop school. These tools are taught throughout the school, especially in Elementary and Middle Schools. Several teachers have received training in these workshop models from the Columbia University Teachers College Reading and Writing Project (TCRWP).

Teachers have also received professional development for Project Based Learning (PBL) and Socratic Seminars. Throughout the year, teachers are given the opportunity to receive the professional training they request. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, most training in the past 12 months has been virtual.

Teachers are encouraged to use a blend of proven approaches to engage students and develop their skills.

## **TCRWP Website**

#### Assessments

In addition to the formative and summative assessments provided by teachers in the classroom, TCIS measures student success using several objective measures, such as Measure of Academic Progress (MAP), World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), including the PSAT, and Advanced Placement (AP) Exams.

These results are reviewed by teachers and administrators, and allow the school to compare their results against those of other schools internationally to measure success. Actions, such as creating the ELL Department, are driven by this data.

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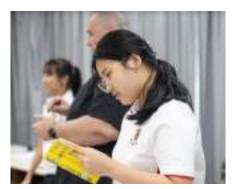


















#### THAI STANDARDS-BASED CURRICULUM

## **Curriculum Description**

The TCIS Thai language & culture program provides two sections: mother tongue and foreign tongue. Students who are Thai nationals and have a strong background in the Thai language are placed in the mother tongue class where the lessons focus on effectiveness and proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, writing, literature, social studies and history. In the foreign tongue classes, students are non-native Thai speakers, and the lessons focus on communicating in basic Thai, reading basic Thai, and learning about Thai culture and traditions in order to live life effectively in Thai society.

We aim to enrich students' ability to learn both the language and moral values in order to help them take their places in society as good citizens of today and in the future. Grade 9-12 non-Thai citizens new to Thailand are required by the Ministry Of Education in Thailand to study at least 1 period of Foreign Thai Language every week for a duration of 2 years.

Thai Language & Culture Standard

ES Thai Curriculum Map 2020-2021

MS Thai Curriculum Map 2020-2021

HS Thai Curriculum Map 2020-2021

#### **Instructional Practices**

Thai language and culture courses focus on allowing students to learn and be able to apply knowledge and various skills in real life. Students will be taught by highly knowledgeable and experienced native speaker teachers in different ways both theoretical and practical. Considering it as learner-centered education. Teachers will lecture in front of the classroom, grouping for discussion and also using new technologies and innovations in teaching. However, the importance of preserving and inheriting Thai traditions, which is the foundation of Thai culture.

Thai Language & Culture's Courses

#### Assessments

Measuring and evaluating students in Thai language and culture courses are according to the standards and unit of learning of each class level. Managing to measure and evaluate to suit individual students' learning differences is emphasized. There are various assessments and evaluations such as taking multiple-choice and subjective exams, reading aloud, presenting, working with others both as a pair and as a group, creating works using integrated skills, etc.

ES Thai Assessment

MS Thai Assessment

**HS** Thai Assessment



















CHINESE STANDARDS-BASED CURRICULUM			
Curriculum Description	TCIS students study Chinese (both traditional and simplified) from elementary school through high school and our students receive more Chinese language and cultural instruction than students at other schools in Bangkok. Our Chinese program includes classes for both Taiwanese or Chinese students and separate classes for non-Chinese or Taiwanese students.  Chinese language and culture course CMT Curriculum of Elementary and Junior High School CMT curriculum of Senior high school		
Instruction Practices	In elementary school students focus on stories, songs, games and performance to develop a love for Chinese while also learning to read, speak and comprehend Chinese. Traditional and simplified Chinese are taught together. In middle school, students build on their foundation and learn to type in Chinese as well as doing projects and presentations in traditional Chinese. In high school, students take Advanced Placement (AP) Chinese, where TCIS students regularly get the best scores in Thailand.  CMT standard  CFT standard		
Assessments	<ul> <li>#1 international school in Bangkok Chinese competition</li> <li>90% of all students studying Chinese pass the TOCFL test</li> <li>G3-12 non-Taiwanese and non-Chinese students take the HSK or TOCFL annually to measure their Chinese proficiency</li> </ul>		

- Students receive more hours of Chinese instruction than other international schools
- Chinese cultural lessons and performances
- Campus wide celebration of Taiwanese and Chinese holidays
- Chinese enrichment programs include a Chinese Chess Club and a Chinese Calligraphy Club
- AP Chinese and Culture test scores are the highest in Thailand
- Week long high school trips to Taiwan for language and culture immersion as well as a separate technology study program in Taiwan
- Student exchange program with Affiliated High School of National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan (2018-2019)
- More than 80% of TCIS applicants who apply to Taiwan's top 5 universities are accepted



#### NON-CORE STANDARDS-BASED CURRICULUM

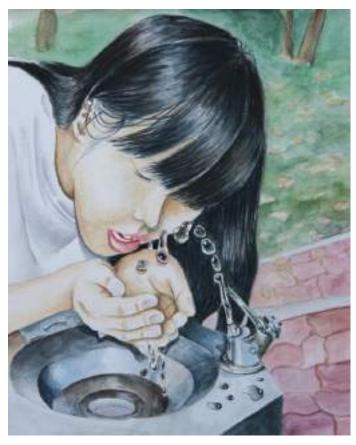
**ART** 

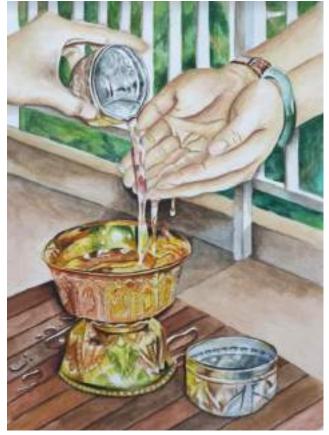
The TCIS Art Department is a comprehensive program offering classes to learners PK3 to Grade 12. Students are encouraged to express themselves creatively whilst learning about the elements and principles of design as well as art history. Students enjoy a wide variety of materials as they find their artistic voices and explore different avenues of making art. Students share and analyze their ideas via reflections, critiques and gallery walks. Additionally, students have artwork displayed throughout campus and websites.











PHYSICAL EDUCATION At TCIS, students take PE from PK2 to grade 12. Over their lifetime at TCIS, students will learn the skills that will enable them live an active and healthy lifestyle. Primary PE education is comprised of learning locomotor movements and basic sport specific skills. Primary PE also integrates basic health into PE curriculum. In middle school, students

increase their fine motor and sport specific skills while also focusing on following rules of games. High school students are required to take one PE related credit for graduation, and they can use either PE or strength and conditioning to fulfill this requirement. In addition, students have the option of taking more PE classes as electives. Health classes are provided to middle and high school students and topics vary depending on the age of the students.







MUSIC & DANCE

For younger students in the elementary school, we introduce simple music concepts through movement singing, dancing and playing basic percussion instruments. The aim is to stimulate students' interest by having fun in music. In middle and high school, TCIS offers authentic musical learning activities in Wind Ensemble, String Orchestra, Choir, and Rock Band contexts. These courses engage students in real, hands-on music making through individual development of instrumental and vocal skills, and through group rehearsal and performance. The bands, orchestras, and choirs take their learning beyond the classroom walls by performing at frequent assemblies, cultural events, school board meetings, and off-campus concerts.



#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

TCIS invests substantially in professional development of staff. This is due to our strong belief that outstanding teachers are the best resource we can provide to our students. In addition, providing continued professional development to staff is key in continuing our high rate of staff retention.

Professional Development 2016 - 2020

Below are links to professional development opportunities TCIS staff have taken part in since 2016:

PD Sessions 2016-2020 (Aug 17 2020)

**PD List 2020** 



### EXTRA-CURRICULAR OVERVIEW: Sports, Clubs, & ASEP

#### **ASEP & CLUBS**

Our after school enrichment program (ASEP) offers students an opportunity to experiment and try activities that they might not normally have

20-21 ES Clubs List

20-21 MS Clubs List

**20-21 HS Clubs** 

#### **Magic Club**







**Strategy Games Club** 







## Model UN











## **Chinese Debate Club**







Resea Club







## **UNICEF Club**









## National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), Model United Nations (MUN)

## **NJHS**







## NHS

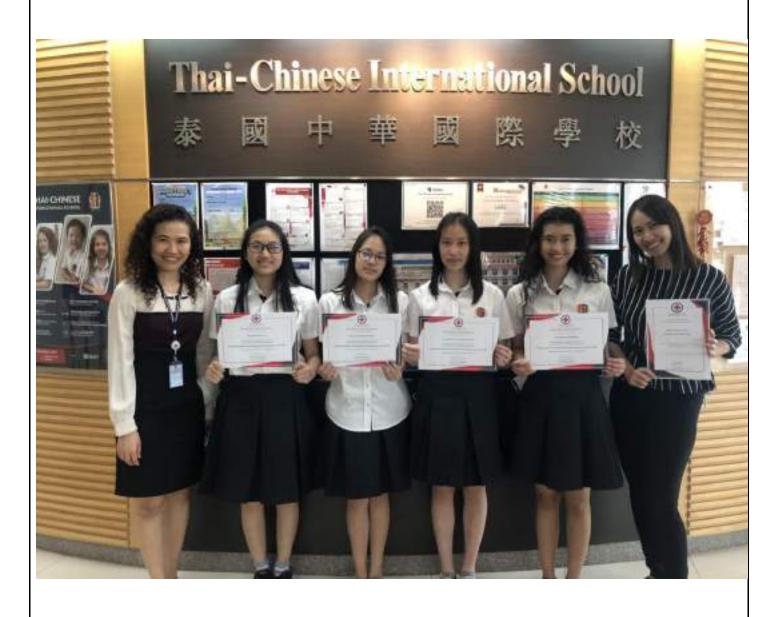




Thai Programs
TCIS Thailand Red Cross Youth Volunteer Club







**Thai Traditional Dance Club** 







**Chinese Programs Chinese Chess Club** 







**Chinese Calligraphy Club** 







**Chinese Folk-dance Program** 







## **Student Council**

Student council is an important offering at TCIS as students learn to be role models to others.

## **Elementary School Student Council**







**Middle School Student Council** 



**High School Student Council** 



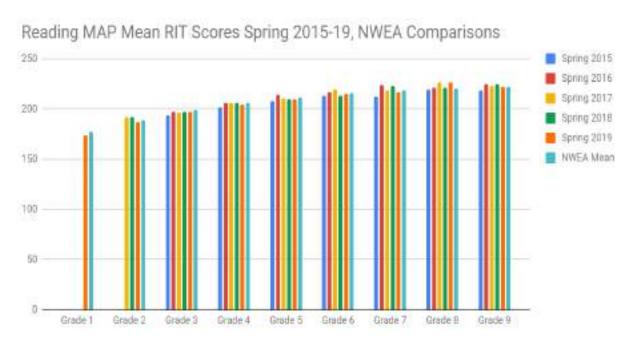
## **Student Performance Data: Academic Data 2015 - 2020**

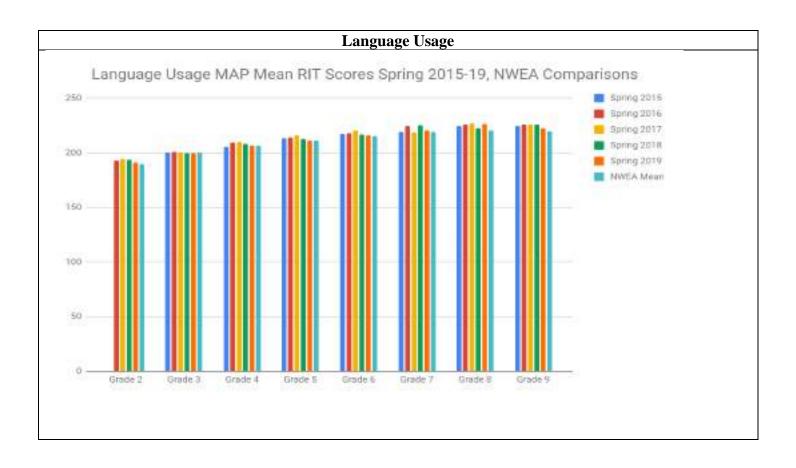
#### **NWEA MAP**

Each year the TCIS administers the NWEA MAP test to students from grade 1 to grade 8. Reading, math, and science tests are administered during the fall and spring of each school-year. While students at TCIS generally score near the NWEA mean, our scores are slightly below other EARCOS and International Schools in Thailand. When looking at the expected growth levels per year for students, TCIS students generally score slightly below the expected results.

Further, the data is consistent year-over-year rather than showing sustained and consistent progress.

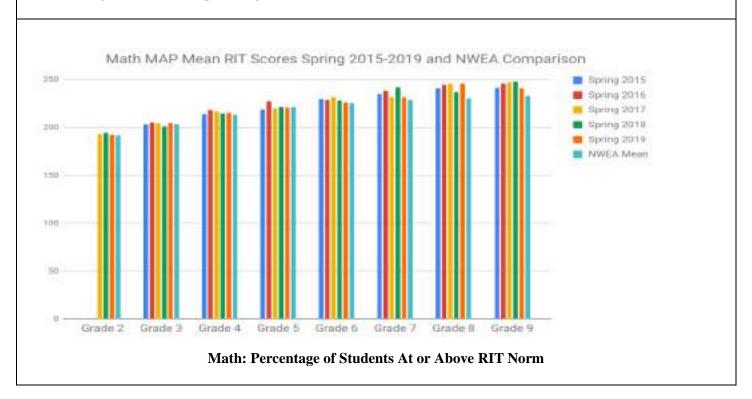
English is a second language to 95% of our students. The data indicates that increasing the reading level of our students is an area of growth for TCIS. The following table shows the percentage of students who tested at or above the norm RIT in reading.

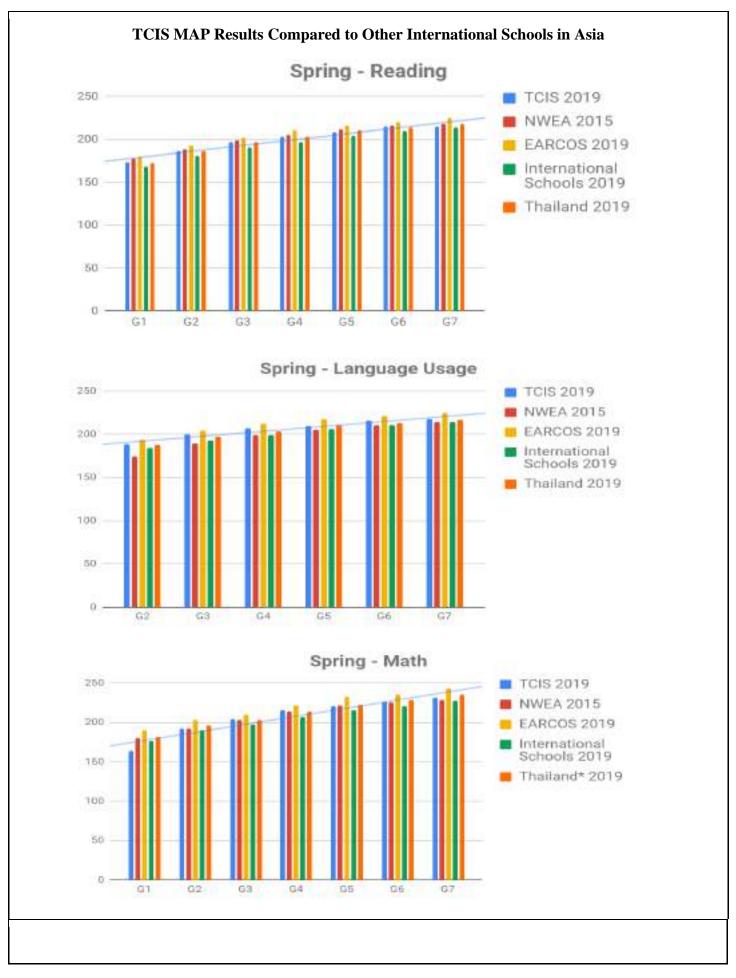




#### Math

Students at TCIS perform strongly in math and regularly achieve above the RIT norm. During the 2020/21 school-year, test scores declined somewhat. We feel this was largely due to the COVID 19 impact and switching to online learning. The following table shows the percentage of students who tested at or above the norm RIT in math from 2015 to 2019.



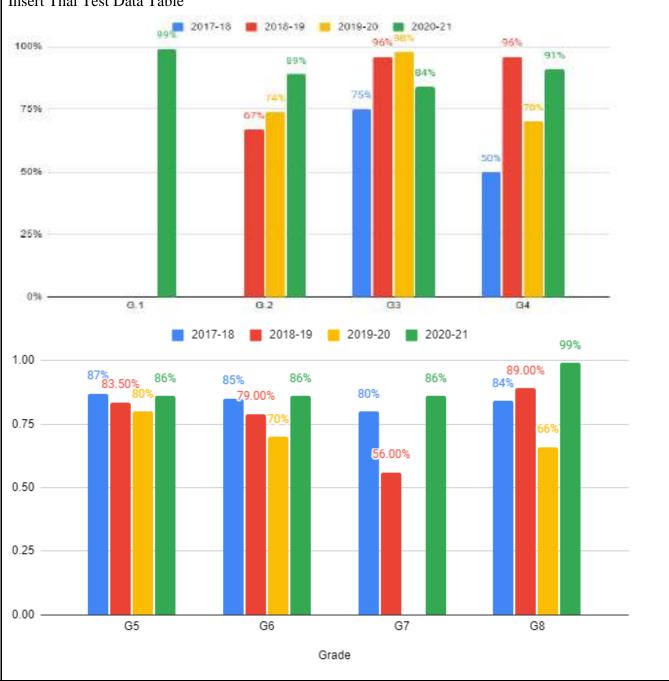


#### THAI & CHINESE LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT DATA

With regard to Chinese and Thai language, we find that students perform quite well on these exams, and language instruction is not an area of concern. In 2018, we introduced a Chinese language test and a Thai language test (results linked below).

## Thai Test Data

Insert Thai Test Data Table





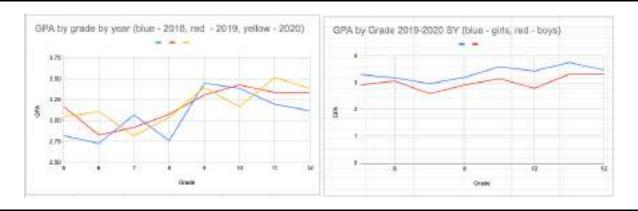
## **Analysis of GPA vs. SAT Scores**

## Average GPA: Yearly GPA Increase and Girls Scoring Higher than Male Students

The below graphs show the progression of average GPA by grade over the past three years from grades 5 to 12. One noticeable aspect of this graph is the steady increase in GPA as the typical student approaches grade 12. This increase in GPA increase needs further analyzing, as it may be a result of increased motivation by students, teachers feeling pressure when grading as students near graduation years, or other yet to be examined factors.

Another noticeable trend is that the average GPA of girls is consistently higher than the average GPA of boys at all grade levels from grades 5 to 12 over the past 3 years. With this data, we plan to analyze the learning environments to see if they can be modified to foster greater success among our male students.

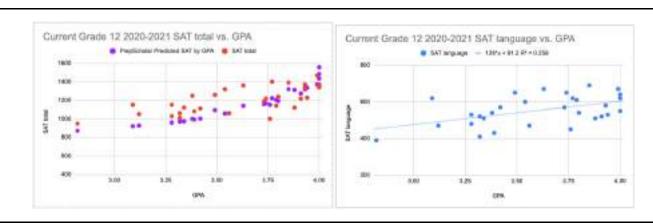
## GPA Data by Grade



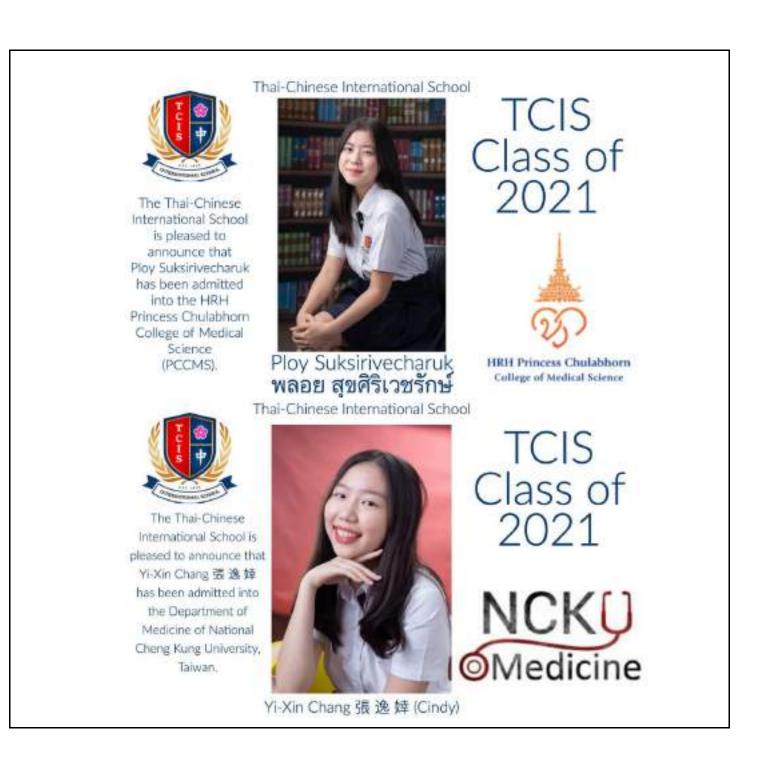
#### **Correlation of GPA to SAT results**

Below in red is a scatterplot of grade 12 unadjusted student GPAs and their combined SAT score. It shows a moderate positive linear correlation between GPA and SAT. The purple dots represent a predicted pairing of GPA and SAT scores based on data from Prep Scholar SAT. The graph shows our students in the lower range of GPA scores tend to fare better on SAT than Prep Scholar would predict whereas students in the upper GPA range are performing about as well as expected on their SAT exams. Compared to SAT math scores and GPA, there is a weaker relationship between GPA and SAT English scores.

## **SAT Graphs**



## Post-Graduation Supporting Data: Universities and Colleges















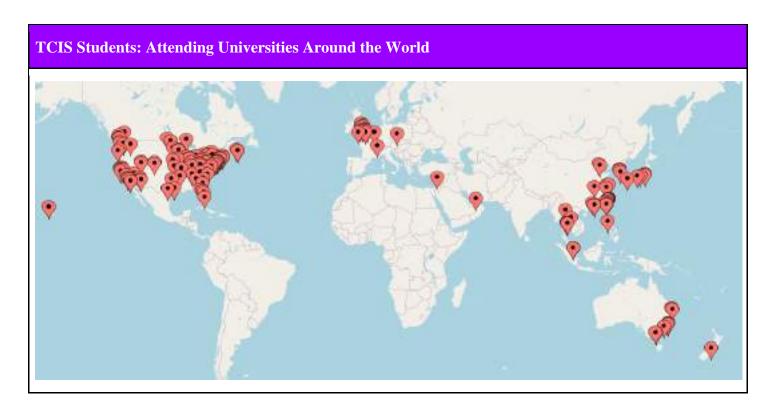




TCIS students are accepted to universities and colleges around the world. Below is a list (by country) of where our students have been accepted.

## **College Acceptances per Country Per Year**

Country	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
Australia	4	0	4	7	8	0	1	24
Belgium	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Canada	8	4	8	4	6	3	1	34
China	2	1	0	1	0	4	0	8
Czech Republic	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
England	1	2	3	3	6	0	1	16
Hong Kong	2	0	3	3	3	1	2	14
Hungary	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Singapore	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
Japan	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	7
South Korea	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	7
Switzerland	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Netherlands	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
New Zealand	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Taiwan	9	8	8	8	8	14	13	68
Thailand	9	12	11	9	9	12	5	67
USA	43	46	21	34	27	9	6	186
<b>United Arab Emirates</b>	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Vietnam	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1



# List of Colleges and Universities Where TCIS Students Were Accepted

## 2020/21 Graduating Class

Australia				
University of Melbourne				
Canada				
University of Toronto				
England				
University of Edinburgh				
Hong Kong				
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	City University of Hong Kong			
Taiwan				
National Taiwan University	National Tsing Hua University	National Taiwan Normal University		

National Sun Yat-Sen University National Taiwan University of Science and Technology	National Cheng Kung University Kaohsiung Medical University MingChuan University	National ChengChi University		
Thailand				
Chulalongkorn University King Mongkut Institute of Technology, Latkrabang	Thammasat University King Mongkut Institute of Technology, Thon Buri	Chulabhorn Royal Academy		
USA				
University of San Francisco School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Purdue University New York University Merrimack College	Pennsylvania State University		

As of February 2021: 25 Seniors Admitted into 51 Universities 2020/21. \$517,966 in Scholarships



## 2015 - 2020 Graduating Classes

Australia					
University of Sydney University of New South Wales Monash University University of Melbourne University of Queensland	Bond University Griffith University Deakin University Macquarie University Australian National University	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University of Melbourne University of Canberra			
	Belgium				
Catholic University of Leuven	Vrije Universiteit of Brussels				
	Canada				
University of Toronto University of British Columbia Mount Saint Vincent University Camosun International College Saint Mary's University British Columbia University of Technology	Langara College Brock University Saint Mary's University Lakehead University University of Guelph	Acadia University Thompson Rivers University University of Fraser Valley Quest University Queen's University			
	China				
Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University Sino British College South China University of Technology Nankai University	Huazhong University of Science and Technology Beijing Institute of Technology University of Nottingham Jinan University	Zhejiang University Nanjing Medical University Shanghai-Jiaotong University			
	Czech Republic				
Charles University	Masaryk University Medical School				
England					
Hult International Business School Queen Mary University of London University of Bristol CATS College Canterbury Bellerbys College Brighton	University of Nottingham University of Manchester London College of Fashion University of Reading	University of Hertfordshire University of Exeter Birmingham City University University of the Arts, London			
Hong Kong					

Hong Kong Polytechnic University The Education University of Hong Kong	The Chinese University of Hong Kong Raffles International College	Savannah College of Art and Design City University of Hong Kong		
	Hungary			
University of Debrecen Medical School				
	Singapore			
National University of Singapore- Yale NUS College	Yale-NUS College	National University of Singapore		
	Japan			
Sophia University Osaka University Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University	Kyushu University Aoyama Gakuin University Keio University	Nagoya University Kyoto University International Christian University		
	South Korea			
Seoul National University Fashion Institute of Technology	Hankuk University of Foreign Studies	Korea University Hongik University		
	Switzerland			
Les Roches International School of Hotel Management	Franklin University			
	Netherlands			
University of Amsterdam				
	New Zealand			
University of Canterbury				
Taiwan				
National Taiwan University National Taipei University National Cheng Kung University National Taipei University of Technology Shih Chien University National ChengChi University National University of Kaohsiung National Pingtung University Yuan Ze University National Taiwan Ocean University	National Taiwan University of Science and Technology Tamkang University National Chung Hsing University Feng Chia University National Sun-Yat Sen University National Kaohsiung University of Hospitality and Tourism Ming Chuan University	National Yang-Ming University Soochow University National Formosa University National Penghu University of Science and Technology National Chiao Tung University National Tsing Hua University National Taiwan Normal University Science and Technology China Medical University		

Tamkang University	I Shou University			
Thailand				
Mahidol University Thammasat University Chulalongkorn University King Mongkut's University of Technology, Thonburi Dusit Thani College King Mongkut Institute of Technology, Ladkrabang Bangkok Thonburi University	Silpakorn University King Mongkut Institute of Technology, Thonburi Khon Kaen University Kasetsart University Huachiew Chalermprakiet University Sirindhorn Institute of Technology Srinakharinwirot University	Raffles International College Webster University Assumption University Stamford International College Rangsit University Rajabhat Chiang Rai University Bangkok University		
	USA			
University of Wisconsin, Madison University of Washington Purdue University Whitman College Macalester College Central Washington University University of Massachusetts New York University University of Buffalo Goucher College Denison College Creighton University Beloit College Trinity University Rice University Prexel University University of Akron Case Western Reserve University Pratt Institute Pace University Hofstra University Rutgers University Rutgers University University Orake University University Colorado, Boulder Depaul University University of Colorado, Boulder Depaul University University of California, Los Angeles University of California, San Diego University of California, Irvine University of California, Berkeley	Becker College Clark University Washington State University Lynchburg College Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry San Jose State University Savannah College of Art and Design University of California, Santa Cruz California College of the Arts University of California, Riverside North Carolina State University Diablo Valley College University of Dayton Ohio University Ashland University University of Pittsburgh University of Pittsburgh University of Minnesota School of Art Institute of Chicago University of LeVerne University of Nevada, Las Vegas Iowa State University Calvin College University of Florida Colorado State University University of South Carolina	Florida Institute of Technology Emory University Hawaii Pacific University University of Michigan, Flint Southern New Hampshire University Stevens Institute of Technology Allegheny College Culinary Institute of America University of Minnesota, Morris Hamline University Trinity College Suffolk University Pepperdine University Full Sail University Full Sail University California State University, Bakersfield California State University, Dominguez Hill California State University, Northridge Azusa Pacific University University of the Pacific LaVerne University University of California, Merced Chapman University Seattle University Loyola Marymount University Temple University University of San Diego American University School of the Art Institute of Chicago University of Hawaii, Manoa		

University of Southern California Boston University Barry University Missouri University of Science and Technology Seton Hall University Middle Tennessee State University Beloit University Musician's Institute University of Iowa Oregon State University University of Utah Pennsylvania State University	University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign Massachusetts College of Art and Design Denison University University of Massachusetts, Amherst University of Texas, Austin University of Arizona Arizona State University Embry Riddle University Stetson University Bay Path College University of San Francisco Michigan State University University of Kansas University of Illinois, Chicago Indiana University	American Musical and Dramatic Academy Syracuse University Otis College of Art and Design Pratt Institute King University		
United Arab Emirates				
University of Wollongong	University of Birmingham			
Vietnam				
London College for Design and Fashion				



Chapter III: Self-Study Findings



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## **Category A: Organization for Student Learning**

## A1. School Purpose Criterion

The school has established a clear vision and mission (purpose) that reflects the beliefs and philosophy of the institution. The purpose is defined further by adopted schoolwide learner outcomes that reflect defined global competencies and form the basis of the educational program for every student. (**Note**: school purpose is a general term for terminology used by school such as core beliefs, vision, mission, or philosophy and objectives.)

Examples include: every student will demonstrate knowledge and understanding of diverse cultures that fosters tolerance for individual differences; every student will be a collaborative worker; and every student will demonstrate higher order thinking skills of application, analysis, synthesis and evaluation.

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Beliefs and Philosophy**

**Indicator**: The written mission and vision reflects the beliefs and philosophy of the international school and its constituency.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the written purpose in relationship to the beliefs and philosophy of the school and its constituency served.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
We are <b>effective</b> in this area as the TCIS mission and vision help	
students become multilingual in Thai, Chinese, and English, and to	2020-2021 Cultural Events
balance Eastern and Western cultures, is firmly established at TCIS, and	

understood by all stakeholders. When families choose to make TCIS their educational home, they are doing so because they too desire these outcomes for their children.

The mission, vision, and student learner outcomes have been solidly in place for a number of years, and the leadership team believes they continue to be of value and relevant to our community. Further, they provide a unique point of distinction among other international schools in Bangkok.

As school programs are implemented, they are consistent with the values of the school. There are many cultural events throughout the year to support students in applying their language skills and achieving the learner outcomes. As new academic programs are implemented they are done so to meet the critical learner needs.

The mission, vision and beliefs are publicized in the following ways:

- School Website
- School Newsletters (HS/MS/ES)
- Regular parent meetings and coffees
- Facebook
- LINE
- On-campus digital communication board
- On-campus signage

Cultural Events Schedule

Thai Cultural Events

Double Ten Day 2020

<u>Thai-Chinese International</u> School Samutprakarn / Bangna

Elementary School News 2020/21 Folder

Sample HS Newsletter

Sample MS Newsletter

Parent coffee flier

Assembly agendas

**HS** Assembly Agendas

#### Purpose, Schoolwide Learner Outcomes, and Profile Data

**Indicator**: The student/community profile data and identified global competencies have impacted the development of the school's vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the degree to which the development of the school's vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes have been impacted by pertinent student/community profile data and identified global competencies, and current educational research.

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
We are <b>highly effective</b> in this area. The Vision and Mission were established by the Foundation Board as the basis for the creation of the school. The relevance of multilingualism is as important now as it was 25	<u>Learner Profile Data</u>
years ago.  The SLOs align to the changes in the American Standards when they evolved to the Common Core Standards, which integrate 21st century skills such as collaboration, communication, and critical thinking.	Student Achievement Report (Nov 2020)

#### **Involvement of All**

**Indicator**: The school has a process for involving representatives of the entire school community in the defining of global competencies and the development/refinement of the core values, mission, vision, and schoolwide learner outcomes.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the processes 1) to ensure the involvement of representatives from the entire school community in the defining of global competence and the development/refinement of the core values vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes and 2) to determine their effectiveness.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
The school is <b>effective</b> in having in place a process for involving representatives of the entire school community in the defining of global competencies and the development/refinement of the core values, mission, vision, and schoolwide learner outcomes.	FA Notes and Agendas
TCIS has an on-going review process which includes all stakeholders. There is a weekly meeting with the school administration and the Faculty Association (FA). There are quarterly meetings with the administration and the Parents' Association (PA). There are also quarterly meetings between the administration and the Foundation Board.	PA Notes and Agendas  Board Presentations
Staff from PK2-G12 meet with students daily in advisory and there are active Student Councils in ES/MS/HS. At the time the self-study was first written, staff	Perception Data Summary
had regular leadership team and head of department (HOD) meetings. However, that process changed during the 2020/21 school year. Currently, the early years and elementary teachers meet weekly with their principal to discuss divisional and grade-level issues. Implementation of the SLOs in part of those meetings. Middle	Student Council Application
and high school principals meet regularly with teachers.	<u>Leadership Team</u> <u>Charter</u>
At part of the observation process, SLOs are part of what administrators observe. Teachers state directly to students what SLOs are being addressed in their lessons in middle school. The SLOs are posted in every middle school classroom.	HOD Meeting Notes 2019-20
More formally, perception surveys are conducted annually to hear feedback from staff, students, and parents.	HOD Meeting Notes 2018-19
	Senior Admin Meeting Notes:
	Middle School Observation Template Middle School
	Expectations for Teachers

Consistency of Purpose, Schoolwide Learning Outcomes, and Program

**Indicator**: There is a strong degree of consistency between the school core values, vision, mission, the schoolwide learner outcomes, and the school program that reflects the school's explanation of global competencies.

**Prompt**: Provide a range of examples that the school vision, mission, schoolwide learner outcomes, and program are consistent. with the school's explanation of global competencies.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>highly effective</b> in providing a strong degree of consistency between the school core values, vision, mission, the schoolwide learner outcomes, and the school program that reflects the school's explanation of global competencies.	ES Schedules  Collaborative Refinement of ES Schedules
At TCIS, the global competencies are the SLOs. The integration of academic standards and SLOs supports students in becoming multilingual and multicultural in the following ways:	Sample Chinese Schedules
<ul> <li>Students receive daily instruction in Thai, Chinese, and English.</li> <li>Assessments are given to ascertain proficiency across all three</li> </ul>	MS Student Schedule
<ul> <li>languages.</li> <li>We hold celebrations across all three cultures throughout the year to develop cultural as well as linguistic competency.</li> </ul>	HS Student Schedule
<ul> <li>We use a variety of curricular materials and practices to integrate academic standards with SLOs</li> </ul>	Thai Language Test
	Chinese Language Test Thai and Chinese Cultural
	Celebration Schedules
	Teacher Lesson Plan & Observation sample
	Highlight Reel: pk2-G12 SLOs and Standards

## Communication about Vision, Mission, and Schoolwide Learner Outcomes

**Indicator**: The school has means to publicize the vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes to the students, parents, and other members of the school community.

**Prompt**: Examine the effectiveness of the means to publicize the purpose and the schoolwide learner outcomes to the students, parents, and other members of the school community.

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
TCIS is <b>highly effective</b> in utilizing means to publicize the vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes to the students, parents, and	Assembly dates with SLO focus
other members of the school community.  TCIS publicizes the Schoolwide Learner Outcomes in a variety of	Parent notification letter
ways. First, as part of the rebranding and marketing efforts, banners were placed strategically around the campus. The graphics for each SLO	Parent Newsletter

were shared with teachers and administrators so they could be incorporated into bulletin boards and included in newsletters.

Each month in Elementary School, one of the SLOs is highlighted and the principal does an activity or reads a book to each KG-G4 class to talk about what the SLO is, why it is important, and how we can practice it at school. Teachers emphasize this skill in class and then select a Student of the Month based on that particular SLO. The early years and elementary school also hold monthly SLO assemblies that focus on the school's global competencies.

Building this solid foundation leads to students being ready for advanced projects in MS, and for leading service learning projects in HS. The middle school also gives student awards based on the SLOs at regular student assemblies.

Parents are notified in advance about the SLO of the month and invited to attend the assemblies where students are honored. Throughout the month, photos of students engaged in academic activities which integrate the SLOs are shared via newsletters, Facebook, digital boards, and bulletin boards.

The impact of the focus on the SLOs has given us an opportunity to move away from worksheets and "suitcase" curriculum, and to practices like project-based learning and more integrated teaching such as STEM. Evidence of this will be shared later in the report.

Due to social distancing policies, the early years and elementary school SLO assemblies have not been able to occur every month, although the November and December 2020 assemblies did occur. In addition, school assemblies transitioned to virtual venues.

**Assembly Photos** 

**Highlight Reel Slides** 

Middle School SLO's Awards Example

#### Regular Review/Revision

**Indicator**: The school has a process for regular review/revision of the school's vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes based on current and future learner needs and other local and global trends and conditions.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the regular process for review/revision of the core beliefs, school vision, mission, and the schoolwide learner outcomes. Include the degree to which the review/revision process addresses current and future learner needs and other local and global trends and conditions.

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
TCIS is <b>effective</b> in following a process for regular review/revision of the school's vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes based on current and future learner needs and other local and global trends and conditions.	Board Reports  ExPat Magazine Article by Dr.  John
The process for review and evaluation of our mission and SLOs is effective. The TCIS Executive Board meets regularly throughout the year with the Senior Administrative Team. As a regular part of these meetings the Senior Administrative Team provides an academic update	Research on CCS  Research on multilingualism

to the Board members. During these reports, the Senior Administrative
Team shares academic data, current educational programs and changes to
academic programs based on the data.

As the need to learn multiple languages is more prevalent than ever, the
mission has not changed since the school was founded. This mission is
also the TCIS niche within the competitive Bangkok international
schools market. Further, the SLOs are embedded into the Common Core
Standards.

#### **A2.** Governance Criterion

The governing authority (a) adopts policies which are consistent with the school's mission and vision and support the achievement of the schoolwide learner outcomes, i.e., global competencies, (b) delegates implementation of these policies to the professional staff, and (c) monitors results.

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Written Procedures and Coherent Practices**

**Indicator**: The governing authority/ownership has written procedures and coherent practices that define their roles and responsibilities.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the clarity of the written procedures and coherent practices regarding the roles and responsibilities of the governing authority/ownership.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>somewhat effective</b> in the manner in which the governing authority/ownership has written procedures and coherent practices that define their roles and responsibilities. However, the written policies and procedures are not accessible.	Board Charter  Board Charter Addendum
The practices regarding the roles and responsibilities of the governing board are clearly outlined in the Board Charter documents. Where appropriate, these policies align to those mandated by the Thai Ministry of Education (MOE).	Thai MOE
In many policy areas there is a lack of clarity and procedures are ambiguous and arbitrarily applied. Articulating policies and ensuring clarity is an area we are improving upon. Our policy manuals are academic in nature, but foundation and business policies are not within our policy manual.	

Indicator: (Only for Governing Authorities with an Appointed/Elected Board): There are clear policies and procedures with regard to the selection, composition, and specific duties of the governing authority.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the clarity of the policies and procedures regarding the selection, composition, and specific duties of the governing authority.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>effective</b> in having clear policies and procedures with regard to the selection, composition, and specific duties of the governing authority.	Board Charter
	Board Charter Addendum
There is clarity about the policies and procedures within the TCIS governing body. TCIS is, however, unique among international schools	Thai MOE

in that we are a non-profit institution and we have a Foundation Board. A foundation board is one in which members must make a financial contribution to the school to be on the board. This board operates under the charter and bylaws and follows policies from the Thai Ministry of Education (MOE).

From the Foundation Board, five members are elected to be part of the Executive Board and it is this group that is our Governance Body. These positions include the General Manager/Licensee, representative from FA, representative from PA, Thai Directors, three additional members appointed from the Foundation Board (one person may hold more than one job). Before a Foundation Board Member can become an Executive Member they must serve one term (3 years) as a donor, and one term (3 years) as a board member. If a member seeks the position of Board Chairman, that member must serve two terms (6 years) as Board Vice Chairman.

#### **Pretraining of Potential Board Members**

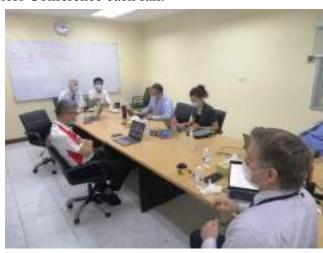
**Indicator**: Individuals who seek board membership or are being considered as appointees by the board will have some form of training in the principles and skills essential to the effectiveness of the school board.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the training that is offered to prospective or new school board members.

## Findings Supporting Evidence

TCIS is **effective** in providing individuals who seek board membership or are being considered as appointees by the board with some form of training in the principles and skills essential to the effectiveness of the school board.

There is an effective training process in place for new school Board members. Every 3 years, when new board members are elected, they will participate in board training. Also, as part of the process to become an Executive Board member, members will have served on the Board, participating in meetings for a minimum of 9 years. Once elected, Board members will attend the board training sessions offered at the EARCOS Administrators Conference each fall.



Chairman working with the Admin Team



Foundation Board Chair and HOS
attend EARCOS together.

#### **Relationship to Professional Staff**

**Indicator**: There is a clear understanding about the relationship between the governing authority and the responsibilities of the professional staff. The governing authority limits its actions to policy making and strategic planning — authorizing the administration to implement its decisions.

**Prompt**: Determine whether there is a clear understanding about the relationship between the governing board and the responsibilities of the professional staff and how that understanding is developed and maintained.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>effective</b> in communicating a clear understanding about the relationship between the governing authority and the responsibilities of the professional staff. The governing authority limits its actions to policy making and strategic planning — authorizing the administration to implement its decisions.	School Board Report - Dec 4, 2018  School Board Report - Mar 22, 2019
There is a clear understanding about the relationship between the Board and the professional staff. The Executive Board and the senior administrators meet quarterly to review and discuss school matters. In addition, the Chair and the HOS meet at least weekly to discuss school issues.	School Board Report Oct 10, 2019

#### **Relationship of Policies**

**Indicator**: The governing authority's policies and financial/educational plans are directly connected to the school's vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes that focus on student achievement of global competencies and the governing authority is involved in their regular review and refinement.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the adequacy of the policies and financial/educational plans to support the school's vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes through its programs and operations and the degree to which the governing authority is involved in their regular review and refinement.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>effective</b> in the manner in which the governing authority's policies and financial/educational plans are directly connected to the school's	Staff Orientation 2019
vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes that focus on student achievement of global competencies and the governing authority is involved in their regular review and refinement.	Budget Process
	Budget Worksheets
There is support and communication from the Board in support of the school programs and operations.	
The school administrators meet with the Board quarterly to share updates on school programs and operations. The Board approves allocated amounts based on tuition revenues, school goals, and action plans.	

Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Evaluate the policies related to online instruction for effectiveness in clarifying the vision for the school's use of various types of online curriculum, instruction and support methodologies; this includes, upgrading or updating technology, acceptable use policies, CIPA policies, and policies to ensure internet safety.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>effective</b> in evaluation of policies related to online instruction for effectiveness in clarifying the vision for the school's use of various types	HS e-Learning Plan
of online curriculum, instruction and support methodologies.	e-Learning Lesson Plan template
TCIS's effectiveness was evident during the recent COVID-19 related lockdowns when we had to pivot between traditional classroom learning,	e-Learning Summary of Learning
online learning, and a hybrid model that allowed us to simultaneously teacher students on campus together with students who remained at home. Each division communicated age-appropriate online learning	e-Learning pictures
plans, provided ongoing professional learning opportunities for teachers, and enhanced communications with all stake-holders.	MS e-learning plan

#### **Involvement of Governing Authority**

**Indicator**: The governing authority is involved in the regular review and refinement of the school's vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes. The governing authority uses a variety of strategies to remain current in research-based knowledge about effective schools.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the processes for the involvement of the governing board in the regular review and refinement of the school's vision, mission and schoolwide learner outcomes and remaining current in research-based knowledge about effective school.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>effective</b> in this area in that the governing authority is involved in the regular review and refinement of the school's vision, mission, and schoolwide learner outcomes. The governing authority uses a variety of	SLOs in Action Report Dec 4 2019
strategies to remain current in research-based knowledge about effective schools.	School Board Report - Dec 4, 2018
Senior administrators meet with the Executive Board throughout the year to present an academic report. At this time, academics, SLOs, student data, and more are discussed in a collaborative effort to do what is best for the students, staff, and families.	School Board Report - Mar 22, 2019
	School Board Report - Oct 10, 2019

#### Professional Development of Governing Authority/Ownership

**Indicator**: Governing authority/ownership will participate in professional development that will enhance their knowledge and skills essential to effective international school governance. The governing authority/ownership uses a variety of strategies to remain current in research-based knowledge about effective school.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the training that is offered to the governing authority/ownership.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
There is an <b>effective</b> training process in place for new school Board	
members. Every 3 years, when new board members are elected, they will	
participate in board training. Also, as part of the process to become an	
Executive Board member, members will have served on the Board,	
participating in meetings for a minimum of 9 years. Once elected, Board	

members will attend the board training sessions offered at the EARCOS	
Administrators Conference each fall.	

#### **School Community Understanding**

Indicator: The school community understands the governing authority's role.

**Prompt**: To what degree does the school community understand the governing authority's role?

Findings	Supporting Evidence
The school community has a <b>somewhat effective</b> understanding of the governing	Staff Orientation 2019
authority's role. Teachers understand that the Board supports the school's mission and that the Board members are present at school events and active in our community.	TCIS website- Board Page
The FA President is on the Executive Board and attends meetings annually. The PA	Faculty Handbook
president is on the Executive Board and reports back to the parent community, as well as bringing forward any concerns.	Board member
Students are also aware that we have an active Board, as the members are visible at many community events. Many Board members also have children and relatives who attend or who have attended TCIS.	presence at special events/assemblies.
Board members are present at many school events (L) and Board Members, MOE Staff, School Administrators work together to support students.	

#### **Stakeholder Involvement**

**Indicator**: The governing authority/ownership consistently seeks and considers the stakeholders views and gains in-depth knowledge about the school.

**Prompt**: Comment on the degree of stakeholder involvement in major decisions about the school.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TICS is <b>effective</b> in providing stakeholders a voice in major decisions about the school.	FA Notes and Agendas
about the school.	PA Notes and Agendas
An area of concern for our parents is the school facilities, including the canteen. We are in the process or renovating all areas of the school to be	Board Report to include facilities
both safer and more modern. So far, this has included: furniture	<u>upgrades</u>
upgrades, new soccer pitch and basketball courts, new roof, new paint,	

upgraded restrooms, improved parking structure, additional parking lighting, upgrades to the swimming pool and gyms, and more. These renovations, where applicable, have followed our marketing and branding guidelines. As part of our rebranding initiative we established school colors, created a new logo, adopted new uniforms, PE uniforms and more.

Through meetings with the FA, there were improvements in the salary scale and housing allowance in 2018. The FA president meets with the Board annually.

The opinions of students are listened to and considered. Apart from the conversations, both formal and informal, between students and staff, there are also the mechanisms of the ES/MS/HS student councils and class leaders to ensure that student opinion is heard.

The impact of student opinions on the decision-making process is an area where there is, perhaps, room for improvement. One area of input has been with the HS students as a driver for change in our canteen. They have advocated for healthy food, a good value, and environmentally friendly practices.





Parents attend Principal Coffees to share ideas and concerns and hear from the school administrators. Above parents learn about literacy development and standards across the grades.

#### **Board Evaluation/Monitoring Procedures**

**Indicator**: There is clarity of the evaluation and monitoring procedures carried out by the governing board, including the review of student performance, overall school programs and operations, and the fiscal health of the school.

**Prompt**: Determine the degree to which there is clarity of the evaluation and monitoring procedures carried out by the governing board, including review of student performance, overall school programs and operations, and fiscal health of the school.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>effective</b> in providing clarity of the evaluation and monitoring procedures carried out by the governing board, including the review of student performance, overall school programs and operations, and the fiscal health of the school.	Academic and Administrative Board Report - March 29, 2020  Academic and Administrative Board Report - Aug 28, 2019
In addition to the academic reports shared with the Executive Board by the senior administrative team, the HOS also shares staffing updates, budget reports, facilities plans, and more. Although this is done on a quarterly basis, the HOS and the Foundation Chair meet at least weekly and talk daily about school business.	Doard Report - Aug 26, 2019
The Foundation Board Chair also attends the recruiting events overseas with the HOS to assist in making important hiring decisions.	

#### **Complaint and Conflict Resolution Procedures**

**Indicator**: The established governing board/school's complaint and conflict resolution procedures as they apply to the school's stakeholders are effective.

**Prompt**: Comment on the effectiveness of the established governing board/school's complaint and conflict resolution procedures as they apply to the school's stakeholders.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS has a <b>somewhat effective</b> complaint and conflict resolution procedure. This can be done per the outlined procedure in our faculty handbook. It may also be done through regular FA or PA meetings with administration.	Staff Handbook Page 33-36  Parent/Student Handbook Section 5.7

#### **Evaluation Procedures**

**Indicator**: The governing authority has clearly defined procedures for the evaluation of the school leadership, i.e., Head of School.

**Prompt**: Comment on the clarity of the evaluation procedures carried out by the governing authority to evaluate the school leadership.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS's governing authority has <b>effective</b> and clearly defined procedures for the evaluation of the school leadership.	Internal document: Request
There is a high degree of clarity for the evaluation process of the HOS. The HOS meets with the Board Chair annually to review goals and progress. If there is concern, HOS may meet with the full executive board.	evidence from Head of School
The HOS meets twice annually for principal evaluations.	

#### **Evaluation of Governing Authority**

**Indicator**: The governing authority evaluates its processes and procedures.

**Prompt**: Review the effectiveness of the evaluation process.

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
TCIS' governing authority has <b>effective</b> means to evaluate its processes and procedures.	Internal document: Request evidence from Head of School
This process appears to be effective as Dr. John has been in the HOS role for three years and was promoted from the position of HS principal. We have also seen improved retention among senior administrators.	

## A3. School Leadership Criterion

The school leadership (1) makes decisions to facilitate actions that focus the energies of the school on student achievement of the schoolwide learner outcomes, i.e., global competencies, (2) empowers the staff, and (3) encourages commitment, participation, and shared accountability for student learning in a global environment.

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### Defined Responsibilities, Practices, etc.

**Indicator**: The school has administrator and faculty written policies, charts, and handbooks that define responsibilities, operational practices, decision-making processes, and relationships of leadership and staff.

**Prompt**: Evaluate these administrator and faculty written policies, charts, and handbooks. Determine the clarity and understanding of these by administration and faculty.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS has <b>effective</b> administrator and faculty written policies, charts, and handbooks that provide clarity and understanding of responsibilities,	Parent and student handbook
operational practices, decision-making processes, and relationships of leadership and staff.	Faculty handbook
TCIS has a Faculty Handbook and Parent/Student Handbook. Each year the Faculty Association has an opportunity to review these, gather	FA meeting minutes and agendas
feedback from the staff and share with the school administrators. TCIS also has an active Parent Association (PA). The school administrators	PA meeting minutes and agendas
meet with the PA regularly throughout the year, and formally each quarter to hear their feedback on school issues. Revisions to the handbook are considered as needed with respect to the feedback received.	Admin Spring Weekend Workshop 2019
The administrators update these documents each spring during a weekend-long, off-site work session.	

## **Existing Structures**

Indicator: The school has existing structures for internal communication, planning, and conflict resolution.

**Prompt**: How effective are the existing structures for internal communication, planning, and conflict resolution?

Findings	Supporting Evidence
The school has <b>effective</b> internal structures for communication. While they are generally effective, there is always room for improvement.	ES Staff Newsletter
Teams of teachers have time set aside specifically for group course and lesson planning. Teachers produce and share curriculum maps and	MS Staff Newsletter  HS Staff Weekly/Daily Memo
course syllabi.  The school has a Curriculum Coordinator (CC), who organizes and oversees academic planning. Turnover for the position is high and this role would be more effective if the CC remained in the post for more	School email system
than one year at a time. The incumbent keeps separate copies of curriculum documents so that they will not be accidentally deleted, lost, or altered in a way that the author(s) did not intend.	Weekly whole-school assembly Division ( <u>ES</u> , <u>MS</u> , <u>HS</u> )
The Faculty Handbook outlines a procedure for staff grievances.	assemblies
	Regular meetings every Monday (departments, divisions, all staff):  ES Divisional Meeting Agenda
	MS Divisional Meeting Agenda
	HS Divisional Meeting Agenda

Thai Meeting Agenda
Chinese Meeting Agenda
Faculty Handbook

#### **Involvement of Staff**

**Indicator**: The school leadership has processes and procedures for involving staff in shared responsibility, collaborative structures and actions, and accountability to focus ongoing improvement on student learning and teaching in a global environment.

**Prompt**: How effective are the processes and procedures for involving staff in shared responsibility, actions, and accountability to support student learning in a global environment?

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS has <b>effective</b> processes and procedures for involving staff in shared responsibility, actions, and accountability to support student learning in a	Monday Meetings
global environment.	MS At Risk Document
The process in place is effective for supporting student learning. The curriculum coordinator shares MAP data twice yearly with teachers so that the teachers can analyze and interpret their students' needs.	HS At Risk Document
Students take the PSAT, which is linked to their Khan Academy accounts. Teachers have access to this and it can therefore inform their planning. Administrators share results of student and parent surveys with teachers.	ES Data Report  Weekly Team Meetings
In MS/HS, counselors have set up a student at-risk document for teachers to use to communicate student situations, any strategies used, and their effectiveness.	
In ES, teachers record and report assessment results three times per year and meet weekly to discuss student concerns and issues.	

#### **Evaluation of Existing Processes**

**Indicator**: The school leadership regularly reviews the existing processes to determine the degree to which actions of the leadership and staff focus on successful student learning and teaching global citizenship.

**Prompt**: To what extent does the school leadership regularly review the existing processes to determine the degree to which actions of the leadership and staff focus on successful student learning? Evaluate the effectiveness of the school leadership and staff to work collectively as a learning community in order to promote the desired global competencies?

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
processes to determine the degree to which actions of the leadership and staff focus on successful student learning.	Senior Administration Meeting Notes (please see WASC chair for hard copies of the running
The senior administrative team meets each Monday at 9:30 to discuss school issues, and to share information and concerns gathered at the weekly FA, parent, and student meetings. This process is ongoing as	agenda with notes)

information flows back and forth between the different groups to address	
student learning and school improvement.	

#### **Child Protection**

Indicator: The school has clearly defined leadership responsibilities for child safety and duty of care.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the clarity and effectiveness of the defined leadership responsibilities for child safety and duty of care.

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
TCIS is <b>effective</b> in providing clearly defined leadership responsibilities for child safety and duty of care.	Child Protection Policy - pp. 23 - 59
TCIS has a Child Protection Policy, which was shared in August 2019 with all staff members. There is also a duty schedule published annually so students are supervised during the unstructured times of the day	Duty Schedule
(before and after school, morning break, lunch break.)	Hiring Checklist

#### Interconnectedness of the School to the World

**Indicator**: The school leadership involves staff in assessing the school's interconnectedness to the world to promote a globally minded culture.

**Prompt**: Evaluate these processes and the results in relation to the school's interconnectedness to the world to promote a globally minded culture.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
At TCIS, we are <b>effective</b> in promoting a globally-minded culture. Our students learn to be both multilingual and multicultural. They also participate in service learning projects across the divisions.	Thai Classes Photo Thai culture events
Throughout the year, we hold a variety of events to learn about and honor different cultures. Beyond Thai, Chinese and English, we also include Japan Day and Korea Day. Within these classes, students learn	Chinese Class Photos/Documents
about and practice different aspects of culture and history.	Japan Day/ ClassPhotos/ <u>Documents</u>
Through student council, students take on a variety of service projects to support the school and outside organizations (Smile Club, One Club, etc.). In HS, students can also take a global issues class. This year they	Korean Day/Class Photos
created a film festival about global issues to promote awareness among our high school students.	Earth 2.0 Film Festival- A documentary film festival highlighting some of the most
	pressing global challenges.
	Global Issues Class Explores Indigenous Karen tribal life
	One Club field trip exploring the eco-tourism in Thailand

One Club members attend the
Service conference.

#### A4. Staff Criterion

The school leadership and staff are qualified for their assigned responsibilities, are committed to the school's purpose and engage in ongoing professional development that promotes student learning in a global society.

## **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Employment Policies/Practices**

Indicator: The school has clear employment policies/practices related to qualification requirements of staff.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the clarity of the employment policies and practices related to qualification/statutory requirements of current and potential staff for all programs, including all types of online instruction and specialized programs such as college/career preparation.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS has <b>effective</b> employment policies/practices related to qualification requirements of staff.	Thai MOE
At TCIS, we follow procedures and policies set forth by the Thai MOE. To ensure these are followed, we have a Thai Director, a Thai Government Liaison, and Thai nationals in the Human Resources Department.	Board Report after recruiting trip 2019
We use Search Associates for Western hires and local universities in Thailand and Taiwan for Thai and Chinese teacher hires respectively. Western teachers must submit criminal background checks and medical certificates in addition to the academic requirements of Search Associates.	
The Foundation Board Chair and the HOS attend the Search Associates Job Fairs in the US and jointly interview candidates. Final hiring decisions are at the discretion of the HOS. His recommendations are submitted to the Executive Board for final approval. All teachers must obtain a Thai work permit and Thai teaching license.	
All TCIS teachers have reviewed, signed, and follow our Child Protection Policy. However, safeguarding and child protection training to staff is an area that requires further improvement.	

#### **Qualifications of Staff**

**Indicator**: The school reviews all information regarding staff background, training, and preparation, including international expertise.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the procedures to ensure all staff members in all programs, including online instruction, based on staff background, training, and preparation are qualified for their responsibilities within any type of instruction to ensure quality student learning.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

TCIS has <b>effective</b> methods to review all information regarding staff background, training, and preparation, including international expertise.	Interview with HOS and HR
At TCIS, we recruit through Search Associates and reputable Thai and Taiwanese universities for our teacher hires. We follow the procedures set forth by the Thai MOE. HR monitors and checks all paperwork and credentials annually for accuracy.	

#### **Child Protection**

**Indicator**: The school has recruitment policies and executes rigorous recruitment procedures that ensure all employees and volunteers are of sound moral character and are suitable people to work with children and young adults. These procedures may include criminal records/background checks, training, and/or other such means as may be suitable.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the recruitment policies and procedures to ensure all employees and volunteers are of sound moral character and are suitable people to work with children and young adults.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS policies and procedures are <b>effective</b> and stringent.	Discussions with HOS
TCIS recruits teachers through Search Associates and reputable Thai and Taiwanese universities, and follows the procedures set forth by the Thai MOE. HR monitors and checks all paperwork and credentials annually for accuracy. Thanks to these procedures, there are very few staffing concerns and turnover is due to personal reasons on the part of teachers rather than concerns over efficacy or performance.	Jobs on Website/Search Associates Link

**Indicator:** The school has developed and adopted a code of conduct and written guidelines for appropriate behavior of adults towards children and children towards other children. All faculty, staff, volunteers and contractors agree to abide by this code of conduct.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the code of conduct and written guidelines for appropriate behavior of adults toward children and children towards other children.

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
TCIS has <b>effectively</b> developed and adopted a code of conduct and written guidelines for appropriate behavior of adults towards children and children towards other children. There are procedures and expectations of conduct for teachers and students outlined in the Faculty Handbook and the Parent-Student Handbook	Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy  Faculty Handbook
There is a newly created Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy. It is difficult to gauge its effectiveness given how new it is.	Parent-Student Handbook

**Indicator**: The school provides training for all faculty and staff in the implementation of child protection policies.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the training for all faculty and staff in the implementation of the child protection policies.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS <b>effectively</b> provides training for all faculty and staff in the implementation of child protection policies.	Training Photos

An all-staff session clearly outlining the new child protection policies was held at the beginning of the year. Many teachers and HS students received first aid and CPR training. While this is a good start more education and training is still needed.

#### **Maximum Use of Staff Expertise**

**Indicator**: The school has a process to assign staff members and provide appropriate orientation for all assignments, including online instruction and specialized programs so that the expertise of the staff members is maximized in relation to impact on quality student learning.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the process to assign staff members and provide an appropriate orientation process to ensure all staff are qualified and prepared or their responsibilities including any type of online instruction.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS has a <b>highly effective</b> New Teacher Orientation process.	New Teacher Orientation Agenda
Once the teachers have been hired, they attend a New Teacher Orientation two weeks before school begins. The process includes finding a place to live, learning how to navigate Bangkok, team building, school business paperwork, orientation time, and cultural events and activities.	Staff Roster with Assignments  Qualified Staff List
With regard to on-going teacher preparation and assignments, principals may reassign teachers each year should there be a need or change in enrollment. Or, teachers may request a change of assignment. All changes are subject to review of the teachers credentials to ensure they are qualified for the job.	Professional Development Agenda-Readers' Workshop
The principals and curriculum coordinator work together to provide high-quality professional development for ongoing teacher support. At times, teachers may also request to attend a PD of their own choice and interest and, budget permitting, these are approved.	

#### **Defining and Understanding Practices/Relationships**

**Indicator**: The school has clear administrator and faculty written policies, charts, and handbooks that define responsibilities, operational practices, decision-making processes, and relationships of leadership and staff.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the administrator and faculty written policies, charts, pacing guides and handbooks that define responsibilities, operational practices, decision-making processes, and relationships of leadership and staff. Determine the degree of clarity and understanding of these by administration and faculty.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS has <b>effective</b> administrator and faculty written policies, charts, pacing guides and handbooks that define responsibilities, operational	Faculty Handbook
practices, decision-making processes, and relationships of leadership and staff	Weekly Memo
Faculty understanding is clear with respect to responsibilities, written policies, and relationship of leadership and staff. Decision-making processes are perhaps less clear. This hunch is based on the information in the Faculty Handbook, the roles and responsibilities detailed in	Teachers' Contracts (see HR for paper copies)

teachers' contracts, and the information given to teachers from
administrators and others via the Weekly Memo, meetings, e-mails etc.

#### Staff Actions/Accountability to Support Learning

**Indicator**: The school evaluates the effectiveness of the processes and procedures for involving staff in shared responsibility, actions, and accountability to support student learning throughout all programs. This includes an evaluation of the collegial strategies used to implement innovations and encourage improvement, such as shadowing, coaching, observation, mentoring, group presentations.

**Prompt**: How effective are the processes and procedures for involving staff in shared responsibility, actions, and accountability to support student learning throughout all programs? Provide representative examples and data regarding impact on student learning?

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS has <b>effective</b> processes for involving all staff to be effective at supporting student learning throughout all programs.	MAP Data Slides
MAP data is shared each year and results are reviewed and discussed by faculty. In ES, data tracking for all students is updated, monitored and shared for fall, winter, and spring semesters. Student Support	ES Data
Teams convene as needed. The HS counseling team creates and shares progress monitoring sheets that teachers can contribute to. There is a peer-mentoring program between HS and ES students.	SST form
	HS Progress Monitoring Report
	MS Progress Monitoring Report
	Peer Mentoring Form

Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Evaluate the processes and procedures for involving online staff members in professional development activities that enhance the use of technology in the delivery of instruction and support student learning.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
N/A	

#### **Support of Professional Development**

**Indicator**: The school effectively supports professional development/learning with time, personnel, material, and fiscal resources to facilitate all students achieving the academic standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes. Teachers are involved in experiences such as visits, exchanges, and professional development to strengthen their understanding of global competencies.

**Prompt**: How effective is the support of professional development/learning with time, personnel, material, and fiscal resources to facilitate all students achieving the academic standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes? Provide evidence and examples.

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
TCIS has a <b>effective</b> tiered approach to professional development. This approach supports a systematic implementation of programs as well as providing for the trial of pilot programs by individuals and groups. This allows TCIS to implement research-based programs, such as Readers' Workshop. Students benefit from this grade-to-grade consistency. At the	PD Tracking Document Professional Development Application

same time, TCIS continues to learn and grow in order to be able to equip students with the skills they need to be 21st Century learners.

Tier one of the PD system is that teachers can apply for individual professional development opportunities. For example, in 2018 three teachers attended a STEM conference. As they shared their learning about STEM, TCIS began offering STEM courses in summer school which led to a fully aligned ES/MS/HS implementation of STEM (refer to link PD Tracking Document for multi-year examples).

Tier two is teacher-led PD. Where there is in-house expertise on topics that will be of interest to teachers and align to the school's action plan, then time is allotted for teachers to share their expertise with their colleagues.

Tier three is for broader implementation of strategies where the school may not have in-house resources to lead the initiative. An example of this was in August 2019, with ES teachers attending a Readers' Workshop PD focused on supporting EAL students and collecting formative assessment data. In MS/HS, teachers attended sessions on implementing Socratic Seminars to support integrating Complex Thinking and Effective Communication throughout the content areas.

From their observations and conversations with teachers, the school administrators report seeing a high level of engagement among students when these practices are in place.

Onsite PD Day

Readers' Workshop PD

**Indicator**: The school supports professional learning of the staff that develops their use of important skills that are inherent in developing the global competencies of the students; these include collaboration, communication, creativity, and problem solving.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the professional learning in relation to global competency skills being applied in individual classes and the learning results.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS provides <b>effective</b> professional learning opportunities for teachers to then apply in classrooms and support our global competencies and our	PBL repository
students.	Photos of Socratic Seminars
For example, Socratic seminar training was provided for MS and HS teachers and is being applied in multiple classrooms as well as in advisory time to improve students' communication, collaboration, and	Summer PD Feedback
complex thinking skills.	PBL Flier
Throughout TCIS, teachers were trained in Project-Based Learning and this is now being used to help students improve their collaboration, communication and problem-solving skills.	Math Talk PD Slides

	Google Summit Flier
In ES, teachers have been trained in Readers' Workshop, Writers' Workshop and Math Talks. These practices are integrated into the evaluation cycle and are evident in the teaching on a daily basis.	
Each year, TCIS hosts a Google Summitt which has led to most of our teachers being level 1 or 2 certified. This has led to improved unit plans through Google Docs, communication through Google Docs, instruction and communication through Google Sites and Google Classroom. Students are also able to continue learning on emergency release days due to the common use of Google Classroom.	
In addition, teachers may choose to attend workshops of their own interest. This helped TCIS expand the school's STEM program and has also helped teachers to stay motivated and interested in their own	

#### **Supervision and Evaluation**

learning and growth.

**Indicator**: The school implements effective supervision and evaluation procedures in order to promote professional growth of staff in 21st century skills and thinking. Teachers regularly reflect on their approaches to develop global competencies in students.

**Prompt**: How effective are the school's supervision and evaluation procedures?

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS implements <b>effective</b> supervision and evaluation procedures in order to promote professional growth of staff in 21st century skills and thinking. Teachers regularly reflect on their approaches to develop global competencies in students.	Goals Form Sample  Observation Form Sample
The evaluation procedure at TCIS is effective. In a meeting with their supervising principal at the start of the year, teachers set goals that correlate with PD that staff received at the beginning of the year. These goals are reviewed at the end of the year. New teachers have formal evaluations twice per year, veteran teachers are reviewed one time per year. Principals also may, and do, walk into classes at any time to observe.	Faculty Handbook Page 39
TCIS will improve upon our current evaluation model and move towards a rubric-based evaluation system based on the Charlotte Denilson framework. It will provide clearer expectations to teachers and staff. It will include pre and post classroom visit conversations with teachers and will focus on continual professional support and development.	

Additional Online Instruction Prompt: How effective are the school's supervision and evaluation procedures in order to promote professional growth of online instructional staff, including their technological competencies and use of technology within the curriculum, and their fulfilling requirements for quality student-teacher interaction?

Findings	Supporting Evidence
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TCIS has somewhat effective supervision and evaluation procedures in order to promote professional growth of online instructional staff.

We modified the supervision and evaluation of instruction through the implementation of a common lesson plan format required by all teachers, class by class monitoring by principals, and clear expectations for active student engagement with all students in all classes.

These steps increased teacher readiness for e-Learning and led to a process of continuous improvement. We planned, implemented, studied, and made adjustments to how we delivered instruction to best meet the

#### **Measurable Effect of Professional Development**

needs of all students.

**Indicator**: There are effective operating processes that determine the measurable effect of professional development, coaching, and mentoring on student performance.

**Prompt**: Comment on the effectiveness of the processes in determining the measurable effect of professional development, coaching, and mentoring on student performance. Provide evidence about whether the professional development/learning has had a positive impact on student learning, e.g., developing the students' global competencies.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS has <b>somewhat effective</b> operating processes that determine the measurable effect of professional development; coaching and mentoring teachers on student performance is minimally effective. Although we provide professional learning opportunities to staff, the effects of the professional development provided are not analysed in a measurable manner.	Teacher evaluations  Principal walkthroughs
Over the past two years, TCIS has made a strategic shift from supporting individual teacher PD requests, to supporting a more whole-school approach to PD. For example, in August 2019 teachers in ES attended Readers' Workshop PD while MS/HS teachers attended Socratic Seminar PD.	
Qualitatively, through evaluations and principal walk-throughs there have been noticeable improvements in student engagement. There have also been improvements in teacher efficacy with regard to these Signature Practices. There has also been a more concerted effort at explicitly teaching the SLOs in the same manner that standards are taught. Students are now heard talking about the SLOs when they are asked "what are you learning today?"	
Quantitatively, more time is needed to be able to judge whether these changes lead to an improvement in more summative measures like MAP scores. Also, while some level of individual teacher PD is still supported, the focus is on creating school wide Signature Practices that are researched-based and fully implemented over time.	

#### **A5.** School Improvement Process Criterion

The school leadership facilitates school improvement which (a) is driven by plans of action that will enhance quality learning for all students, (b) has school community support and involvement, (c) effectively guides the work of the school, and (d) provides for accountability through monitoring of the schoolwide action plan.

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Broad-Based and Collaborative**

**Indicator**: The school's planning process is broad-based, collaborative, and has the commitment of stakeholders, including staff, students, and parents.

**Prompt**: Comment on the effectiveness of the school planning process to ensure that it is broad-based, collaborative and fosters the commitment of stakeholders, including the staff, students, and parents.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
There is <b>effective</b> and ongoing collaborative school planning. This process includes weekly staff (division, department, whole-staff) Monday meetings, weekly senior administrative meetings, weekly leadership team meetings, time for teacher common planning, weekly FA meetings, quarterly PA meetings, quarterly Board meetings, weekly	Senior Admin Meeting Notes and Agendas (available in paper
student council meetings, monthly principal/parent coffees, and annual perception surveys of staff, students, and parents.	Leadership Team Meeting Notes and Agendas
	Student Council Notes
	PA Meeting Notes
	Board Reports
	FA Meeting Notes

#### **School Plan Correlated to Student Learning**

**Indicator**: The school's action plan is directly correlated to the analysis of student achievement data about the critical learner needs, schoolwide learner outcomes, and academic standards.

**Prompt**: How does the school ensure that the analyses of student achievement of the critical learner needs, schoolwide learner outcomes, and academic standards are incorporated into the plan and impacts the development, implementation and monitoring of the plan?

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS's action plan is <b>effective</b> in its direct correlation to the analysis of student achievement data about the critical learner needs, schoolwide learner outcomes, and academic standards.	Curriculum Website  Curriculum Maps

TCIS ensures the efficacy of lessons and the integration of academic standards and SLOs through the creation and on-going refinement of the unit plans, principal walkthroughs and evaluations and regular review of student formative and assessment data.

Sample Formative Assessment Data from RW

#### **Systems Alignment**

**Indicator**: Within the school there is evidence of systems alignment in areas such as professional goals, teacher evaluation, and strategic planning for the purpose of ongoing school improvement.

**Prompt**: What evidence supports the systems alignment in areas such as professional goals, teacher evaluation, and strategic planning for the purpose of ongoing school improvement?

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>somewhat effective</b> at assuring there are systems alignment in areas such as professional goals, teacher evaluation, and strategic planning for the purpose of ongoing school improvement.	Teacher Goal Setting Forms (see principals for hard copies)
When principals meet with teachers for the Fall goal setting meetings, teachers are asked to include goals which align to the professional development for that year.	Professional Development Agenda
When principals observe teachers, they see these practices being taught. For example, in ES, in the fall of 2019, there was a PD on Readers' Workshop with a focus on supporting English Language Learners. When the principal conducted the evaluations, teachers typically did a RW lesson. In some instances, another signature practice might have been taught depending on the subject. The same is true for Socratic Seminars and Project-Based Language in MS/HS.	Teacher Lesson Plans and Evaluation Feedback Form

#### Correlation between All Resources, Schoolwide Learner Outcomes, and Plan

**Indicator**: There is a correlation between allocation of time/fiscal/personnel/material resources and the implementation, monitoring, and accomplishing of the schoolwide action plan.

**Prompt**: Examine and evaluate the degree to which the allocation of time/fiscal/ personnel/material resources support the implementation, monitoring, and accomplishment of the schoolwide action plan.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>effective</b> with its allocation of time/fiscal/ personnel/material resources to support the implementation, monitoring, and accomplishment	ES Weekly Staff Memo
of the schoolwide action plan.	MS Weekly Staff Memo
TCIS is a very focused organization. The school's mission is clear and its resources, time, and effort, go toward meeting the goal of trilingual fluency and the SLOs. Basic nuts-and-bolts items are covered effectively	HS Weekly Staff Memo
through weekly memos from the principals to the staff members, this leaves meeting time free to discuss curriculum, data, specific student needs etc.	Sr. Admin meeting minutes and agendas available in hard copy.
A means of improvement for us in this area is to implement a regular review process of the school's action plan during the year.	

#### **A6.** Resources Criterion

The resources available to the school are sufficient to sustain the school program and are effectively used to carry out the school's purpose and student achievement of the schoolwide learner outcomes, i.e., global competencies.

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Allocation Decisions**

**Indicator**: There is a relationship between the decisions about resource allocations, the school's vision, mission, and student achievement of the schoolwide learner outcomes and the academic standards. The school leadership and staff are involved in the resource allocation decisions.

**Prompt**: To what extent are resources allocated to meet the school's vision, mission, and student achievement of the critical student learning needs, the schoolwide learner outcomes and the academic standards? Additionally, comment on the extent to which leadership and staff are involved in the resource allocation decisions. What impact has the process for the allocation of resources made on student learning?

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS has an <b>effective</b> relationship between the decisions about resource allocations, the school's vision, mission, and student achievement of the schoolwide learner outcomes and the academic standards.	Sample of budget worksheets  For Additional Budget Information please see the HOS
TCIS is a non-profit school. Tuition is reinvested back into the school in materials and programs for students, teacher salaries and benefits, facilities upgrades, safety measures, and more. As teachers are closest to the students, they have significant input into how funds are spent each year to best support student learning needs.	-
To support a safe and healthy school environment for students, administrators hear feedback through the PA and FA to develop a budget focused on student needs and safety. The budget is presented to the board for final review and approval.	

#### **Practices**

**Indicator**: The school develops an annual budget, has an annual audit, and at all times conducts quality business and accounting practices, including protections against mishandling of institutional funds.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the school's processes for developing an annual budget, conducting an annual audit, and at all times conducting quality business and accounting practices, including protections against mishandling of institutional funds.

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
TCIS <b>effectively</b> develops an annual budget, has an annual audit, and at all times conducts quality business and accounting practices, including protections against mishandling of institutional funds.	Budget Documents Notes from Auditors Presentations to the Board
TCIS is a non-profit school. Tuition is reinvested back into the school in materials and programs for students, teacher salaries and benefits, facilities upgrades, safety measures, and more. As teachers are closest to the students, they have input into how funds are spent each year to support student learning needs.	(all available in paper copies upon request)

In addition, TCIS uses an outside agency for an annual audit and review.
This information is shared with the Executive Board.

#### **Facilities**

**Indicator**: The school's facilities are adequate, safe, functional, and well-maintained and support the school's mission, desired learner goals, and educational program.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the adequacy of the facilities in relation to the health and safety needs of students and supporting the school's mission, desired learner goals, and educational program.

Facilities Photos
Canteen Meeting Dates/Flier
Sample Menu
Emergency Protocols Manual
Nurse's Report on Student Visits
Schedule for cleaning air filters
Schedule for changing water filters.
(See business manager for hard
copies of the above documents)

#### **Child Protection**

**Indicator**: Due regard is given to building and facility design, layout and use to ensure best practice in child safety and protection.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the building and facility design, layout and use with respect to child safety and protection.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>somewhat effective</b> in giving due regard to building and facility design, layout and use to ensure best practice in child safety and protection.	Parent Orientation 2019
We are continuing to progress in this area, and in the 2019-20 school year, TCIS added additional features to further increase campus security	ES Parent Newsletters
for students:	MS Parent Newsletter
<ol> <li>Badges for parents when they are on campus</li> <li>Security guards escort visitors to the registrars' office to be picked up by their host</li> </ol>	Board Report to include facilities upgrades
<ul><li>3. Air purifiers for all ECE classes</li><li>4. Water filter checks on a more frequent basis</li><li>5. Checking the pool on a more frequent basis</li></ul>	
<ul><li>6. Daily monitoring and communication about AQI levels</li><li>7. Closed campus hours from 8:30-2:30</li></ul>	
<ul><li>8. Improved parking layout with additional parking lot</li><li>9. Badge system for employee identification</li></ul>	
These changes have led to a safer and more secure campus for our students.	

#### **Instructional Materials and Equipment**

**Indicator**: The policies and procedures for acquiring and maintaining adequate instructional materials and equipment, such as textbooks, other printed materials, audio-visual, support technology, manipulatives, and laboratory materials are effective.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the policies procedures for acquiring and maintaining adequate instructional materials and equipment, such as technology tools and software, the support systems for technology, software, textbooks, other printed materials, manipulatives, and laboratory materials for instruction.

Evaluate the effectiveness of the policies and procedures for acquiring and maintaining adequate technology and software for instruction.

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
Overall, TCIS is <b>somewhat effective</b> in implementing its policies and procedures for acquiring and maintaining adequate instructional materials and equipment, such as textbooks, other printed materials, audio-visual, support technology, manipulatives, and laboratory materials are effective.	
We are <b>effective</b> in the areas of acquiring and maintaining adequate instructional materials and equipment, such as textbooks, other printed	

materials, audio-visual. However, we are **somewhat effective** in the areas of technology and software.

TCIS makes use of a range of software programs to support learning and instruction. Software may be acquired through the IT budget, department budget, and divisional budgets, based on needs identified by teachers. This model supports instruction and learning as teachers are closest to the students and can quickly respond to their needs. It can become somewhat messy when items are allocated to different budgets. It can also be problematic when teachers need IT support, as the IT department may not have initiated or been trained in the use of the software.

For hardware purchases, students in grades 7-12 are required to purchase either a chromebook or a Macbook. The school can help troubleshoot issues with these when needed. The school also purchases macbooks, PCs or chromebooks for staff as well as projectors and other technology support for the classroom. TCIS also provides Chromebooks to all students in grades 5 and 6.

Opportunities for improvement would include a more streamlined approach to purchasing software and a replenishment program to replace hardware when it is broken or out-of-date. Work on making improvements in these areas is ongoing.

#### **Well-Qualified Staff**

**Indicator**: Resources are available to enable the hiring, nurturing, and ongoing professional development of a well-qualified staff for all programs such as online instruction and college/career.

**Prompt**: Determine if the resources available enable the hiring, nurturing, and ongoing professional development of a well-qualified staff for all programs, including online instruction and college/career.

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
TCIS is <b>effective</b> in making resources available to enable the hiring, nurturing, and ongoing professional development of a well-qualified staff for all programs such as online instruction and college/career.	Interview with Dr. John  Art Program
The resources available allow TCIS to have a well-qualified staff for all programs. In addition to the school's language programs, there is a robust art and music program. While the school is interested in offering more online programs, there is some resistance to this from parents. Online programs for two students were offered. One student wanted to take an advanced literature course while another wanted to take an advanced math program. While 1:1 support cannot be offered, these students' parents approved the online courses as recommended by our school guidance counselor.	On-Line Programs  SSTH073:  Advanced Placement®Comparative Government and Politics  ENGH071: Advanced Placement®English Literature and Composition 1  ENGH072: Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition 2

Calculus Applied! Engineering Calculus and Differential Equations
Interview with Dr. John
Art Program

## A7. Resource Planning Criterion

The governing authority and the school leadership execute responsible current and future resource planning.

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### Long-range Resource Plan

**Indicator**: The governing authority and the school has developed and implemented a long-range resource plan. The governing authority and the school have a process for regular examination of this plan to ensure the continual availability of appropriate resources that support the school's vision, mission, and student learning of schoolwide learner outcomes and academic standards.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the process for regular examination of the long-range resource plan to ensure the continual availability of appropriate resources that support the school's vision, mission, and student learning.

Provide evidence that the school has financial reserves and a strategy in case of natural disasters and/or economic fluctuation.

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
The governing authority is <b>effective</b> in its execution of current resource planning. However, it is not known if there is future long-range planning beyond the governing authorities compliance with private school law. Per private school law, the TCIS Executive Board reinvests 60% of the tuition surplus into the school while 40% of tuition surplus is in reserve	Board Charter  Interview with Secretary General
for emergencies and catastrophic events.	

#### Use of Research and Information

**Indicator**: The governing authority and the school use research and information to form the master resource plan.

**Prompt**: To what extent does the school leadership and staff use research and information to develop the long-range plan?

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
School leadership and staff are <b>effective</b> at using research and information to develop the long-range plan.	Interview new Business Manager
At TCIS, stakeholder feedback and analysis of academic data are used to develop a long-range plan that supports the school's mission, vision and SLOs.	
With the recent addition of a new business manager, long-range strategic resource planning is underway.	

#### **Involvement of Stakeholders**

Indicator: Stakeholders are involved in the future planning.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the involvement of stakeholders in the school's future planning.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>effective</b> at involving stakeholders in the school's future planning.  Planning takes into account student, parent, and faculty views through the use of the PA, Student Clubs, Faculty Association, and surveys.	Conversation with FA President: FA was consulted for input on planning the calendar, and changes to the faculty handbook, and timetables.
	FA was involved in seeking and obtaining an increase in housing allowance for teachers.
	Parents - PA - School has a PA which meets on a regular basis and has regular communication with the leadership team. The leadership team also has regular open house coffee times when they can meet and talk with parents. *interview PA members
	Students - The high school has a Student Council that meets with the high school leadership team on a regular basis to listen to what students think about the state of, and the future of, the school.
	The One Club (students) requested that the school start a recycling program and asked for the purchase of dedicated recycling bins. This program is being put into place.
	The Introduction to Coding course was introduced as a result of student input.

#### **Informing**

**Indicator**: The governing authority and school leaders are involved in informing the public and appropriate governmental authorities about the financial needs of the organization.

**Prompt**: Comment on the evidence that the governing authority and school leaders are involved in informing the public and appropriate governmental authorities about the financial needs of the organization.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
The TCIS school office reports annually to Thai governmental offices. In addition the school is audited annually by a third party. This auditing report is reviewed by all Foundation Members including the PA.	Thai Government Report

#### **Marketing Strategies**

**Indicator**: The school has marketing strategies to support the implementation of the developmental program.

**Prompt**: How effective are the marketing strategies to support the implementation of the developmental program?

# Marketing and Admissions are highly effective at using strategies to support the implementation of the developmental program. This is evidenced by the increase in our enrollment. Our marketing and admissions efforts are effective due to these strategies:

- FB markets our local area using zip codes
- Ad copy in local magazines
- Billboard on nearby and major highway
- Word of Mouth Bonus
- Open House Campaigns (monthly)
- Visitor Form
- Instagram Campaign

Increase in staff for this department (3 full-time staff, overseen by Dr. Michael, regular meetings with the Executive Board member, Mr. Frank).

For new students the admissions team sends follow-through emails, connects with counselors and principals, and hosts a monthly students' lunch for the new students (ES counselor does this) Most of the students who are new admissions are in ECE - by starting early they are with us for their entire school career.

The new offices are also more welcoming and convenient, and make a great first impression with our parents.

## **Supporting Evidence**

Weekly Marketing and Admissions Report

Open House Slides

Open House Flier and Dates



New Student Pinn with her two "buddies"



Our new Admissions Office Area

# ACS WASC Category A. Organization for Student Learning: Summary of COVID Impacts from Findings

Use the COVID narratives from each of the findings sections in Category A to summarize the impact COVID 19 has had on organization for student learning at TCIS.

COVID-19 impacted the traditional delivery of instruction and resulted in e-Learning forms of instruction. Our young students were impacted the most. Teachers developed strategies and tools to engage all students and we saw a continual improvement in instructional practices to do so. An unintended, yet positive consequence, was the marked rise in technical proficiency among teachers and school leaders. As an organization, TCIS

responded with student-centered decision-making to navigate the uncharted territory we experienced as a result of the global pandemic.

A further challenge to the situation was the students who left the country to return to homes in other countries and could not return to TCIS. Therefore, while some students were receiving traditional face to face lessons within the classroom, other students were learning online. This strained our ability to deliver the curriculum in an effective manner. Additionally, fourteen teachers arrived in Thailand several weeks after the beginning of the school-year due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. This resulted in many teachers who were already on campus having to teach other classes.

Due to travel restrictions the opening of TCIS for the 2020/21 academic year saw many new teachers unable to enter Thailand and so were teaching virtually from countries where they were stranded. In some cases, internet technology was unstable. This also impacted onsite teachers who were all placed in "coverage" situations. Some new teachers also chose not to fulfil contract obligations making it difficult to replace them. This had to be done internally for two teachers.

## ACS WASC Category A. Organization for Student Learning: Summary, Strengths, and Growth Needs

Review all the findings and supporting evidence and summarize the degree to which the criteria in Category A are being met. Include comments about the degree to which these criteria impact the school's ability to address one or more of the identified critical student learning needs.

#### **Identified critical student learning needs:**

- 1. Social and emotional student well-being connection, relationships, engagement
- 2. Literacy support in all areas listening, speaking, reading and writing
- 3. Literacy integrated into content areas

#### **Summary (including comments about the critical student learning needs)**

There are many strengths in this category in the areas of a clear school purpose, policies that are consistent with the school's mission and vision and support the achievement of schoolwide learning outcomes, the recognition and promotion of student achievement and global-mindedness, teachers and administrators who regularly take part in ongoing professional development, and the energy and drive to seek continuous school improvement. The school's strengths in these criteria create a more student-centered environment, which has a positive impact on student well-being. There are, however, some areas for growth in internal communication and in the consistency of the long-term implementation of the processes of school improvement.

#### Prioritize the areas of strength and growth for Category A.

#### Category A: Organization for Student Learning: Areas of Strength

A1 School Purpose is clear and there is supporting evidence that reflects the school's belief and philosophy, while taking into account the various stakeholders.

A2: There is evidence to support the view that the governing authority policies are consistent with the school's mission and vision and support the achievement of SLOs.

A3 Student achievement and SLO accomplishments are recognized and promoted. A Globally-minded culture amongst students and staff is promoted and encouraged through a multitude of special events, field trips, clubs, and organizations.

A4 There are professional learning opportunities throughout the year.

A5 There is an increasing desire to improve the school and become more student-centered. Investment in facilities and professional development are evident and take into account stakeholder voices.

A6 A business manager was hired and processes are being developed to address long-range financial and facilities planning in addition to a review of business and human resource processes and procedures.

#### Category A: Organization for Student Learning: Areas of Growth

#### A2

• Clear and transparent policies and procedures are needed.

#### **A3**

- Internal communication is sometimes unclear or contradictory between divisions.
- A new child protection policy has been initiated, but follow-up and continued improvement or training are necessary.
- New areas of entry to school have yet to be properly secured to ensure effective safety of students.

#### A4

- A standards-based, teacher mentor program should be implemented for new teachers and last for the duration of the first two-years of employment at TCIS.
- A multi-year, school-wide professional development plan should be developed based on an analysis of student achievement and implemented based on the needs of adult learners (teaming, opportunities for leadership experiences, collegial inquiry, and mentoring).
- All Western teachers should possess and maintain valid teaching credentials in accordance with the regulations of the state/province that issued the teaching license/certificate.
- All Western high school teachers need to be certified and qualified to teach the subject area(s) and grade-levels assigned.

#### A5

• There is scope for greater consistency in the long-term implementation of school improvement processes.



Our support staff (including our cleaners, maintenance, and drivers) are greatly valued in of our community

## Category B: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

#### B1. What Students Learn Criterion

The school provides a challenging, coherent and relevant international curriculum for each student that fulfills the school's purpose and results in student achievement of the schoolwide learner outcomes through successful completion of any course of study offered.

"Schoolwide learner outcomes are interdisciplinary statements about what all students should know, understand and be able to do by the time they complete the planned program or graduate." One example: Every student will demonstrate higher order thinking skills of application, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation.

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### **Current Educational Research and Thinking**

**Indicator**: The comprehensive and sequential documented curriculum is modified as needed to address current educational research; other relevant community, national, and international issues; and the needs of all students.

**Prompt**: Comment on the effective use of current educational research related to the curricular areas in order to maintain a viable, meaningful instructional program for students. Examine the effectiveness of how the school staff members revise the curriculum appropriately within the curriculum review cycle.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is effective. TCIS does not offer a "suitcase" or "one-size fits all" curriculum. The curriculum selections are supported by research-based best practices from John Hattie, Jo Boaler, Lucy Calkins, Common Core Standards, and NGSS Standards.	Sample Grade 3 Resources  Grade 3 Curriculum Map
In elementary school, there is a balanced literacy approach which includes guided reading, Jolly Phonics, Writer's Workshop, Reader's Workshop, Words Their Way, Reading A-Z and Raz-Kids. Within each of these there are opportunities for students to select materials or genres that meet their interests as well as a learning level that is within their zone of proximal development. Classroom observations and walkthroughs indicate that students are engaged in their learning and working at a level that is appropriate.	2020-21 Curriculum Maps (entire school)  2020-21 Syllabi (entire school) Curriculum Review Process  Grade 1A Writer's Workshop
In math, we use Go Math to provide a year-at-a-glance look at the grade-level standards. This is a resource that our teachers can use as needed. In addition to Go Math, teachers use daily Number Talks to build conceptual understandings in math. Teachers use technology, manipulatives and stations to address the many ways in which students learn math. Some examples of technological resources include IXL, Khan Academy, Prodigy, and Quizizz. We encourage students to make mistakes and learn from them, however there is still a "get it correct" mentality and using the math talks has helped students learn that there are many ways to think about a problem.	Professional Development Photos, July 2019: Reader's and Writer's Workshop  Mystery Science Planning Guide  Project-Based Learning (PBL) Professional Development
Students in ES also love STEAM learning. Walking through classes, the students' focus and engagement is evident as they work collaboratively on a problem that has piqued their curiosity. In addition, ES uses	Socratic Seminar PD, July 2019

Mystery Science's inquiry-based science investigations that are aligned with NGSS.

In early middle school (grades 5-6), students transition with a similar learning model to elementary that builds on previous strategies, like Math Talks or Number Talks, and continuing hands-on learning as much as possible. The utilization of PBL or teacher created projects and activities, Socratic Seminars, technology, and opportunities in the classroom for learning independence, working collaboratively, critical thinking and problem solving, all become more relevant and important. As students transition to grades 7-8, they are more prepared for working in groups and being accountable for their own learning. The application of concepts through PBL projects, use of 3D technology to further develop and inspire critical thinking skills, and real-world application of math algorithms are the key focal points in upper middle school math.

In high school, teachers use PBL, Socratic Seminars, research projects, direct instruction, technology integration and other pedagogical strategies.

Teachers are responsible for revisiting curriculum on an annual basis. Curricula are reviewed by department heads and maintained by the curriculum coordinator. The curriculum includes unit plans that show monthly and quarterly units. The documents also include a course overview, course content and student deliverables.

Teachers revise curricula based on annual professional development and schoolwide goals. This also includes assessing the integration of SLOs.

COVID-19 Impact: Professional Development to enhance/develop our curriculum has been dramatically impacted by COVID-19. For the 2019-20 SY, PD days had to be canceled due to schedule changes caused by closures and lockdowns. For the 2020-21 SY, TCIS has emphasized individual/personal professional development due to the virtual nature of courses. The administrative leadership team has been working on PD plans for the 2021-22 SY, but much remains unknown due to the ongoing lockdowns and insecurity regarding governmental guidelines and continued changes, as necessitated by the ongoing pandemic.

Teacher training (1/25/19) for curriculum mapping

Training (9/30/19) for curriculum mapping

Common Core Standards

Socratic Seminars

<u>Draft PD Plan for 2021-22 SY</u> (changes ongoing)

#### **Academic Standards for Each Area**

**Indicator**: The school provides a comprehensive and sequential documented curriculum that is articulated within and across grade levels for the improvement of programs, learning, and teaching.

**Prompt**: Evaluate to what extent there are defined academic standards for each subject area, course, and/or program (e.g., online instruction) that meet state or national/international standards.

Findings	Supporting Evidence

TCIS follows the American Common Core Standards (CCSS and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The school effectively provides a comprehensive and sequential written curriculum that is articulated within and across grade levels. This is reflected in materials and resources selections as well as our unit plans. Annual curriculum reviews with principals and language departments have been added to ensure continuity across grade levels.

Examples of these programs include:

- Socratic Seminar in MS/HS. Socratic Seminars develop higher level thinking and rationalizing processes. They are used to verbally check and monitor students' growth, by utilizing speaking and listening skills, and creating a class community of supportive learners.
- Project-Based learning, to integrate academic skills with core academics and engage students as well as creating student ownership of the learning process and outcomes.
- Reader's and Writer's Workshop, to help ES & MS students develop early fluency in reading. These programs were extended to MS as well and are designed to support students at their individual level, by utilizing students' voices and choices.
- Online reading programs (Raz-Kids in ES and Accelerated Reader in MS) to support literacy skills for the different levels of students' language abilities.

Teachers use a mix of formative and summative assessments, and rubrics are often used to guide instruction and grading. Rubrics are verified against the standards to ensure alignment.

Thai and Chinese courses align to the national curricula for Thailand and Taiwan. These curricula are required and aligned to the needs of these countries.

Curriculum alignment is a critical pathway forward for TCIS. Math through Middle School is aligned using Go Math. English in Elementary and Middle Schools include Reader's and Writer's Workshop models (Lucy Calkins). High school English courses include units from EngageNY. AP Courses are aligned to the College Board. In the future, TCIS will continue aligning curriculum to verify a continuum of learning from PK-12.

TCIS Curriculum Website

Sample PD agenda 2018-19

Curriculum Review, 2020-21 SY

ES Course Catalog, 2019-20 SY

MS Course Catalog, 2019-20 SY

HS Course Catalog, 2021-22 SY

Socratic Seminar PD, July 2019

PBL flier and agenda

Workshop, Reading A-Z, EAL PD Agenda

Accelerated Reader PD Sessions
Accelerated Reader Training

**Technology Rubrics** 

<u>Thai Mother Tongue & Non-Thai</u> <u>Standard</u>

<u>Taiwan National Curricula for</u> <u>MT</u>

<u>Taiwan National curricula for</u> <u>non-Chinese native speaker</u>

<u>Vertical Alignment of Math</u> <u>Standards</u>

MAP Data Analysis 2019

MAP School Results Fall 2020

Teachers use MAP and WIDA data to ensure standards taught align to testing data for their appropriate grades.

Planned curriculum map format for 2020-21 SY, tabled due to COVID-19

Principals observe teachers to verify teachers teach to the standards provided. The Curriculum Coordinator conducts periodic observations for the same purpose.

Math curriculum has been reviewed and aligned across the divisions.

Exemplar of planned curriculum map change.

Observation reports available

upon request.

TCIS had planned to implement a new curriculum map format this year, but due to the lockdowns the school was unable to take on the change while simultaneously dealing with lockdowns and social distancing rules.

**Atlas Rubicon Briefing** 

TCIS will be purchasing Atlas Rubicon for the 2021-22 SY. This will allow the streamlining of curriculum alignment, management of standards, maintenance of lesson plans, and measurement of standards assessed. Our path forward is that all teachers will house curriculum maps and lesson plans on Atlas Rubicon.

COVID-19 Impact: While COVID-19 has not directly impacted the curriculum of TCIS, bringing on new teachers and working with them individually has been more challenging. New teachers were provided summer curriculum sessions (videos available on request) to review curriculum for TCIS and how to implement it. It can be challenging to effectively teach our required curriculum in an e-learning format and adapt to finding new, or additional, ways to reach and challenge students.

Additional Online Instruction Prompts: Evaluate the extent to which the online curriculum/courses consistently meet academic standards. Determine if there is effective integration of outsourced curriculum into the program.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
By utilizing the Readers' and Writers' Workshop model, TCIS was able to effectively instruct students in the reading and writing process by utilizing the MiniLesson format and flipped lessons. This enabled students to continue their studies independently, with support being provided with teacher check ins, class meetings, and activity feedback.	AP Calendar & AP Daily  1A Virtual Writing Mini Lesson
	1A Teacher Conferencing Times
Elementary School uses Go Math from Grades 1-4. This includes online resources. IXL provides activities and skills development up through Middle School. Advanced Placement courses have online units, and AP teachers use these units to support/align their teaching.	

#### **Embedded Global Perspectives**

**Indicator**: The school leadership and certificated staff ensure that global competencies, perspectives, and issues are embedded within the curricular areas.

**Prompt**: Examine the curricular documentation and observe the delivered curriculum to determine the extent to which there is integration of global concepts, perspectives, and issues.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS teachers are highly effective at integrating global concepts, perspectives and issues. In all grade levels and across disciplines, there is integration of global concepts, perspectives and issues.	Grade PK4 Lesson Plan Elementary Art Lesson Plan
In Elementary School we	Distriction of the Designation o
<ul> <li>Have class jobs to integrate classroom culture</li> <li>Provide many opportunities to turn and talk and to share out with the class</li> </ul>	Teamwork Rubric
<ul> <li>Include partner activities and group projects to allow collaboration</li> <li>Have morning meetings</li> </ul>	Elementary School Newsletter #20 (Art, Book Event, etc)
<ul> <li>Integrate Number Talks with Go Math</li> <li>Incorporate language into all subjects</li> <li>ES Principal strongly emphasizes SLOs, teaching students about</li> </ul>	December SLO Assembly
their importance and giving awards to students who demonstrate SLOs during the month.	NewsELA articles
In Middle School we	7th Grade Final Project
<ul> <li>Have warm-up problems and opportunities for students to explain their thinking</li> <li>Integrate math talk</li> <li>Incorporate group and partner activities to build collaboration</li> </ul>	Speech Competition
<ul> <li>skills.</li> <li>Provide opportunities in projects for students to build and improve on their SLO's.</li> </ul>	High School Project Rubric
<ul> <li>Use technology to explore real-world events and issues affecting communities globally</li> </ul>	High School Project Outline
<ul> <li>Learn to write essays that build convincing, nuanced arguments, balancing evidence and analysis to persuade readers to shift their beliefs or take action</li> </ul>	Film Festival Global Studies
<ul> <li>Participate in weekly Socratic Seminars in order for students to practice their critical thinking skills, listening skills, and speaking skills.</li> </ul>	Community Service Trips: An
<ul> <li>Write news articles about meaningful topics, creating vivid narratives and elaborating perspective.</li> </ul>	Example Community Service Hours
In High School we	
<ul> <li>Create projects that look at real-world issues (analyzing marketing strategies of businesses) and problems (environmental challenges), and students work collaboratively to research,</li> </ul>	<u>Thai Standards</u>
<ul><li>identify, evaluate and present recommendations and findings</li><li>Have students use Newsela to develop an appreciation of global</li></ul>	Thai Cultural Events
<ul> <li>Have a Global Issues class that is aimed at introducing students to the events, trends, and problems facing citizens and leaders in an increasingly interdependent world, and ultimately building advocacy and responses to these issues.</li> </ul>	AP Chinese Language and Culture Class  Double Ten Day 2020

- Prepared a Film Festival for all HS students in Global Issues class with film excerpts on topics like pollution, women's rights in developing countries, and global warming as examples.
- Do community service trips that expose students to global issues like poverty, healthcare, pollution, and education. HS students are required to complete 40 hours of community service.

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Taiwanese Standards from

Ministry of Education

Thai standards require the development of an understanding of Thailand, its customs, and its culture. Cultural events such as Wai Kru and Loy Krathong are celebrated by all students and faculty in the school.

Taiwanese/Chinese standards include the teaching of traditional Chinese culture. As well, TCIS teaches AP Chinese Language and Culture, a course that includes a global understanding of China and its culture. Cultural events such as Double Ten Day and Chinese New Year are celebrated by all students and faculty at TCIS.

Taiwanese Curriculum Core Competency: "Cultural learning and international understanding, which involves appreciating and respecting different groups and cultures, understanding the history and culture of one's own country as well as others', recognizing the trend of the globalization in which countries all over the world are integrated into a global

village, and developing a global perspective with mutual interdependence, trust and cooperation."

COVID-19 Impact: This area does not change much, except that the content is delivered online.

# Congruence

**Indicator**: There is congruence between the actual concepts and skills taught, the academic standards, and the schoolwide learner outcomes.

**Prompt**: Evaluate if there is congruence between the actual concepts and skills taught, the academic standards, and the schoolwide learner outcomes.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Overall, TCIS is effective at aligning the actual concepts and skills taught, the academic standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes	Grade 2 Curriculum Map
(SLOs). The schoolwide learner outcomes are incorporated into many of the lessons that are taught.	Grade 2 Lesson Plan
This is the first year the SLOs are being explicitly taught and recognized in the MS. In the past it was more implicit. Also, common boards in	Student Learner Outcomes
MS/HS have the SLOs and lesson objectives posted daily.	Student Learner Outcome Posters Grades 2-5
In HS, SLOs are more implicitly embedded at this time. There is an opportunity for a more explicit focus.	

In Elementary School, we...

- Incorporate the SLOs into our Year Long Curriculum Maps
- Incorporate the SLOs into our every day lessons

In MS.....

- Teachers work to incorporate the SLO's into their Curriculum Maps and daily lessons
- Vertically Aligned Math Standards

In HS..

• Students are regularly required to work together in pairs or small groups on either in-class period assignments or assignments that require collaboration outside the classroom. This fosters collaborative workers. This is one example of the more implicit nature of SLOs in HS.

COVID-19 Impact: Virtual education makes it more difficult to incorporate several of the SLOs, as it makes collaborative work more challenging, though not impossible.

<u>Student Learner Outcome Posters</u> PK2-Grade 1

Pre-Algebra Curriculum Map

November SLO Assembly

December SLO Assembly

**SLO** Awards in Elementary

<u>Vertical Alignment of Math</u> Standards

Classroom SLO Posters

Classroom SLO Posters

#### Student Work — Engagement in Learning

**Indicator**: The school's examination of representative samples of student work show consistent critical analysis and application of thought in different contexts. Observation of student engagement in learning demonstrates students' awareness of their own learning as well as the purpose of the work connected to a standards-based curriculum and the schoolwide learner outcomes.

**Prompt**: Evaluate to what extent the examination of representative samples of student work show consistent critical analysis and application of thought in different contexts. Evaluate observations of students engaged in learning to determine the degree to which students are aware of their own learning and the purpose of the work connected to a standards-based curriculum and the schoolwide learner outcomes.

#### Findings

TCIS is highly effective in this area. Based on observation, students are very aware of their own learning and the purpose of the work connected to a standards-based curriculum and the schoolwide learner outcomes.

#### In ES...

- Learning objectives are posted
- When asked, students are able to state the learning objectives
- Students are shown and discuss rubrics before a new unit
- Behavior expectations are set in assemblies

# In MS...

- Daily learning objectives are posted
- Students are given the opportunity and encouragement to self-assess their work and self advocate.
- Rubrics allow for a clear understanding of assignment expectations.

# **Supporting Evidence**

Grade 2 Observation Notes



KG Rubric

MS Technology Rubrics

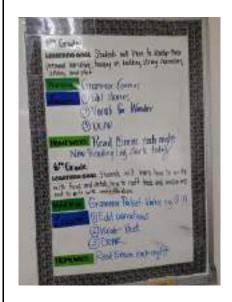
- Observations and assessments of students allow teachers to encourage engagement, and work with students on meeting expectations and learner outcomes.
- Feedback from administration allows teachers to adapt in order to meet the learning needs of their students.

#### In HS...

- Teachers post learning objectives and topics either on whiteboards or on-screen presentations to make students aware of what they are learning
- In-class instruction allows for the teacher to help students make connections about what they are learning and its relevance. For example, both Macro and Micro Economics allow for sharing of examples from the news that illustrate examples of actual concepts being learned (e.g., changes in unemployment, G.D.P., inflation).

COVID-19 Impact: Very little impact overall, though logistically teachers lose the use of the whiteboard in the physical sense, and have to be more direct in using virtual sources.

# G6 Project Rubric



# AP Essay Rubric

#### **HS Board:**





Middle School Learning Objectives

#### Accessibility of All Students to Curriculum

**Indicator**: A rigorous, relevant, and coherent curriculum that prepares students to be global citizens is accessible to all students through all courses/programs offered. The school examines the demographics and situation of

students throughout the class offerings. The school's instructional practices and other activities facilitate access and success for all students toward achieving the standards.

**Prompt**: What has been learned about the accessibility of a rigorous, relevant, coherent, and globally focused curriculum to all students through the various courses/program offered, e.g., online instruction? What has been learned from examining the demographics and situation of students throughout the class offerings? Evaluate how the instructional practices and other activities facilitate access and success for all students toward achieving the standards.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is largely effective at implementing an accessible, rigorous, relevant, coherent and globally-focused curriculum. The great majority	Classroom Expectations
of our students are English Language Learners. To make the curriculum accessible to all of our students, we use a variety of differentiation strategies. In addition, some of the TCIS teachers are ESL certified or	PlusPortals for Parents
have been trained to support ESL students.	DFI/Progress Monitoring Sheet
Report cards are issued quarterly, and progress reports mark mid-quarter. All parents are given access to view score reports using the ParentPlus application (of PlusPortals). Progress reports and report cards are sent to parents.	Graphic Organizers
	Sentence Stems
Students who are struggling are identified on the DFI report. Teachers with students on the DFI report are obligated to contact the families and communicate issues.	Word Walls
For the 2021-22 SY, TCIS is standing up an ELL department, which will provide push-in and pull-out support for ELL students in all three	Modified - G5 Project
divisions.	MS Meeting notes - Discussing
Examples of scaffolds include:	behavior/academic tracking sheet from counselor and students of
ES	concern
Word walls	
<ul> <li>Sentence frames</li> <li>Posted learning objectives</li> <li>Graphic organizers</li> </ul>	Grade 7 & Grade 8 Meeting
<ul> <li>The ELL program for next year will be segmented by elementary school, middle school, and high school. The elementary school</li> </ul>	ELL Program Proposal
will focus on only a pull out model where students are leaving to be receiving small group guided reading intervention.	ELL Pathways for 2021-2022
Strategy groups to support language	school year
In MS	
Teachers use Word Walls and Sentence Frames	Credit Requirements in Course Catalog (see page 19)
<ul> <li>Accessibility to notes online or digital anchors</li> </ul>	Catalog (see page 17)
<ul> <li>Teachers adapt to the needs of students by modifying assignments or accommodated activities</li> </ul>	Sample HS Student Schedule
<ul> <li>Peer support</li> <li>The ELL program for next year will be segmented by elementary school, middle school, and high school. In middle school and</li> </ul>	Graphic Organizers

high school, Tier 1 students will be receiving a English supplemental class where they will develop their English proficiency. Once they've achieved level 2, they will be utilizing a pull-out model similar to the elementary school.

- Double English for new or low students. EAL teacher works 1:1 with students pull-out class
- MS teachers work in teams (grades 5&6 and 7&8) with common planning time so they can discuss student needs.
- A breadth of offerings so students can explore different areas of learning and find a niche where they can be successful

#### In HS...

- Word walls
- Sentence stems
- Graphic Organizers
- Khan Academy to support learners at all levels
- Differentiation of class offerings -- A.P. v. non-A.P.
- Scaffolding
- Pre-loading vocabulary
- The ELL program for next year will be segmented by elementary school, middle school, and high school. In middle school and high school, Tier 1 students will be receiving a English supplemental class where they will develop their English proficiency. Once they've achieved level 2, they will be utilizing a pull-out model similar to the elementary school.
- Differentiated classes for native and non-native Thai and Chinese speakers
- Making curriculum accessible to new and lowest EAL students this is a challenge
- Piloting co-teaching, EIP, double English in grade 9 (all freshman do this, except AP seminar students)
- Changed graduation requirements from 4-5 English credits.

Student success is measured in MAP, WIDA, PSAT, and SAT results. Data drives the use of tools and devices to assist students.

COVID-19 Impact: Administering standardized testing has increased in difficulty with the pandemic. MAP tests are being administered, but it takes additional time. SATs may be canceled if lockdown procedures continue. The additional workload causes a drain on the time for administrative personnel, who have had to devise new processes to administer these exams.

**Sentence Stems** 

Bloom's/ThinkTrix

HS Course Offerings in Course Catalog

See Course Catalog for native and non-native Thai and Chinese courses.

Khan Academy for Parents

PSAT Results, Fall 2020

MAP Data Analysis 2019

MAP School Results Fall 2020

#### **Acceptable Student Achievement**

**Indicator**: The school identifies and defines performance indicators in order to monitor acceptable student progress toward achievement of the academic standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes.

**Prompt**: What evidence demonstrates a school's identifying and defining performance indicators in order to monitor acceptable student achievement of the academic standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes?

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
TCIS is effective at identifying and defining performance indicators in order to monitor acceptable students progress, making use of a variety of assessments to determine student progress including, but not limited to, MAP scores, DRA scores, writing prompts, PSAT scores, AP scores. We are also an official test center for the SAT, Thai language proficiency and Chinese language proficiency test.	ES Assessment Tracking  College Board AP courses 2019  MAP Data Analysis 2019
<ul> <li>In ES</li> <li>MAP scores are used in grades 1-4</li> <li>Each student is given a reading performance evaluation called a DRA</li> <li>Classroom assessments that vary grade to grade</li> <li>Lucy Calkins Reader's &amp; Writer's Workshop Pre and Post On Demands for essays, narrative writing, and so on. etc).</li> <li>Go Math! Assessments</li> </ul>	MAP School Results Fall 2020  SAT Test Schedule  Report Cards
<ul> <li>Formative Assessments(Teacher observation, Exit Slips, Think-Pair-Share, Class Discussion, Kahoot!, Quizlet)</li> <li>Summative Assessments (Chapter Test, Unit Test, PBL projects)</li> <li>Data tracking sheet</li> <li>In MS</li> </ul>	DRA reports available upon request  Go Math Unit Test
<ul> <li>MAP scores are used as the big performance indicators in grades 5-7</li> <li>PSAT is used in grade 8 as the big performance indicator</li> <li>Classroom assessments</li> </ul>	Mystery Science Lesson Assessment
<ul> <li>Formative Assessments (Teacher observation, Entry/Exit Slips, Think-Pair-Share, Class Discussion, Kahoot!, Quizlet, Quizizz, Khan Academy, Prodigy)</li> <li>Summative Assessments (Chapter Test, Unit Test, PBL projects, Labs)</li> </ul>	PSAT Results, Fall 2020  MAP Data Analysis 2019
<ul> <li>Students have a scheduled midterm and finals period to measure performance.</li> <li>Teachers use formative assessments (Kahoot!, turn-and-talk, exit tickets)</li> </ul>	Progress Reports: A Sample  Observation Reports available upon request
<ul> <li>tickets)</li> <li>Teachers use summative assessments (sub-unit and unit)</li> <li>AP scores are performance indicators to monitor acceptable student progress. Related to that, AP Classroom Unit Progress Checks also act as a way to measure student performance on a per unit basis.</li> <li>Data tracking sheet</li> </ul>	Entry Ticket: G6 Ratios and Proportions  Exit Tickets
COVID-19 Impact: Some standardized testing (MAP & WIDA) are more challenging in a virtual environment, and it has taken TCIS a lot of effort to administer these tests remotely. AP Exams were virtual last year, and may be again this year. Many processes have had to be reinvented to work in the virtual environment, and the multiple changes between virtual and in-person have caused a lot of re-work.	ThinkTrix  5- Year AP Scores 2020  TOCFL & CCCC Exam Results

#### **Integration Among Disciplines**

**Indicator**: There is integration among disciplines at the school and, if applicable, integration of outsourced curriculum into the program for which curricular integrity, reliability, and security is maintained.

**Prompt**: Evaluate to what extent is there integration among disciplines and, if applicable, integration of outsourced curriculum into the program for which curricular integrity, reliability, and security is maintained.

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Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is somewhat effective at integration among disciplines. In Elementary School and Middle School, there is integration among disciplines, especially in relation to PBL projects. In High School,	Grade 2 PBL Project  MS I. A. & Took PBI
integration is limited and this is an area for growth.	MS LA & Tech PBL
GoMath is an example of integration of outsourced curriculum into the program.	1:1 Chromebook Program  MS Seignes Corrientum Mans
The planned implementation of a curriculum management system will	MS Science Curriculum Maps
help the integration and cross-curricular work.	MS PBL Project Videos (G7)
In ES	HS Science Curriculum Maps
<ul> <li>Cross curricular PBL projects</li> <li>Number Talks</li> <li>ECE Chinese/English immersion model</li> </ul>	<u>Issues of The Howl</u>
G3/G4 "Core" teaching model (one math and science homeroom and one language arts teacher)	
In MS	
Cross-curricular PBL projects	
<ul> <li>1:1 Chromebook for students grade 5 and 6</li> <li>Team teaching across grades/disciplines</li> <li>NGSS Standards across MS Science classes</li> </ul>	
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In HS  • This is an opportunity for improvement	<b>《</b> 三、
<ul> <li>Integration is limited among disciplines</li> </ul>	MORE
<ul> <li>The HOWL, a student magazine, is one example of integration in the HS. Another is the Global Issues class.</li> </ul>	ALIVE
COVID-19 Impact: Larger, expansive, cross-curricular projects, like the	Lase and a

#### Curricular Review, Revision, and Evaluation

are extended.

Middle School PBL project, are not viable in the online environment, though they may be re-considered in the coming months if lockdowns

**Indicator**: The school assesses its curriculum review, evaluation, and review processes for each program area, including graduation requirements, credits, grading policies, and homework policy regarding the impact of these processes on providing a challenging, coherent, and relevant curriculum for all students.

**TCIS Science Department** 

**Prompt**: Comment on the effectiveness of the school's curriculum review and evaluation processes for each program area and the impact on providing a challenging, coherent, and relevant curriculum for all students. Evaluate the effectiveness of the processes to assess curricular gaps and modify the curriculum to ensure that specific student needs are being met.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Overall, the effectiveness of the school's curriculum review and evaluation processes is somewhat successful because curriculum maps are reviewed each year, but curriculum materials are not reviewed by a curricular review committee.	Curriculum Maps 2019-20 ES Course Catalog, 2019-20 SY
Credit requirements and policies are detailed in the divisional course catalogs.	MS Course Catalog, 2019-20 SY
Grading and homework policies are spelled out in the Parent-Student Handbook.	HS Course Catalog, 2021-22 SY  Parent-Student Handbook
In the 2020-21 SY, TCIS Implemented a Curriculum Review Process. While still in its early stages, the curriculum review will help ensure	Curriculum Review Process  TCIS Math Vertical Alignment
courses and subjects align vertically and horizontally. The planned implementation of a curriculum tracking system will also help manage this process.	ES Curriculum Maps
Each year, teachers write and review their curriculum maps and share them with their administrators. Currently, the math department for grades 5-12 is vertically aligning the curriculum.	MS Curriculum Maps
Curriculum review is an area of growth for TCIS. We do not currently have curricular review committees. We are in the process of creating	Math Curriculum Central Google Site
them in order to assess curricular gaps and to modify the curriculum to ensure that specific student needs are being met.  In ES	TCIS Math Vertical Alignment
<ul> <li>Curriculum maps are reviewed and updated by the teachers each year.</li> <li>We use a balanced literacy approach including Readers'</li> </ul>	HS Curriculum Maps Subjects in HS: HS Course
<ul> <li>Workshop, Writers' Workshop, Raz-Kids/Reading A-Z, Guided Reading, Strategy groups, conferencing, and Read Alouds.</li> <li>In Math, we use the Go Math textbook, Math Talks, and IXL.</li> <li>We follow NGSS for Science and use Science AZ. This year</li> </ul>	Catalog, 2021-22 SY
<ul> <li>teachers piloted Mystery Science.</li> <li>The curriculum has been consistent over the years as it is research-based, engages students at different levels and is a way</li> </ul>	Subject Pathways in the High School after alignment to Thai and Taiwanese Universities
to transition from a "suitcase" curriculum approach.  • TCIS is a WIDA-school for ES, used as a means to more effectively support EAL students.	Subject-Specific Pathways

#### In MS...

- Programs purchased and used by the school are evaluated each year to determine whether they are effective resources for our current curriculum and are being used effectively
- Reviews of the curriculum as a whole are often discussed; i.e. should the school adopt a new curriculum or not?
- Training was provided to teachers regarding the use of enrichment/remediation programs
- In the 2019-20 SY, teachers were given a Needs Assessment Survey by the Math Coach to determine how best to support the learning environment
- Training was provided to teachers regarding NWEA RIT scores to better inform instruction
- Vertical alignment of K-8 Math standards is in process

#### In HS...

- A review of the three most recent graduating classes' intended majors (many intended business and economics majors) led to addition of an Introduction to Business class and the return of AP Macroeconomics.
- AP Calculus BC was added as a result of Math Pathways and improved performance of students in Pre-Calculus.
- Approximately 12 AP classes are offered to support a challenging curriculum.
- Course catalog is reviewed by Student Services and HS Adminstration on an annual basis
- Students have specific unit requirements across disciplines to ensure coherence.

COVID-19 Impact: No direct impact from the pandemic, but efforts spent on addressing pandemic issues detract from efforts in these other efforts.

# See AP course lists in the HS Course Catalog

Classes of 2016, 2017, 2018

#### Collaborative Work

**Indicator**: The administrators and teachers use various collaborative strategies to examine curriculum design and student work in order to refine lessons, units, and/or courses.

**Prompt**: Comment on the collaborative strategies used to examine curriculum design and student work and its effect on refining lessons, units, and/or courses.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
At TCIS, the collaborative strategies used to examine curriculum design and student work are somewhat effective because curriculum maps are updated yearly and there is informal collaboration, but there is no formal	Elementary School Course Catalog
curriculum committee. There is confidence in our curriculum so it is not regularly reviewed. Further, limited concerns about curriculum have	Middle School Course Catalog
been shared through the annual Stop/Start/Continue Process or as a result of school assessments.  ES	High School Course Catalog

<ul><li>Weekly grade level meetings with principal</li><li>Common planning time daily</li></ul>	Curriculum maps
Regular divisional meetings	Stop/Start/Continue
MS	
<ul><li>Bi-monthly team meetings to discuss curriculum and students</li><li>Grade level meetings</li></ul>	TCIS Math Vertical Alignment
<ul> <li>Common planning time</li> <li>Vertical alignment of K-8 Math standards in process</li> </ul>	Grade 7 & Grade 8 Meeting
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HS	HOD Meetings 2018-19
<ul> <li>In previous years, HODs and the Curriculum Coordinator would meet and discuss curriculum items, among other things.         Currently, there is no HOD structure.     </li> <li>Collaboration is an opportunity for growth in high school</li> </ul>	HOD Meetings 2019-2020
Condoctation is an opportunity for grown in high school	
COVID-19 Impact: Teachers have had to focus on content delivery much more this year, leaving less time for collaboration and other important aspects of education.	

# $Policies - Rigorous, Relevant, Coherent\ Curriculum$

**Indicator**: The school assesses the curriculum and its rigor, relevancy, and coherency after examination of policies regarding course completion, credits, grading policies, homework, use of technology, etc.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the process through which key stakeholders assess the curriculum in relation to these school's policies.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
The effectiveness of the process through which key stakeholders assess the curriculum is moderately successful because there are several processes to share curriculum with the parents, teachers, students and board members, but there is no formal review process.  The TCIS curriculum is on the curriculum website, which is accessible through the school website.	Curriculum Website  Elementary School Course Catalog  Middle School Course Catalog
<ul> <li>The teachers can talk to the FA members who can bring any concerns to administrators.</li> <li>The teachers can talk to the HODs, who can talk to administrators.</li> <li>The administrators present to the Board.</li> </ul>	High School Course Catalog  December HS Parent Coffee
<ul> <li>The curriculum coordinator goes to Parent Association meetings to discuss curriculum changes.</li> <li>At Open Houses, curriculum is shared with parents.</li> </ul>	Parent Coffee MAP Results
In ES  • Teachers provide monthly newsletters to parents.	Classes of 2016, 2017, 2018 Intended Majors

- Teachers provide weekly picture updates and "I Can" statements to parents via Seesaw or Google Classroom.
- Teachers share syllabi, curriculum and resources through Google Sites.
- Teacher communication is open with parents and the opportunity to meet for conferences is available. Teacher Assistants are available to translate with parents when necessary.

#### In MS...

- PSAT reports validate the rigor or our education, reporting student scores compared to national measures.
- MAP Results also validate rigor
- Teachers provide monthly newsletters to parents
- The MS principal sends a monthly parent newsletter
- Teachers share syllabi, curriculum, and resources through Google Sites
- Teacher communication is open with parents and the opportunity to meet for conferences is available

#### In HS...

- Information related to graduates intended majors was shared with the head of schools; principals of elementary, middle and high school; and curriculum coordinator and student services for use in evaluating course offerings.
- Class offerings are reviewed annually.
- Advanced placement courses ensure rigorous courses are offered to students. Scores from AP Exams show that our students are meeting the rigors of AP, and thereby our rigor is verified by their performance. TCIS will generally meet or exceed AP scores nationally and internationally.
- TOCFL Exam results are used to measure the success of Chinese teaching

COVID-19 Impact: TCIS had planned to implement a new curriculum map process, which would have more closely monitored rigor, matching standards and differentiation. Due to the lockdowns that began the year, we were unable to implement the process this year. The planned implementation of Atlas Rubicon next year will do the same.

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MAP School Results Fall 2020

**PSAT G8 2020** 

MAP Data Analysis 2019

MS Parent Newsletter

Pre-Algebra Monthly Newsletter

AP Scores available upon request

**HS** Parent Newsletter

<u>AP Teaching Results 2020</u> (TCIS results vs. other schools nationally and internationally)

**TOCFL & CCCC Exam Results** 

Planned curriculum map for 2020-21 SY, tabled due to COVID-19

Exemplar of planned curriculum map change.

Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Determine the effectiveness of the school's policy for outsourced curriculum to maintain curricular integrity, reliability, and security.

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
TCIS is somewhat effective in determining the effectiveness of the school's policy for outsourced curriculum. TCIS conducted a thorough analysis of Go Math, and alignment of all Mathematics from K-8. This analysis ensured the outsourced curriculum of Go Math met the needs of our students and aligned to the results needed.	TCIS Math Vertical Alignment

#### **Articulation and Follow-up Studies**

**Indicator**: The school conducts student follow-up studies that provide insight into the effectiveness of the instruction to prepare students for pursuing further education, entering the workforce, or meeting their personal goals.

**Prompt**: Share examples of articulation with feeder schools and local colleges and universities, including comments on the regularity of their occurrence. What has been revealed through the follow-up studies of graduates and others regarding the effectiveness of the curricular program?

Findings	Supporting Evidence
In this area, TCIS is somewhat effective. We are in the process of building stronger relationships with local colleges and universities	Student Michelle EDX and University of Hong Kong
We invite colleges to visit TCIS, and we have college fairs and individual presentations from schools. In the future we are looking at a dual enrollment program (as is done in the US). Students can earn college credits in senior year (AP is great for students going to the US, but this would be for	Student Maggie Keystone and University of Nebraska  Maggie:
students who want to stay in Thailand)  This is being piloted with two students who are taking	https://highschoolstore.nebraska.edu/p- 1623-engh071-advanced-placement-english- literature-and-composition-1.aspx
classes online. In this case, TCIS does not offer the courses they wanted to take. Online offerings are used with our highest and lowest students. Credit Recovery through Keystone and UoN.	https://highschoolstore.nebraska.edu/p- 1624-engh072-advanced-placement-english- literature-and-composition-2.aspx
Credit Recovery is in Summer Grade 9-11	Michelle:
Extreme cases can do Credit Recovery during the year to meet grad requirements (g12)	https://www.edx.org/course/calculus-applied-2 https://www.edx.org/course/engineering- calculus-and-differential-equations-4
If demand increases for online programs, we would need a more scalable model, and not just "one-offs." These are sponsored by credentialed classroom teachers.	TCIS Website Alumni Page
	TCIS Alunni Facebook Page
TCIS maintains a close relationship with alumni, who are often seen around the campus.	TCIS Alumni Breakfast
COVID-19 Impact: It has been difficult to bring new teachers in during the time of COVID-19, so using online universities will help fill the void of teachers we weren't able to recruit and hire.	

#### **B2.** How Students Learn Criterion

The professional staff a) uses research-based knowledge about teaching and learning; and b) designs and implements a variety of learning experiences that actively engage students at a high level of learning consistent with the school's purpose and schoolwide learner outcomes.

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard H: Equity and Access: A quality online program's policies and practice support students' ability to access the program. Accommodations are available to meet a variety of student needs. [iNACOL Standard H, 2009]

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard K: Instruction: A quality online program takes a comprehensive and integrated approach to ensuring excellent online teaching for its students. This process begins with promising practices but is equally committed to continuous improvement and adaptation to student learning needs through professional development. [iNACOL Standard K, 2009]

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

#### Research-based Knowledge

**Indicator**: The administrators and teachers use a variety of approaches to remain current in research-based professional knowledge and apply the knowledge to improve teaching and learning. All students regardless of background and ability are actively involved in the learning that is based on the schoolwide learner outcomes and academic standards.

**Prompt**: Provide a range of examples that demonstrate teachers are current in the instructional content taught and research-based instructional methodology.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Overall, TCIS is effective at ensuring teachers are current in the instructional content taught and research-based instructional methodology. TCIS provides professional development multiple times a	Workshop, Reading A-Z, EAL PD Agenda
year on various content areas, including, but not limited to, Reader's workshop, Writer's workshop, available apps, Google applications, Socratic Seminars, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and PBL.	PBL PD Flyer
	PD Attendance
AP Teachers: It has always been important for AP teachers, especially any teaching new content, to have mentor teachers to support specific content areas.	Socratic Seminar PD, July 2019
For All Grade Level Teachers	AP Professional Development
TCIS used to maintain 2-3 days of PD throughout the year. In the 2019-20 SY, these had to be canceled due to days lost during the lockdowns.	Teachers leading Writers' Workshop PD
Teacher professional development is both on-campus with outside experts as well as off-site through PD provided by other third-party providers.	PD Day May 1, 2019
	<u>PD Day January 25, 2019</u>
As part of the schoolwide culture of TCIS, teachers are required to be fully competent on the Google Suite and obtaining the Google Educator certification is highly encouraged. The school endeavors to keep the faculty abreast of the latest teaching research and best practices with multiple professional development opportunities being offered	Tracking: Curriculum maps, syllabi, and Google Certified Educator status
throughout the school year. With experts, both on and off campus experts being brought in to better train faculty on school wide instructional goals.	PD Tracking 2020-21 SY
Professional Development is followed by principal observations that verify the new skills are being implemented. For example, after the Middle School/High School two-day PD session for Socratic Seminars, the principals required the teachers to teach a Socratic Seminar session,	Observation records available upon request.

and verified the use of the new skills in the observed lesson. This ensured that the training was ingrained and used.

COVID-19 Impact: COVID has impacted access to necessary professional development. TCIS is not able to bring outside experts onto campus, nor are they able to set up professional development in hotels. Some teachers have participated in online professional development, especially in regards to literacy, but it has not been made available to all staff due to limited funds. In-person PD is immensely challenging with travel restrictions and quarantine rules.



Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Evaluate how teacher technology competencies are assessed during online instruction.

#### **Findings**

At the time of this writing, TCIS is again under lockdown restrictions. All teachers are required to submit lesson plans. Lesson plan documents were required to include Zoom/Google Hangouts Meet links as well as any other links necessary. Principals have been observing lessons daily, and ensuring the proper use of technology and teaching approaches. Principals ensure teachers are posting assignments in Google Classroom and Seesaw, are sharing links appropriately, are using online tools, etc.

#### **Supporting Evidence**



#### **Planning Processes**

**Indicator**: The planning processes, including the use of formative assessment results, focus on the engagement of all student activity at a high level of learning consistent with the academic standards and schoolwide learner outcomes, i.e., global competencies.

**Prompt**: Comment on the effectiveness of the planning processes, including the use of formative assessment results, to engage all students actively at a high level of learning consistent with the academic standards and schoolwide learner outcomes.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Overall, the planning processes used at TCIS are somewhat effective.  Teachers are continuously collaborating to create appropriate unit plans,	ES Assessment Tracker
and adapt and change lesson plans as needed. An area of growth would be the use of formative assessment results in the planning process by all school faculty.	1a Writing Assessment tracker
	Grade 2 Small Group Reading
The Elementary School utilizes a multitude of formative assessments to	<u>Lesson Plans</u>
guide instruction. By adopting the Writing Units of Study, teachers are expected to perform a Pre-On demand, to assess the students skills when	
writing a specific genre. This Pre-On Demand is then graded using a rubric that assists teachers in adapting and changing their teaching bends	
and mini lessons. At the end of the unit the students are given a Post On	
Demand where they are asked to write a stories using everything that	
they have learned about the given genre. The results of the Post On	

Demand are then compared to their Pre On Demand scores to assess the units teaching successes and areas for growth moving forward. Teachers in the Elementary school have also adopted the Reading Units of Study. Which focuses on meeting students' needs on their level. Teachers will begin the year by conducting a Diagnostic Reading Assessment (DRA-4). This data is then used to create guided reading groups (levels 1-18) for support with decoding and developing foundational reading skills, or strategy groups that support the development of deeper comprehension skills in a variety of texts. The DRA-4 is conducted again at the middle of the year to reassess how the students' progress and to determine new reading instructional goals. Finally, the DRA-4 is conducted at the end of the year to again reassess student progress in the second half of the year and gather data regarding overall growth during the school year.

#### In ES...

- DRA results are used to group students into strategy reading groups
- Teachers work in grade level teams to plan engaging and rigorous units

#### In MS...

- Formative assessment results help teachers plan Entry/Exit Tickets, Quick Assessments, Q&A's, Turn & Talks etc.
- Teachers are continuously adapting and changing lesson plans to meet student needs and incorporate student learner outcomes as best as possible.

#### In HS...

- Teachers use bell-ringers, exit tickets, and other tools.
- Plickers quizzes are fast and useful as formative assessments

The purchase of Atlas Rubicon, to begin 2021-22 SY will greatly assist the planning process. Principals will have an effective tool to manage/review/recommend curriculum techniques and approaches. Reporting in Atlas will verify the work of teachers. Lesson plans will allow principals and administrators to monitor teacher work, planning, alignment to standards, and rigor.

COVID-19 Impact: COVID has not had a significant impact on the ability to plan. While it has made collaboration between grade level teams more difficult, teachers are still able to successfully plan engaging lessons and collect data from assessments. It did, though, prevent the rollout of a new curriculum map format, planned for the 2020-21 SY. Atlas Rubicon will be the tool moving forward; updated curriculum maps were planned as a "bridge" to Atlas.



On-the spot assessment in Grade 2 (word endings)

DRA reports available upon request

**Exit Tickets** 

**ThinkTrix** 

**Example Bellringer** 

Folder of Bellringers

**Plickers Reports** 

**Atlas Rubicon** 

Planned curriculum map for 2020-21 SY, tabled due to COVID-19

Exemplar of planned curriculum map change.

#### **Professional Collaboration**

**Indicator**: Administrators and teachers use various collaborative strategies to examine curricular design and student work to improve learning and teaching, including demonstrating critical thinking, problem-solving,

knowledge, and application. This would include examples of the selection of the instructional approaches based on the learning purpose(s) desired.

**Prompt**: Comment on the effectiveness of how administrators and teachers use various collaborative strategies to examine curricular design and student work to improve learning and teaching, including demonstrating critical thinking, problem-solving, knowledge, and application. Include examples of the selection of the instructional approaches based on the learning purpose(s) desired.

#### **Findings**

TCIS is somewhat effective when it comes to how administrators and teachers use various collaborative strategies to examine curricular design and student work to improve learning and teaching.

AT TCIS, divisional meetings and common planning are times when student work and learning outcomes are reviewed and next steps planned. In the Elementary School, at the year end review meeting, the MAP data, as well as observations by teachers led to the implementation of Number Talks. It was observed that while students could easily apply their skills with route calculations, their conceptual understanding, application skills, critical thinking and communication skills needed more support. To address these needs, a teacher-led PD on Number Talks was given. Number Talks provide students the chance to discuss their mathematical thinking process, expand their knowledge of mental maths strategies, as well as developing their use of mathematical academic vocabulary. (as a means to develop these skills a G1 teacher had been piloting Number Talks in her class based on research and learning from her Masters program.)

Through this same process, teachers shared their concerns around being able to support beginning English Language Learners. This led to the EAL team leading PD sessions in 2018-19 around the focused strategies of vocabulary development, sentence frames, and graphic organizers.

Number Talks and the integration of the EAL strategies all support the school's mission for trilingual communication. Qualitatively, teacher reports and principal observations demonstrate the efficacy of these strategies.

The purchase of Atlas Rubicon for the 2021-22 SY will provide a tool to enhance collaboration between administration and teachers, as well as between teachers. Having a tool that allows easy sharing of lesson plans and curriculum maps will allow for a more effective management of curriculum. Atlas allows for a clearer alignment (vertically and horizontally). Principals, administrators, and peers can attach comments and recommendations. Combination units can be planned by sharing a unit.

#### **Supporting Evidence**

Math Talk PD

1st Grade Number Talk Support

Staff EAL Boot Camp



Monday divisional meeting time

Parent Orientation with EAL Strategies (pg18-21)

Teacher Evaluation Notes (see principals for copies)

Atlas Rubicon

COVID-19 Impact: The ongoing lockdowns have separated teachers and administrators. During periods of lockdown, it's much more difficult for teachers to work together and collaborate.

# **Professional Development**

**Indicator**: The school uses ongoing professional development to enhance the curriculum and improve learning and teaching. This includes learning through worldwide partnerships with other teachers and schools.

**Prompt**: Comment on how the school uses ongoing professional development to enhance the curriculum and improve learning and teaching.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is highly effective at using ongoing professional development to enhance the curriculum and improve learning and teaching. TCIS primarily uses focused PD during concentrated summer sessions, with	Workshop, Reading A-Z, EAL PD Agenda
periodic updates throughout the year. For Summer 2019, the school sponsored two days of PD, with the focus being Reader's & Writer's Workshop (Elementary and Lower Middle Schools) and Socratic	PD Attendance
Seminars (Upper Middle and High Schools). These two-day, 16-hour sessions provided teachers with approaches to use in the 2019-20 school	PBL PD Flyer
year. Principals required the adoption of these approaches in lessons, and they have been added to our curriculum maps. The use of this concentrated method ensures all teachers receive more than a quick "how to", and learn new strategies which they can apply immediately.	PD July 2019: Socratic Seminars and Reader's Workshop
Curriculum has been enhanced by the introduction of the AP Capstone	AP Capstone
program. This has added a new level of rigor for the high school, as students are challenged to write, present, and read at the college level. It also offers more language-based courses to the high school curriculum.	Observation reports available upon request.
Principals validate the use of tools learned during observations. For example, following the Socratic Seminar PD in July of 2019, principals verified Socratic Seminar units during observations. This ensured	PD Tracking 2020-21 SY
teachers use the new skills and techniques developed, and allows for adjustments where needed.	PD Proposal 2021-22 SY
COVID-19 Impact: Due to travel restrictions and days lost to lockdowns, TCIS was not able to bring in 3rd party trainers for professional development. PD has shifted to individual courses, which means fewer individuals will receive PD. For the 2021-22 SY, we are investigating remote courses, as it is unclear whether travel restrictions will remain in place.	Online PD Resources

#### **Challenging and Varied Instructional Strategies**

**Indicator**: The teachers strengthen student understanding and achievement of the learning outcomes, including targeted global competencies, through the use of a variety of instructional strategies that are selected on the basis of the learning purpose(s) and effectively engage students at a high level of learning. This includes the integration of multimedia and technology as appropriate and the linking of students' experiences to the world.

**Prompt**: Provide a range of examples from examining students working and their work that give insight to the degree to which all students are actively engaged in learning to achieve the academic standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes. This includes students demonstrating critical thinking, problem solving, knowledge, application and the development of a wide range of technological skills and global competencies.

Findings Supporting Evidence

TCIS is **effective** in this area. Based on observation and student work, it is apparent that students are actively engaged in learning and will achieve the academic standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes. TCIS students demonstrate critical thinking, problem solving, knowledge, application and the development of a wide range of technological skills and global competencies.

#### ES...

- From observation, it seems students are engaged in learning
- They actively participate in classroom discussions
- They know the learning objectives

#### In MS...

- Lessons are engaging and teachers are constantly adapting plans to incorporate student learner outcomes.
- In Grades 5/6 Math, for example, students are given an Entry Ticket or rigorous math warm-up each day and have opportunities to discuss and share their understanding, thinking, and solutions. Lessons and projects are meant to get the students to apply the skills they are learning, rather than just practice them.
- Reflection questions
- In Grades 7/8 Math, students use a game-based, leveled site program for enrichment and remediation. Diagnostic tools from this program help to assist the teacher in identifying areas of strengths and weaknesses. Lessons may be assigned in the program to provide additional practice of the skill
- Daily lessons focus on course CCS and the objectives which provide a framework for the standard. Students demonstrate understanding and competency of CCSS through PBL projects, group activities, and practice activities.

#### In HS...

- In Business Studies Class, students were studying the creation of products and pricing strategies. In groups, they got to choose a brand and are analyzing the marketing strategies for these brands. The students pictured chose Lactasoy and Red Bull. Areas they are analyzing include:
  - Competitive advantage, direct and indirect competitors, tangible and intangible benefits, market segmentation, target market and promotion, and pricing, product and distribution strategies. They are presenting the information via Google Slides or Google Docs. These

**Grade 2 Observation Notes** 



Learning to swim



Learning to build sentences





tasks align with our SLO's and Mr. Jon and his students are learning valuable real-world applications in school.

- o SLOs:
- Effective communicators
- Collaborative workers
- Complex thinkers
- Independent life-long learners

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- English grade 12 class read and discussed Beowulf for class. The students created posters that depicted the major scenes from the poem. When put together, these posters retell the story of the epic hero and the battles he fought visually. This is based on the famous Bayeux Tapestry that depicts the Norman invasion of England in 1066.
- Students in AP Seminar are writing a 1200-word essay as part of a "Mock" Performance Task, mirroring Performance Task #1 for the College Board. Students are supporting each other by editing and revising peer papers. Once students complete the "Mock" PT, they will begin the official, graded PT#1 for College Board.
- Schools from South East Asia were invited to pair up with local Taiwanese students for the The Contest of Living Technology hosted by the Chung Shan Industrial and Commercial School. Although basic carpentry, circuitry, and coding skills were needed, the emphasis was on collaboration, global participation, problem-solving, and effective communication. In addition to the training workshop and competition, students were given the opportunity to experience Taiwanese culture and network with students from Taiwan, Vietnam, and Indonesia. TCIS was given the award for report writing in which our students reflected on their experiences and articulated the importance of teamwork and communication on an international scale.
- COVID-19 Impact: Many cultural and global concepts are established and developed during field trips, such as Model United Nations or Thai cultural excursions to museums or events. Those have not occurred in the last year due to lockdowns and travel restrictions. While many museums and cultural events around the world have moved virtual, very few Thai museums and events have been made available virtually. This has limited, somewhat, our ability to build some of these skills and understandings.



Learning about science

Grade 6 - Travel Project (Student work)

<u>Grade 5 - Decimal Project (Student work)</u>



Participating in community service work throughout Thailands



Business Studies class



Beowulf Tapestry Project





AP Seminar Paper Revision (L) and The Contest of Living Technology hosted by the Chung Shan Industrial and Commercial School

Additional Online Instruction Prompts: Evaluate the processes and the effectiveness of the strategies used by teachers to make decisions on learning and teaching approaches including direct instruction, and other student-teacher interaction opportunities.

Evaluate the effectiveness of timelines and pacing guides for completing coursework for asynchronous online instruction.

All TCIS teachers have had to transition, on multiple occasions, from inperson classes to virtual. The teachers have worked very hard to build their classes virtually, often having to adjust the delivery of content. Many teachers report that having to rethink their teaching has been a good exercise to build their skills and reconsider how/what they teach.





Zoom training

Google Hangouts Meet training

**Supporting Evidence** 

Google Forms training

Other training available on the TCIS Curriculum Site

**Indicator**: Teachers systematically integrate technology within the school so that all students develop a wide range of technological skills.

**Prompt**: Comment on the integration of technology within the school so that all students develop a wide range of technological skills.

# Findings Supporting Evidence

TCIS is highly effective at integrating technology within the school. Technology is widely integrated within TCIS and all students develop a very wide range of technological skills.

#### In ES...

- I-Pads are used in the classroom for various applications (IXL, RAZ Kids, SeeSaw)
- The students have 1 Tech period a week where they learn a variety of skills
  - o Typing skills
  - o Google Docs
  - Google Slides
- Teachers use YouTube to help demonstrate ideas

#### In MS...

- Google Suites are utilized as a means of communicating about the learning through Google Classroom, slides, docs, and sheets.
- Students have one-to-one technology for the use of programs such as Khan Academy, NewsELA, Math Games, IXL, Accelerated Reader, Quizzes, Quizlet, GoMath!, Kahoot!
- All students attend Tech class 1 day per week and Introduction to Robotics
- Intro to Coding is available to all students 1 day per week
- 1:1 laptop program
- TCIS is a 'Google' school. Most assignments are done using devices and G-suite applications.
- Digital Portfolios
- 3-D Printer
- Cross curricular PBLs in MS with tech integration

#### In HS...

- 1:1 laptop program
- Digital Portfolios
- Video projects (Thai classes)
- Dedicated classes that are technology-based:
  - Computer Coding
  - Media Productions
  - Graphic Design
  - Introduction to Robotics
  - Robotics
  - Robotic II
  - Robotics III
  - Robotics IV











- o Coding
- Google Classroom usage by all teachers
- Khan Academy usage in multiple subjects
- Khan Academy integration in Advisory for SAT prep
- Use of Google products: Chrome, Translate, Docs, Slides, YouTube, Photos, Sites
- Student use of technology in Rock Band

COVID-19 Impact: Due to lockdowns and travel restrictions, TCIS students haven't been able to access Robotics materials. Technology can be viewed over video sessions, but not touched and manipulated.





# **Evidence of Results based upon Challenging Learning Experiences**

**Indicator**: Students working and their work demonstrate critical and creative thinking, problem solving, knowledge attainment, and application skills.

**Prompt**: Comment on the student work and how it demonstrates critical and creative thinking, problem solving, knowledge attainment, and application skills.

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
creative thinking and problem-solving skills, and to attain knowledge	TCIS Highlight Reel
and apply skills. TCIS students regularly produce work that combines academic standards with the SLOs. Here are some examples.	KG STEAM Lesson with Photos

#### In ES...

- STEAM lessons and activities
- PBL lessons and products
- Writing assignments in Writers' Workshop

#### In MS...

• In Grade 5/6 Math, for example, students are expected to use critical thinking and problem solving skills to be successful. Work is created for students to be independent, challenged, and creative.

#### In HS...

 Critical thinking is a cornerstone of high school. Students are regularly challenged to think in the upper orders of Bloom's Taxonomy. Synthesis essays, for example, are required in AP English Lang & Comp and AP Seminar. Higher order word problems in upper Math and Science challenge students at the highest levels.

COVID-19 Impact: While teachers have had to adjust to providing content and assessments virtually, observations reveal teachers are doing well in maintaining academic standards in their classrooms. While paper-based tests and tools are not available, virtual alternatives have been found.

Grade 3 PBL Project

<u>G5 - How to... Decimals</u> presentation (Student work)

<u>G6 - Travel Project (Student</u> work)

G7 PBL Video

TCIS Math Curriculum Central

AP Seminar Summer Assignment

Synthesis Essay

**Toulmin Argumentation** 

**QUEST Model** 

Principal observations available upon request.

Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Evaluate and comment on the effectiveness of reviewing student work online and online communications to determine the degree to which students are analyzing, comprehending, and conducting effective research.

#### **Findings**

In the current environment, teachers are working very hard to evaluate work virtually, as opposed to directly in the classroom. Teachers have had to be inventive, and some trial-and-error has to occur. Observations reveal, though, that teachers are doing a fantastic job of reviewing student work, leveraging Zoom, Google Classroom, and other tools.

# **Supporting Evidence**





Principal observation records available upon request.

#### **Student Understanding of Performance Levels**

**Indicator**: The students know the standards/expected performance levels for each area of study.

**Prompt**: Examine and evaluate the extent to which students know the standards/expected performance levels before beginning a new area of study.

Findings	Supporting Ev
Teachers are <b>highly effective</b> at making the standards/expected performance levels known to the students.	Student Writing Rubric
In ES  • Teachers show students rubrics before each new area of study • Teachers show and discuss learning objectives before each lesson	MS Technology Rubrics  Examples of posted learning objectives
<ul> <li>Standards and objectives are posted in the classroom</li> <li>Teachers regularly review objectives and outcomes with students</li> <li>Rubrics are developed to inform students of expected learning outcomes</li> </ul>	There is a discovery viscolar to the contract of the contract
<ul> <li>Standards and objectives are posted in the classroom (whiteboards or projected on screen)</li> <li>Development of rubrics and/or detailed assignments with associated points</li> </ul> COVID-19 Impact: Little impact, as standards and expectations can be posted online for students.	Construction of States and From the States two presents are start, having a states of trap factories, and the states are states and the states are states and the states are states and the states and th
	Lesson Plan with Objective (during virtual session)
	AP Essay Rubric

#### **Student Perceptions**

**Indicator**: Interviews and dialogue with representative students inform the degree to which learning experiences are relevant in preparing students for college, career, and life.

**Prompt**: Using interviews and dialogue with students, evaluate the extent to which students understand the expected level of performance based on the standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes. Evaluate the effectiveness of the student-teacher interaction based on student feedback.

# **Findings Supporting Evidence** Based on interviews and dialogue with students, TCIS teachers are Parent & Student Survey Results effective at making the expected level of performance known to students. Observation reports available upon request Parent Surveys: Overall results are very positive. Parents report: Their child's teacher cares about the student (Slide 8) Their child's teacher is available if their student needs help (Slide They are satisfied with the curriculum offerings at TCIS (Slide 10) Student Surveys: Overall results are very positive. Students report: 80% of students strongly agree/agree difficult things are Observation reports available explained clearly in class (Slide 22) upon request 71% strongly agree/agree their class time is used effectively In ES... University Acceptances When students are asked what they are learning, they are able to state the learning objective In MS... • Learning objectives are clear and posted for students to see. (Posted online during e-learning) Students can explain what they are learning and apply it to the real world. Students can take courses like Coding and Robotics, which give them real-world skills In HS... Learning objectives are clear and posted for students to see. Students have options like Advanced Placement and Junior/Senior Seminar, all of which prepare students directly for college.

#### **Student Needs**

**Indicator**: Teachers address student needs through the instructional approaches used.

TCIS has 100% college placement annually

**Prompt**: How do teachers address the variety of ways in which students learn and their individual needs through instructional approaches appropriate for the subject?

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS teachers are highly effective at addressing the variety of ways in which students learn.	Classroom Expectations
In ES	Observation reports available upon request
<ul> <li>Teachers use differentiated learning in many ways:         <ul> <li>Provide books at appropriate reading levels</li> <li>Strategy groups</li> <li>Leveled groups</li> <li>Sentence starters</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Word walls

- Graphic organizers
- Word walls

#### In MS...

- Teachers are able to differentiate instruction and learning using the following tools, strategies, and approaches:
  - Flexible seating
  - Word Walls
  - o Math Talk
  - o Graphic Organizers
  - Sentence Frames
  - o Leveled assignments (Modified, Enrichment)
  - Technology usage
  - o Flexible groups
  - o Hands-on learning
  - Student check-ins/mini conferences

#### In HS...

- Word walls
- Peer-to-peer support
- Technology usage
- Hands on learning
- EAL Tools and Tips Google Classroom
- TCIS is aligning high school students to American, Thai, and Taiwanese universities with the new track system

COVID-19 Impact: Many of the tools, such as those for Robotics, don't fit in a virtual environment. Teachers have had to rely more on visual tools. Hands-on teaching tools and manipulatable tools haven't been viable during our virtual environment.



Grade 5 Math - Enrichment Menu

Word Walls

G5/6 Math - Flexible Seating



**Graphic Organizers** 

**Sentence Stems** 

Word Walls

**Peer Tutoring** 

HS Alignment to American, Thai, and Taiwanese Universities

#### **Student Use of Resources**

**Indicator**: Students use resources for learning beyond the limits of the textbook such as effective use of collaborative activities, technology, library/media resources and community resources and information from various cultures and languages.

**Prompt**: To what extent do students use resources for learning beyond the limits of the textbook such as effective use of technology, collaborative activities, and community resources?

# **Findings Supporting Evidence** TCIS teachers are highly effective at providing resources for learning Grade 2 Collaborative PBL beyond the limits of the texbook. Project In ES... Grade 5 - Graphing Project Teachers incorporate collaborative activities and projects STEM activities Grade 7 PBL Project Empatico to connect classrooms globally • Reading A-Z, Raz Kids, Science A-Z, IXL and Mystery Science Khan Academy for Parents In MS.... Sora App Across content Grade 7 PBL project Students create Digital Portfolios in Technology Class • Khan Academy, IX, and Prodigy are used heavily in math Projects are created with the intention of allowing students to research, work together, and be creative. Consortium of Thai schools has provided access to 300 books

#### In HS...

- 1:1 laptop program
- Video projects (Thai classes)
- Dedicated classes that are technology-based:
  - Computer Coding

online through the Sora App

- Media Productions
- Graphic Design
- Introduction to Robotics
- **Robotics**
- Robotic II
- Robotics III
- o Robotics IV
- Coding
- Khan Academy integration in Advisory for SAT prep
- Use of Google products: Chrome, Translate, Docs, Slides, YouTube, Photos, Sites
- Student use of technology in Rock Band
- Learning based on field trips outside the classroom
- Group projects





COVID-19 Impact: While increasingly reliant on technology, teaching can be limited. Museums and cultural events in Thailand are generally

not available online, like many in the US are. Teachers often have to be
more inventive.

**Additional Online Instruction Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of opportunities within online instruction for real world experiences and applications for the students.

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
Teaching challenges online increase with younger students. While a high school student can read and respond on a laptop during a Zoom session, this is a lot to expect of very young students. TCIS has leveraged additional tools, such as SeeSaw, to engage younger students.	

#### B3. How Assessment is Used Criterion — Reporting and Accountability Processes

The school leadership and staff use effective assessment processes to collect, disaggregate, analyze and report school performance data to all stakeholders about student progress toward accomplishing the schoolwide learner outcomes and academic standards. The analysis of the data guides the school's programs and processes, the allocation and usage of sources, and forms the basis for the development of the action plan.

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

# **Professionally Acceptable Assessment Process**

**Indicator**: The school leadership and instructional staff use effective assessment processes to collect, disaggregate, analyze, and report school performance data to appropriate stakeholders.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the assessment processes.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
We have an <b>effective</b> assessment process. Teachers use MAP data as a major summative assessment. Teachers also review assessment results before progress reports and report cards, noting students who may need extra support. Counselors collect this data from teachers. These means allow us to triangulate data to make decisions about student learning and progress (see link Elementary School Assessment Tracking).	MAP Data Analysis 2019  DRA reports available upon request
TCIS has a curriculum coordinator who organizes MAP testing for students in grades 1-7 (some 8th and 9th graders too).	Lucy Calkins Writing Prompt
In ES  • MAP scores	Elementary School Assessment Tracking
<ul> <li>DRA Test Scores</li> <li>Writing Prompts</li> <li>On-going formative assessments (exit tickets, writing samples,</li> </ul>	MAP Data Analysis 2019
<ul> <li>etc.)</li> <li>We have recently started looking at WIDA data on a small scale to possibly implement next year.</li> </ul>	PSAT G8
<ul> <li>Spelling Assessment</li> <li>Childern's Chinese Competency Certification (CCCC) for non-</li> </ul>	PSAT G9
native Chinese speakers between 7-12.	PSAT G10
In MS	PG 1 T G11
• MAP Scores (Grade -7)	PSAT G11

• PSAT Scores (Grade 8 and 9 only)

In HS...

- Midterms
- Finals
- AP scores

COVID-19 Impact: The Admin team has had to work very hard on creating processes for online teaching and learning. This "drag" has made analysis of testing data more challenging, though the effort is ongoing. Despite the pandemic, high school is aligning in tracks to align US, Thai, and Taiwanese universities.

AP Scores available upon request

Alignment: US, Thai, and Taiwanese Universities

#### **Basis for Determination of Performance Levels**

**Indicator**: The school leadership and instructional staff determine the basis for students' grades, growth and performance levels to ensure consistency across and within grade levels and content levels.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the impact and effectiveness of the basis for which students' grades, their growth, and performance levels are determined.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is very effective in how grades, growth, and performance levels are determined. In ES, teachers use a standards-based report, while in MS/HS students receive letter grades. In ES, classroom updates are	Progress Report and Report Card Timelines
reported to parents via Google Classroom and SeeSaw. There is a quarterly cycle for reporting grades to parents and students. However, in MS/HS, parents and students may check PlusPortal at any time to see	HOD Meetings 2018-19
grades.	HOD Meetings 2019-20
In ES	110D 1/100things 2017 20
<ul><li>Teaching begins with standards</li><li>For literacy assessments we use:</li></ul>	PlusPortals for Parents
<ul> <li>Words Their Way Spelling Inventories</li> <li>DRAs</li> <li>Writing Prompts (with rubrics)</li> <li>Go Math Assessments</li> </ul>	DRA reports available upon request
<ul> <li>The combination of these is effective at determining what students can do and their next step in learning.</li> <li>Teachers are piloting WIDA tests this year to better gauge English Language levels and instruction supports, as teacher</li> </ul>	MS Progress Monitoring Report 2019-20
feedback has been that this is an area of concern and frustration.	HS: Progress Monitoring Spreadsheet 2019-20
In MS/HS	
<ul> <li>Teachers are required to enter grades twice weekly</li> <li>MS: Final grades are determined by a 60/30/10 distribution <ul> <li>60% major assessments</li> <li>30% classwork</li> <li>10% homework</li> </ul> </li> <li>The efficacy and impact are an on-going point of discussion at the MS/HS levels.</li> </ul>	DFI/Progress Monitoring Sheet 2020-21
COVID-19 Impact: With students scattered remotely, including many students who spent months outside of Thailand, it has been additionally	

challenging to communicate with students and to follow up. One student, for example, was in PRC China at the beginning of this school year, and he had difficulties attending Zoom sessions due to the national firewalls. These have been issues we've had to solve this year.

Additional Online Instruction Prompts: Evaluate the effectiveness for determining if a student is prepared to advance to the next unit, course, or grade level. Evaluate how course mastery is determined and evaluate the "steps" or "gates" that are in place to prevent students from proceeding to the next unit if mastery has not been demonstrated.

Evaluate the effectiveness of the procedures for grading student work whether it is done electronically or individually by the teachers.

Evaluate how effective teachers ensure academic integrity and determine students are doing their own work in the online environment. Comment on the degree to which the results for state-mandated assessments and the high school exit exam are used in decisions about student achievement and advancement and improving the instructional program.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Effective: While TCIS does not use state-mandated assessments or high school exit exams, there are many standardized tests which we use to	AP Exams 2020 (Facebook Posts)
benchmark student performance: 1. TOCFL (for Chinese instruction)	MAP Data Analysis 2019
<ul><li>2. Thai Sermpanya Tests (for Thai instruction)</li><li>3. MAP Tests</li></ul>	PSAT Results
4. AP Exams 5. WIDA	Thai Sermpanya Test Results
6. PSAT Results RIT scores in MAP testing, for example, are matched against US national averages. Our students are generally at-or-above US standards and averages for these. Our students tend to match AP exams, and far exceed them in many cases.	TOCFL & CCCC Exam Results
COVID-19 Impact: Some testing has been more challenging during the time of this pandemic, such as MAP testing. Extended lockdowns have changed the AP Exams, being virtual last year and, likely, virtual this year. These are issues that must be adjusted to.	

#### **Modifications based on Assessment Results**

**Indicator**: The school uses assessment results to modify the school program, professional development activities, and make decisions about resource allocations to demonstrate a results-driven continuous process.

**Prompt**: Comment on how assessment results have caused modifications in the school program, professional development activities, and/or resource allocations demonstrating a results-driven continuous process.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is moderately effective at using assessment to implement modifications in school programs and professional development activities. We use formative assessments and department meetings to modify professional development and resource allocations. We also use MAP data and AP scores to make systemic modifications.	Math talk slides  Sample PD agenda 2018-19

- When teachers noticed that students had a hard time communicating orally, there was professional development around socratic seminars.
- When teachers realized students weren't engaged, they made an effort to provide more engaging classes, such as robotics.
- When students expressed a desire to learn more languages, we added Spanish, Korean, Japanese, and coding (Grades 7-8).
- When teachers realized students only understood how to do math processes, there was professional development around math talks.
- MAP and formative data led us to focus on grammar usage and reading comprehension. This led to SS/RW training - a significant portion of the PD budget
- Now all grades 8, 9, 10 take PSAT we use the results to inform program assessments. PSAT connects to Khan academy.
- Advisory implementation social emotional needs, and academics
- Prep for college board
- TCIS adjusted its structure to more closely align US, Thai, and Taiwanese universities. This restructure will help make students more successful in these universities, and more closely align to the programs students will find themselves in. This came from feedback from students who have attended Thai and Taiwanese universities and have found themselves at a slight disadvantage during their first semester.
- The implementation of Atlas Rubicon in the 2021-22 SY will provide more tools for analyzing curriculum: assessment models, standards assessed, alignment vertically and horizontally, etc. This will allow a more direct analysis of courses, subjects, and divisions.

PBL flier and agenda

Workshop, Reading A-Z, EAL PD Agenda

Vertical Alignment of Math Standards

**PSAT Results** 

Alignment: US, Thai, and Taiwanese Universities

**Atlas Rubicon Briefing** 

Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Examine examples and comment on the overall effectiveness of changes in the online opportunities, professional development of the staff, and the resource allocations to support student achievement and their needs.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS has not been as effective in this area. One of the (few) positives of being "virtual" is that individual PD offerings, which were normally very expensive, have now moved online for the most part. This saves the costs of travel, including flights and hotels. This allows for many more personal PD sessions per year. It precludes, though, TCIS's standard process of bringing in a trainer who provided PD for the entire staff. Now, fewer people get PD, though more people get individual PD which may suit their needs individually.	PD Tracking

#### **Monitoring of Student Growth**

**Indicator**: The school has an effective system to monitor all students' progress toward meeting the academic standards and schoolwide learner outcomes.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the system used to monitor the progress of all students toward meeting the academic standards and schoolwide learner outcomes.

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
Overall, TCIS has an effective system to monitor the progress of all students.	ES Assessment Tracking
In ES  • The systems used: MAP, DRAs, Calkins Writing Prompts, Go Math Assessments	DRA reports available upon request
All teachers input data into an assessment tracking document	December SLO Assembly SLO Awards in Elementary
In MS	
<ul> <li>Quarterly Progress Reports and Report Cards</li> <li>MAP tests at the BOY and EOY</li> </ul>	G6 - Data & Statistics Project (Teacher Created)
<ul> <li>Teacher created assessments and projects</li> <li>IXL</li> <li>Khan Academy</li> </ul>	PSAT Results, Fall 2020
<ul><li>Prodigy</li><li>Go Math</li><li>PSATs</li></ul>	MAP Data Analysis 2019
<ul> <li>AP Exam Results</li> <li>A tracking of feedback and concerns are provided to the MS counselor through a Google Spreadsheet so that academic and behavioral concerns can be tracked and followed up on</li> </ul>	MS Progress Monitoring Report 2019-20
In HS	AP Exams 2020 (Facebook Posts)
There is a spreadsheet for tracking students of concern (based on academic performance or factors that impact student achievement); this is accessible by HS teachers and administrators as well as student services	HS Progress Monitoring Report 2019-20
<ul> <li>Progress reports are sent home to parents with students' grades</li> <li>Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled twice per year</li> <li>There is MAP testing three times a year for ELL HS students</li> </ul>	DFI/Progress Monitoring Sheet
<ul> <li>Analysis and measurement of AP and SAT scores from year-to-year</li> <li>40 hours of community service required for students</li> </ul>	Atlas Rubicon Briefing
The implementation of Atlas Rubicon in the 2021-22 SY will allow the leadership team to analyze assessment structures in the divisions. This data will help the leaders understand how assessments are administered in the classes, and how they are aligned to the standards. Moving forward, this analysis will be a critical leadership function.	
COVID-19 Impact: The pandemic has made it more challenging to track and keep up with some students. At the beginning of the year, we had many students who could not return to Thailand due to quarantine rules. It was additionally challenging to sort through it, though we came up with approaches for supporting these students.	

#### **Reporting Student Progress**

**Indicator**: There are effective processes to inform the board, parents, and other stakeholders about student progress toward achieving the academic standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes, i.e., global competencies.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the processes that inform appropriate stakeholders (governing board members, schoolwide learner outcomes, i.e., global competencies.

# The school's process to inform stakeholders has been effective. Although there are assemblies, articles in the newsletters, and signage on campus, in an interview with the PA president, he indicated that parents do not know what the school's SLO outcomes are. To address this shortfall, a highlight reel was created to share with parents and board members to more explicitly share the integration of SLOs with academic standards. This has also been made more explicit in the school's newsletters, and SLOs have begun to be included in classroom objectives. The leadership team took this as an action item, and developed processes to improve communications with families and other stakeholders.

Principals have increased communications to parents this year. They began the year with weekly newsletters, sharing information, links, etc. Principals have also added Parent Coffee events, sharing information with families directly, such as the curriculum realignment in the high school. Principals have also regularly met with the Parent Association. Though social distancing rules have been a challenge to overcome, TCIS has prioritized parent and family communications. TCIS maintains a Line (messaging) group for parents, and regularly communicates official information. During the pandemic, this Line group proved particularly effective in sharing MOE rules, changes in policy to address COVID-19, and creating a two-way channel of communication.

The TCIS Administrative Team meets regularly with the Board of Directors, sharing news, events, staffing, etc.

COVID-19 Impact: For the first few months of the year, social distancing rules were being firmly enforced by the Ministry of Education. In November and December, those rules were relaxed slightly to allow for gatherings, which facilitated the Parent Coffees. Unfortunately, the social distancing rules were reactivated in January, due to the rising number of cases in Thailand. Future Parent Coffees will be delayed until the rules are relaxed again.

# **Supporting Evidence**

Highlight Reel

ES Newsletter Sample

December HS Parent Coffee

November MS Parent Coffee

**Elementary Newsletter** 

MS Parent Newsletter

**HS** Parent Newsletter

**SLO** Awards in Elementary

Photo #1: High School Parent Coffee, December 3, 2020



Photo #2: Board Meeting, November 25, 2020



Board of Directors Meeting	
	Presentations

## **Security Systems**

Indicator: The school employs security systems that maintain the integrity of the assessment process.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the selection of and the use of proctors, the security systems for text documents, and the means to maintain the integrity of the assessments.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
The school is highly effective at employing the appropriate security systems to maintain the integrity of the assessment processes.	MAP Testing Proctor Information
In ES	SAT School Day: Standard Testing Manual
Adherence to NWEA MAP testing requirements	
In MS	AP Exam Instructions
Same as HS (MAP and PSAT-Grade 8)	
In HS	Photo: AD Every Proctoring 2010
<ul> <li>Adherence to NWEA MAP testing requirements</li> <li>Adherence to CollegeBoard testing requirements for SAT, PSAT and AP tests including:         <ul> <li>Testing room requirements</li> <li>Seating requirements</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Photo: AP Exam Proctoring, 2019
<ul> <li>Accounting for test materials</li> <li>Use of approved scripts for student instruction</li> <li>Distribution of test materials</li> <li>Proctoring of AP exams by teachers in other subjects</li> <li>Monitoring students during testing and breaks</li> <li>Collecting/storage of devices</li> <li>Collecting/storage of tests (pre)</li> <li>Locked room</li> </ul>	AP Exams 2021
Collecting/storage of tests (post)	
<ul> <li>Locked room</li> <li>Proctors are either teachers selected by Student Services or teachers who have volunteered through Student Services</li> </ul>	
COVID-19 Impact: Beginning in January of 2020, TCIS began varying stages of lockdowns, dramatically impacting the administration of tests. Exam administrators coordinated with NWEA and College Board. Some tests were canceled, such as the Spring 2020 MAP administration. AP Exams became virtual. Beginning in Fall 2020, TCIS began using remote exam administration strategies, based on the guidance from NWEA, using Zoom sessions to administer exams. The May 2020 administration of AP will likely again be virtual, though it appears the College Board will require stricter rules for exam administration. As of this writing, we are awaiting guidance.	

# **B4.** How Assessment is Used Criterion — Classroom Assessment Strategies

Teacher and student uses of assessment are frequent and integrated into the learning/teaching process. The assessment results are the basis for (a) measurement of each student's progress toward the schoolwide learner outcomes and academic standards; and (b) regular evaluation, modification, and improvement of curriculum and instructional approaches to support the educational progress of every student.

### **Indicators with Prompts**

### **Appropriate Assessment Strategies**

**Indicator**: The teachers regularly use appropriate assessment strategies to measure student progress toward acquiring understanding of a specific body of knowledge or skills, such as critical thinking and communication skills; examples of assessment strategies include essays, portfolios, individual or group projects, tests, etc. (This includes the global competency areas of students being able to investigate the world, recognize multiple perspectives, communicate ideas effectively to diverse groups, and take action to improve the situation.)

**Prompt**: To what extent do teachers use appropriate assessment strategies to measure student progress toward acquiring a specific body of knowledge or skills, including global competencies?

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Teachers at TCIS are highly effective at using appropriate assessment strategies to measure student progress, both formatively and summatively. This helps them effectively measure student progress	DRA reports available upon request
toward acquiring the appropriate knowledge.	High School Project Rubric
In ECE classrooms, we take quarterly assessments to see how far students have met the skills we have covered for each quarter. At the same time, the teachers observe the students' performance on a daily basis and give feedback orally and also give one on one or small group	TCIS Curriculum Page
conferencing when necessary. Most of the assessments are used in oral feedback or relearning it again since our students are very young. Aside from PK classes, kindergarten classes take DRA once in the beginning of	MS Exit tickets
the school year (Aug) and again in the end (May). Throughout the school year we also follow up on students who are not meeting the reading target goal by giving them one on one or small group guiding reading	AP Essay Rubric
lessons.	ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines
In ES	Khan Academy Training
• Formative	
<ul> <li>Teachers observe students during their assignments, working with partners, while completing hands-on activities.</li> </ul>	MAP Data Analysis 2019
<ul><li>Exit ticket</li><li>IXL and Khan Academy lessons/practice to supplement</li></ul>	PSAT G8
<ul><li>and support Go Math</li><li>Running Records/Guided Reading</li></ul>	PSAT G9
<ul> <li>Units of Study Pre On Demand Writing Prompt</li> </ul>	
o 1:1 Conferences	PSAT G10
o Strategy Groups	
• Summative	PSAT G11
<ul><li>DRA</li><li>Spelling Inventories</li></ul>	10111 011
<ul> <li>Spelling Inventories</li> <li>Units of Study Post on Demand Writing Prompt</li> </ul>	1.50
o Go Math! Assessments	AP Scores available upon request
o MAP tests	

- AP Exams
- SAT Exams
- o PSAT Exams
- o TOCFL Exams

# In MS/HS...

- A range of assessments including observations, Entry/Exit tickets, quizzes, projects, activities, formal tests, written explanations, and connections to the real world
- Online applications (Khan Academy, BreakoutEDU, Prodigy, IXL)
- MAP data

According to the Teacher Survey, 91.5% of teachers felt the academic standards of TCIS are Very Good, Good, or Average.

Assessment data, such as PSAT results, indicated TCIS students are scoring lower on English standardized tests. To help improve scores, the leadership team is creating an ELL Department for the 2021-22 School Year. These resources will use push-in and pull-out strategies to help improve the language proficiency of our students

Due to feedback from our students and parents, TCIS adopted the AP Capstone program, with the inaugural AP Seminar class beginning in the 2019-20 SY. Score results from AP Capstone were very high. Hopes are high for the inaugural AP Research course during this 2020-21 SY.

TCIS had to adjust to the realities of the pandemic. PD for the 2020-21 SY has had to be virtual, for individuals instead of large groups (as in the past). To improve our PD offerings, we are exploring several PD options for the 2021-22 SY. Our goal is to offer as much PD for as many people as possible. We are aiming our PD to support the addition of the ELL team. PD for the coming school year will be focused on ELL training, along with a day for Atlas Rubicon implementation.

COVID-19 Impact: The pandemic has forced teachers to rethink assessments to some degree. Paper quizzes and tests are impractical, for the most part. Teachers have had to leverage virtual tools, using Google Classroom and other structures to manage their classrooms. The pandemic is also requiring us to rethink professional development for the 2021-22 SY. Virtual options are being explored.

**Exit Tickets** 

**ThinkTrix** 

TOCFL & CCCC Chinese Proficiency Test Data

G5 Math - <u>Baking with Fractions</u> activity

Performance Task #1 (AP Seminar)

Sample Team Multimedia Presentation (AP Seminar)

Parent, Student, and Teacher Survey Results

AP Capstone Student Presentation

PD Request Tracking

PD Proposal 2021-22 SY

### **Demonstration of Student Achievement**

**Indicator**: A range of examples of student work and other assessments demonstrate student achievement of the academic standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes, including those with special needs.

**Prompt**: Examine and evaluate how student work and other assessments demonstrate student achievement of the academic standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes.

### **Findings**

TCIS is **effective** at helping students achieve academic standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes by providing students the opportunities to participate in Speech competitions, singing competition- singing in foreign tongue languages, Robotics competitions, Spelling Bee, The Howl- high school online newspaper, Art competitions, Yearbook-photography, graphics and write-ups completed by students, PBL Projects, the Thailand Art show, and being highlighted in the Principals' Newsletter. These in addition to student work and assessment data is used to guide instruction, providing information on student's prior knowledge and weaknesses. These practices aid the school in keeping students motivated and engaged in their learning, by giving them a sense of pride and ownership.

- Speech competitions
- Student work and assessment data is used to guide instruction, providing information on student's prior knowledge and weaknesses.
- Singing competition- singing in foreign tongue languages
- Robotics competitions
- Spelling Bee
- The Howl- high school online newspaper
- Art competitions
- Yearbook- photography, graphics and write-ups completed by students
- PBL Projects
- Principals use newsletters to share student work with families and the community
- Thailand Art Talent Show

COVID-19 Impact: Many traveling competitions, such as the robotics competitions, were canceled due to the pandemic. As well, adjustments had to be made to competitions, such as the annual speech competition, which was virtual for the 2019-20 SY. While endeavoring to minimize the impact to our students, we've had to face realities brought on by the pandemic.



The TCIS Chinese Department are highly effective

# **Supporting Evidence**

**HS Japanese Speech Competition** 

**Classroom SLO Posters** 

**SLO** Awards in Elementary

MS/HS Speech Competition

TCIS Chinese Speech Competition

<u>HS - ReSea photos (Beach clean</u> up and reef restoration)

The Howl

<u>Team Multimedia Presentations</u> (AP Seminar)

TCIS Yearbook, 2019-20 SY

MS Cross-Curricula PBL Project

Elementary School Newsletter #20 (Art, Book Event, etc)

MS Parent Newsletter

**HS Parent Newsletter** 

Thailand Art Talent Show October 2018

MS Speech Competition 2020 (recorded due to lockdown)

HS Speech Competition 2020 (recorded due to lockdown)

**Additional Online Instruction Prompt**: Evaluate the use of student work and other online assessments (formative and summative) that demonstrate student achievement of academic standards and the schoolwide learner outcomes.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
NA	

### Modification/Decisions based on Assessment Data

**Indicator**: Assessment data is collected and analyzed and used to make changes and decisions about curriculum, instruction, professional development activities, and resource allocation. Teachers modify and revise the curriculum and instruction as a result of student assessment, both collectively and individually.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of how assessment data is collected, analyzed, and used to make changes and decisions about curriculum, instruction, professional development activities, and resource allocation.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Overall, at TCIS the process of collecting, analyzing and using assessment data to make changes and decisions about curriculum is moderately effective. On the teacher level, assessment data is not often used to make changes and decisions about packaged curriculum, but it does inform our day to day lesson plans.	ES Assessment Tracking  MAP Data Analysis 2019
In ES  • All MAP, DRA and Math scores are put in a Google Sheet and shared with administrators	TOCFL & CCCC Chinese Proficiency Test Data  Bellringers (formative)
<ul> <li>Assessment data is used to drive or guide instruction. As teachers, we have not used it to make changes or decisions involving curriculum, PD, or resources.</li> <li>IXL data</li> </ul>	Plickers Results (formative)  2019 AP Scores
In HS	AP Scores available upon request
<ul> <li>AP scores</li> <li>In-class formative and summative assessments</li> </ul>	
COVID-19 Impact: Curriculum revision has been more challenging, as students are dispersed and teachers are challenged to provide lessons online. The purchase of Atlas Rubicon for the 2021-22 SY will make curricular alignment and revisions much more manageable.	

### **Teacher Feedback to Students**

**Indicator**: Teachers provide timely, specific and descriptive feedback in order to support students in achieving learning targets, academic standards and schoolwide learner outcomes.

**Prompt**: How effective is teacher feedback in supporting students in achieving learning targets, academic standards, and schoolwide learner outcomes?

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Teachers at TCIS are highly effective at providing feedback in a variety of ways. Elementary teachers provide some written, but mostly oral, feedback to the students. Middle and high school teachers are able to provide digital feedback for their students. Overall, feedback is effective in helping students achieve learning targets, academic standards, and	Conference Notes  MS Google Slide comment
schoolwide learner outcomes.	MS Google Slide comment
<ul> <li>In ES</li> <li>Teachers provide feedback through rubrics</li> <li>Writing conferences</li> <li>Teachers meet with students in small group and 1:1 to provide essential feedback</li> </ul>	MS Google Doc Feedback for Chinese writing works  MS FlipGrid Oral Feedback for Video work.
<ul> <li>In MS</li> <li>Teachers meet with students in small group and 1:1 to provide essential feedback</li> <li>Teachers provide written feedback through Email, Hangout Chat, or Google Classroom to guide student learning</li> <li>Teachers provide comments in Google Slides and Google Docs related to student products</li> </ul>	IRR Rubric  Journal Rubric  Atlas Rubicon
<ul> <li>In HS</li> <li>Use of rubrics for scoring, giving students guides for how to be effective</li> <li>AP courses have feedback and scoring rubrics</li> <li>Google Classroom</li> <li>Turnitin.com</li> </ul>	
COVID-19 Impact: Feedback has been more challenging without direct face-to-face interactions. Teachers use Zoom or Meet live sessions, SeeSaw, and Google Classroom to provide feedback to students.	

# **COVID 19 Impact**

# ACS WASC Category B: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment: Summary of COVID Impacts from Findings

Use the COVID narratives from each of the findings sections in Category B to summarize the impact COVID 19 has had on curriculum, instruction, and assessment at TCIS.

COVID 19 had an impact on many areas of curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Among the areas that were most impacted were

Curriculum map improvement was delayed. Therefore, we were no able to improve upon the

Thai: Field trips and cultural activities were not able to proceed, because of this......

Chinese: Switching to technology was a change for the Chinese department, However, this change did not have a negative impact on our students' academic achievement.

Middle school: Students in the early years of middle school took a bit longer to get adjusted to e-Learning. Students in the upper middle school grades adjusted quickly. Teachers used a variety of methods to allow students to access the curriculum. For example, teachers used Google Meet to allow for access to Google Jamboard and Google Whiteboard which is needed for certain language classes.

High school: Student engagement was decreased due to online learning, in particular, at the beginning of using e-learning. We have switched to first focusing on student engagement followed by the delivery academic instruction.

# ACS WASC Category B. Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment: Summary, Strengths, and Growth Needs

Review all the findings and supporting evidence and summarize the degree to which the criteria in Category B are being met. Include comments about the degree to which these criteria impact the school's ability to address one or more of the identified critical student learning needs.

**Summary (including comments about the critical student learning needs)** 

The critical student learning needs:

- Student well-being connection, relationships, engagement
- Literacy support in all areas listening, speaking, reading and writing
- Literacy integrated into content areas

Overall, the criteria is being met mostly effectively. The curriculum, instruction and processes for assessing students is working well. TCIS students are actively engaged in their learning, and develop critical and creative thinking and problem-solving skills. The processes for reviewing the curriculum and instruction need to be improved, as this should greatly improve the school's ability to support all areas of literacy and to integrate literacy into more content areas. Collaborating, reviewing, and aligning the curriculum and assessments regularly will also help to ensure the curriculum is accessible to all students, at all grade levels.

Prioritize the areas of strength and growth for Category B.

### Category B: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment: Areas of Strength

- Integration of technology
- Informing students of the standards and expected performance levels
- Integrating global concepts, perspectives, and issues
- Congruence between the concepts and skills taught, the academic standards, and the schoolwide learner outcomes.

- Differentiating to make the curriculum accessible to all students in elementary school
- Keeping teachers current in the content taught
- Providing ongoing professional development to improve teaching and learning
- Keeping students actively engaged to achieve the academic standards
- Providing opportunities for students to develop critical and creative thinking and problem-solving skills
- Security systems for assessments
- Teacher feedback to the students

### Category B: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment: Areas of Growth

- Integration among disciplines in the high school
- Curriculum review and evaluation processes
- Collaboration to examine curriculum
- Informing appropriate stakeholders of the SLOs
- Differentiating to make the curriculum accessible to all students in middle and high school



# **Category C: Support for Student Personal and Academic Growth**

### C1. Student Connectedness Criterion — Personal and Academic

Students are connected to a system of support services, activities, and opportunities at the school and within the community that meet the challenges of the curricular and co-curricular program in order to achieve the schoolwide learner outcomes.

# **Indicators with Prompts**

## **Adequate Personalized Support**

**Indicator**: The school has available adequate services, including intervention and referral services, to support all students in such areas as health, career and personal counseling, and academic assistance. There is an appropriate application of assessment tools and processes for determining interventions.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the availability and adequacy of services, including intervention and referral services, to support students in areas such as health, career and personal counseling, and academic assistance. Determine if there is appropriate application of assessment tools and processes for determining interventions.

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
The TCIS is <b>effective</b> at providing intervention, referral services, and support to students through the use of multiple programs and our counselors work closely with teachers on a daily basis to identify and	HS Progress Monitoring Sheet MS Progress Monitoring Sheet
problem-solve student needs. However, do not have adequate support for ELL students and it is an area of concern that we are addressing.	ES Referral Form
The TCIS successfully runs transition events for each division that	Peer tutoring log
include get togethers, faculty meet and greets, and time with administrators. There is an event for Grade 4 to Grade 5 transition. There is another event from Grade 8 to Grade 9 transition. During Covid, these	Advisory Program Rubric
events took place virtually via Zoom and video calls.	Grade 4 to 5 Transition Presentation
The TCIS has a successful peer tutoring program that is run by our school counselors. This allows for our students to tutor each other during	Grade 8 to 9 Transition Presentation
free time, after school, or other times that are arranged between the students. The counselors match students together and work closely together to ensure students are matched effectively. Counselors monitor	Site used for Myers-Briggs Assessment with Middle School Students
these placements and make adjustments when needed. Our Student Council and Honor Societies take part of helping with this organization. The school uses Progress Monitoring Sheets to notify counselors and	Bangkok Community Resources
administrators of any academic and/or personal/social concerns.	Junior Seminar Syllabi
The TCIS works hard to help students to learn more about themselves, their personalities, career interests, and college interests. During Junior	Senior Seminar Syllabi
and Senior year, students take seminar classes to help ready them for their future. Throughout the year,we have a multitude of colleges and	College Visit spreadsheet
universities visit the TCIS to promote their schools and share interest	School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) Virtual Visit

with our students. During e-Learning, we continued these visits with colleges and universities virtually.	ITC Madihol School Visit
	King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT) Visit
	The Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology Thammasat University (SIIT) Visit
	D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)

Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Comment on the availability, adequacy, and appropriateness of the academic counseling, college preparation support, personal counseling, and health services provided for the students involved in online instruction.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
During online learning our social and academic needs were at an all time high. We were <b>effective</b> in supporting our students' needs through one on one hangout calls, group calls, and academic performance and support meetings with teachers.	Confidential Documents Related to Each Individual Student Met  MAIA Learning
During online learning we had to adapt the way we prepared our students for college. We implemented the MAIA Learning program which students used to search colleges, complete self assessments, research careers, and upload important documents for college applications.	Counseling and e-Learning

### **Strategies Used for Student Growth/Development**

**Indicator**: Strategies are used by the school leadership and staff to develop personalized approaches to learning and alternative instructional options which allow access to and progress in the rigorous standards-based curriculum. Examples of strategies include: level of teacher involvement with all students, a curriculum that promotes inclusion, processes for regular review of student and schoolwide profiles, readers / writers workshop, and processes and procedures for interventions that address retention and redirection.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the types of strategies used by the school leadership and staff to develop personalized approaches to learning and alternative instructional options which allow access to and progress in the rigorous standards-based curriculum.

Findings Supporting Evidence
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TCIS is **effective** in how the school leadership and staff develop personalized approaches to learning and alternative instructional options which allow access to and progress in the rigorous standards-based curriculum.

During online learning, TCIS successfully planned and executed a Middle School Graduation Ceremony, with both student and teacher participation. Parents were pleased with the structure and professionalism displayed throughout the ceremony.

During online learning, TCIS successfully planned and executed an outstanding Elementary School Graduation Ceremony with students, teachers, and parental participation. Elementary students also participated in WIDA testing at the beginning of the year to help determine their academic needs and inform instructional planning. TCIS will measure academic progress and instructional effectiveness with a year-end WIDA assessment.

Another accomplishment during online learning was when TCIS High School students developed individualized 4 year plans for the purpose of meeting their graduation requirements and applying to college. Some of our seniors have already been accepted to top-ranked universities including Penn State University and National Taiwan University. We're quite proud of their acceptances as well as the scholarships they were awarded.

TCIS High and Middle School students were taking online college and high school level courses to better achieve their academic goals while still maintaining a respectable GPA in their core middle / high school classes.

All High School students are encouraged to explore the Arts through use of the HS Art room during Open Studio and Open Studio Art History. The studios are led by the HS art teacher and include demonstrations and presentations. In previous years, these studios ran during lunch. This year students attend during Choice Time. TCIS AP Art students have consistently scored 5 for the last several years. In 2015, an AP Studio Art Drawing student was awarded a perfect score of 100%. All seven judges awarded him a perfect score of 6. He was one of 16 students that year, worldwide, to achieve this feat and only one of 322 students to receive a perfect score out of 4.5 million AP exams that year. His achievement was featured in a national newspaper. Additionally, he co-wrote an article called AP Studio Art Drawing Portfolio: tips from a student who gained 100% about his methods of achieving this score for the website Student Art Guide, which is based in New Zealand. Other students have found success through competitions and several students were featured in an article called +50 Still Life Drawing Ideas for Art Students. Graphic Design students have contributed to the local community by creating a fundraising campaign for PAWS Bangkok, a local animal charity. Students design charity boxes, mock accessories and usually have several fundraising events throughout the year.

Middle School Graduation Video 2020

Grade 4 Promotion Video

**KG** Promotion Video

4 year plans

<u>University of Nebraska online</u> high school.

HS Independent study students

Reading and Writing Workshop Grade 3

Reading and Writing Workshop Grade 5

G1/2 WIDA Results

Open Studio & Open Studio Art History

NGSS Standards Implementation in Middle School

HS Art Student Receives a perfect score

AP Studio Art Portfolio

+50 Still Life Drawing Ideas from Art Students

PAWS Fundraising Campaign

Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Provide evidence that the processes and strategies are effective for incoming students with regard to orientation or induction and the ongoing monitoring and support of the students to ensure all have a full opportunity for academic success.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>effective</b> in supporting new students. The school does a good job making all students feel welcome by providing students with buddies, orientations, and multiple transition events throughout the year	Middle School Graduation Video 2020
to make sure students are ready to move from Elementary to Middle and from Middle to High School. In order to fasciltate additional support among peers, new students have the New Student Club in ES, New	Grade 4 Promotion Video
Student Orientations in MS and New Student Lunches in HS. Throughout the year new and returning students are monitored by teachers and counselors to ensure their success.	KG Promotion Video
touchors and counselors to ensure their success.	First day of school with buddies
New Student Lunch events allow newly admitted high school students to get to know their high school teachers, counselors, administrators, and staff members better. Building strong relationships is a key aspect of our	New Student Club in ES
new student orientation program. At the event, students will share important information about themselves and their backgrounds, while also asking questions they have about our school. Additionally, it	New Student Orientation in MS
provides an opportunity for students to meet their newly admitted peers and make new friends. Students walk away from this event feeling welcome, confident, and excited about being a student at TCIS.	New Student Lunch in HS

### **Support Services and Learning**

**Indicator**: The school leadership and staff ensure that the support services and related activities have a direct relationship to student involvement in learning, e.g., within and outside the classroom, for all students.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the extent to which the school leadership and staff ensure that the support services and related activities have a direct relationship to student involvement in learning, e.g., within and outside the classroom. Evaluate the processes that are used to identify under-performing or struggling students and the interventions to address these identified student learning needs.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Due to our ongoing ELL program development, TCIS is somewhat	MS Progress Monitoring Sheet
<b>effective</b> in this area. The school does make an effort to communicate	
with students and parents to identify under-performing students;	HS Progress Monitoring Sheet
however, because of language barriers with families who do not communicate easily in English, the systems in place are minimally	
effective. In terms of intervention, there is little if any direct involvement	MS Discipline Referral Form
in students who are under-performing or constantly truant. We even feel	Wis Discipline Referral Form
there is a sense of "the students will be socially promoted, anyway", and	Evenuela MC Navvalattan
so students and their families know that the school won't take drastic	Example MS Newsletter
action if it undermined enrollment numbers or tuition.	
	Example ES Newsletter
TCIS has a System of Referrals in place which uses direct conversations	
with teachers and staff, as well as a shared Google Sheet where teachers	Example HS Newsletter
can list various concerns whether they be academic, personal, social, or otherwise. Teachers conduct group meetings including the counselor	
about students as needed, where they discuss individual or groups needs,	

progress, and interventions needed. The teachers and counselor communicate regularly with parents through weekly and monthly newsletters, as well as by conducting in-person and Zoom/Google Meet conferences as needed.	Scholar's Cup Website (Participation pending COVID Restrictions)
The counselor meets with all students who earn a D or F on their Quarterly and/or Semester Progress Reports/Report Cards. Additionally, the Middle School had planned to participate in the World Scholar's Cup, an academic competition with students from around the world, pending COVID-19 restrictions being lifted.	D & F Report Semester 1 2020

**Additional Online Instruction Prompt**: Evaluate the extent to which the support services and related activities have a direct relationship to student involvement in learning with respect to equity of access, availability of computers and internet.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>somewhat effective</b> with the extent to which the support services and related activities have a direct relationship to student involvement in learning with respect to equity of access, availability of computers and internet.	Confidential student records of conversations
	ISCA Mindfulness Based Wellbeing Webinar
While TCIS doesn't provide every student with their own laptop or device, our Middle and High schools are effectively 1-1 as every student has access to a computer or tablet. When at school, our Grade 5 and 6 students are given a Chromebook to use in-school each morning. Our Elementary School students have access to tablets and a computer lab when in school.	"Coping with Novel Coronavirus *COVID-19): Supporting the Mental Health of International Communities affected by the
At home, students are expected to use their computers/tablets to access the internet so that they can use the various tools needed for online learning such as, Google Meet, Zoom, Google Hangouts, etc. They then use this for both group and individual meetings.	Pandemic" Webinar
The counselors also participated in online professional development sessions/webinars related to counseling during COVID.	

### **Co-Curricular Activities**

**Indicator**: School leadership and staff link curricular and co-curricular activities to the academic standards and schoolwide learner outcomes, i.e., global competencies. Students have the opportunity to communicate with diverse audiences locally and worldwide. Students contribute to local and/or global actions and service opportunities.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the extent of the availability and link of curricular and co-curricular activities for all students to the academic standards and schoolwide learner outcomes, i.e., the global competencies. How effective are these efforts?

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
TCIS is <b>effective</b> in this area. The school has a wealth of student-led clubs, trips, and opportunities available to students. Most of these are driven by student interest and passion, and are supervised by staff. We are not certain that teachers and administrators are directly linking these	Japanese woodblock printing description

activities to curricular activities or schoolwide learner outcomes in a consistent and targeted way, but the experiences students get at TCIS to think globally and connect their learning beyond the classroom certainly exist. The Middle School's NJHS program has thrived in its second year at the TCIS. Our students have raised over 6,000 baht so far this year for worthy causes in and around Bangkok.

National Honor Society Program

National Honor Society Induction 2020

National Junior Honors Society

National Junior Honor Society Virtual Induction

PAWS Bangkok

IED (Istituto Europeo di Design, Italy) Workshop on "Brainstorming"

Environmental Protection -Recycling in Taiwan, Thailand and around the world

<u>Huailxin Art & Calligraphies</u> <u>exhibition</u>

<u>Central Thailand's Interact DTA</u> (<u>District Training Assembly</u>)

Thai Red Cross Youth Volunteer for "We create a World without Stigma"

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

CPR Training with TCIS Medical Club

**Incorporating SLOs into Math** 

UNICEF club

UN x FAO Kids To Forests weekend

Wildlife Conservation weekend

Beach Clean Up weekend

NTNU Geology Camp, Taiwan

NTU HS Engineering Camp, Taiwan

<u>Taiwan</u>	neering Camp, Slide

Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Evaluate the school's processes to address the needs of socialization for the students and involvement in the school.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>effective</b> in this area. TCIS teachers engaged with students via Google Classroom on a daily basis, giving daily instructions and differentiated lesson plans to all students.	Confidential student records of conversations
-Conducted video calls with students (both individual and group) via Zoom and Google Hangouts	
TCIS was successful in helping students socialize and stay involved in the school at all levels. Students were engaged with teachers and each other every day through Google Meet, Zoom, and Google Classroom.	

## Student Involvement in Curricular/Co-Curricular Activities

**Indicator**: The school has an effective process for regularly evaluating the level of student involvement in curricular/co-curricular activities and student use of support services. This includes students involved in projects on global issues, joining networks, and exchanges.

**Prompt**: Comment on the effectiveness of the school process for regularly evaluating the level of student involvement in curricular/co-curricular activities and student use of support services.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>somewhat effective</b> in regularly evaluating the level of student involvement in curricular/co-curricular activities and student use of support services.	HS Community Service Tracking Sheet (copy)
The school has a lot of opportunities when it comes to co-curricular activities. These activities include Spirit Weeks, Sports Days, Spelling Bees and clubs. These co-curricular activities happen across all grade levels in our school. The students are evaluated by participation and success in these activities, resulting in points given, which are then tabulated to determine respective winners and placings.	MS Spelling Bee Article in newsletter
Our clubs range from helping the environment to Esports truly helping them grow as global participants. As for curricular activities our students take on many projects and responsibilities and those are tracked through service tracking sheets and teacher observation. Our students demonstrate being lifelong learners by using their choice time to go talk with teachers and participating in groups that align with their interests.	
<ul> <li>ES</li> <li>Spirit Week: Students have theme days. They are awarded points by participation.</li> </ul>	Spirit Week

Sports Day Activities- Teams are awarded points for their games and level of participation. Points are tabulated at the end and the Spirit Week 2020 winners announced. Spelling Bee - all students participate at the class level e-Learning day to day Spirit week MS in Middle School Padlet example • Spirit Week: Students have theme days. They are awarded points by participation. -List of Clubs • Sports Day Activities- Teams are awarded points for their games. Points are tabulated at the end and the winners announced. MS Sports Day During e-Learning, the middle school continued spirit activities with daily Padlets to encourage students to have fun and build community. 20-21 High School Clubs HS Community Service requirement is regularly tracked Community Service-Soi Clean Spirit Week and Spirit Week performances (Student performances are judged by several people over the course of Spirit Week. The scores are tabulated for the level of participation) Beach Clean Up with Professor Sports Day Activities- Teams are awarded points for their from Mahidol University games. Points are tabulated at the end and the winners

Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Provide evidence about the effectiveness of the students' involvement in school and community activities, such as clubs, yearbook, newsletter, newspaper, field trips, volunteer work, service projects, college courses, etc.

During the last period of the day the High School students have a choice of where they want to go including clubs and teacher

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>highly effective</b> at providing students' involvement in school and community activities, such as clubs, yearbook, newsletter, newspaper, field trips, volunteer work, service projects, college courses, etc.	Form Responses. Flyer Walkathon
Because of online learning many extracurricular activities had to be stopped. Fortunately we were successful in this because many were still able to meet over zoom and google hangouts to keep the clubs going and still have some community activities such as virtual walkathons and field trips, and the yearbook being completed.	San Diego Zoo virtual field trip lesson plan + Student Work.
<ul> <li>ES:</li> <li>Held an indoor walking competition: Walk across Thailand. Had students and staff involved.</li> <li>1st Grade Virtual Field Trip to San Diego Zoo.</li> </ul>	

### **Student Perceptions**

announced.

office hours.

**Indicator**: The school is aware of the student view of student support services through such approaches as interviewing and dialoguing with student representatives of the school population.

**Prompt**: Comment on the student view of student support services after interviewing and dialoguing with student representatives of the school population.

PSP- Problem Solving Patrol

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>somewhat effective</b> to the extent that we are aware of the student view of student support services through such approaches as interviewing and dialoguing with student representatives of the school population.  At this time we still need to better understand changes within the Student Services Department. Due to major changes to this department we feel that students may feel that there is less availability of counselors who have been reassigned and working individually within each division of the school. Conduct interviews to answer	Student Perception Data  High School Student Survey - March 7, 2018  Student Services Performance Survey 2019 (Results Available Upon Request)
	Grade 5 E-Learning Survey (results available upon request)
	Grade 6 E-Learning Survey (results Available Upon Request)

# **COVID 19 Impact**

# ACS WASC Category C: Support for Student Personal and Academic Growth: Summary of COVID Impacts from Findings

Use the COVID narratives from each of the findings sections in Category C to summarize the impact COVID 19 has had on support for student personal and academic growth at TCIS.

COVID 19 has had little impact on student support for our Elementary School. Students were still able to have group and individual meetings with the counselors thanks to Google Hangouts and Zoom. The most significant impact COVID has had on student engagement when it comes to completing work. When students were in need of academic support our TA's and Teachers provided 1 on 1 help sessions as well as phone calls home to make sure students had all the tools needed. We were also able to host virtual spirit weeks, field trips, and other fun events for the students. What we were able to learn from our last year has prepared us for this year even more. Right away we were able to set up check in times for our 3rd and 4th grade students in small groups and make ourselves available to the parents and kids of 1st and 2nd grade.

In Middle School, students were able to meet with their counselor any time via Zoom and/or Google Meet, in addition to live chatting via Google Hangouts any time. Individual and group counseling sessions were held as needed to discuss a variety of topics including anxiety/stress related to online learning and COVID in general, attendance concerns, work completion, or any other issue brought to the counselor's attention. Teachers were able to continue using the MS Progress Monitoring Sheet to make note of issues they wanted addressed with students, in addition to regular emails being sent by teachers. The Peer Tutoring program had to shift online since students were not able to meet in person. The counselor communicated Peer Tutoring expectations online with all of the Peer Tutors as well as the tuttees. Students were encouraged to continue working with their Peer Tutors via Zoom/Google Meet where they could see each other and share their screens to display work. The counselor continued to provide personality and career assessments to students in Grades 5-8 via the Grade 5 and 6 Advisory block, as well as the Grade 7 and 8 Choice Time block. In addition the counselor was able to arrange a MAP test which was proctored via Zoom (share screen). Grade 5 and 6 students were surveyed about their overall feeling towards online learning, and were given the opportunity to discuss their feelings about this during their Advisory time.

High school students were able to submit their college applications using online application tools such as The Common Application, TCAS, UCAS, and MaiaLearning. Similarly, students took online college placement tests online to the greatest extent possible (i.e. AP exams, Computer-based English Proficiency Exams, etc.). High school students were also able to meet with their counselors individually and in groups using the Zoom platform to discuss their academic, personal, social, and college/career-related needs. Similarly, the high

school counselors sent critical messages to students using Google Classroom and kept parents informed using the online high school newsletter and official social media messaging platforms (i.e. Line).

The TCIS has been successful when it came to the transition from on campus learning to online learning. The school counselors worked hard to ensure that the students who had academic and emotional issues were meeting with them on a regular basis. The school continued to host promotion ceremonies and transition events to make sure the students felt as much normalcy as possible.

# ACS WASC Category C. Support for Student Personal and Academic Growth: Summary, Strengths, and Growth Needs

Review all the findings and supporting evidence and summarize the degree to which the criteria in Category C are being met. Include comments about the degree to which these criteria impact the school's ability to address one or more of the identified critical student learning needs.

### **Summary (including comments about the critical student learning needs)**

Overall, TCIS students are connected to a comprehensive system of support services, activities, and opportunities in order to achieve schoolwide learner outcomes.

**Adequate Personalized Support:** The student services department is effective at providing support in health, career, and personal counseling, and academic assistance.

**Strategies Used for Student Growth/Development:** TCIS is effective at identifying personalized approaches to learning and alternative instructional options for higher- and lower-achieving students; however, more could be done to identify alternative approaches to learning for students in the "middle". Suggestions include better use of MAP testing data.

**Support Services and Learning:** While we feel that TCIS is effective at identifying students who are underperforming, difficulties with communication and expectations that students will eventually be socially promoted have led to less than effective results.

**Co-Curricular Activities:** Many activities are available for students at TCIS to globally participate in service and other community-building activities.

**Student Involvement in Curricular/Co-Curricular Activities:** While many opportunities exist for students to be involved, TCIS needs to create a better system to track overall participation in such activities.

**Student Perceptions:** Before last year, there was no data available to assess student perception of the student support services at TCIS. Interviews and surveys should be conducted to gauge perceptions. Our Middle School started collecting this data, and it should be done regularly in all divisions.

### Prioritize the areas of strength and growth for Category C.

### Category C: Support for Student Personal and Academic Growth: Areas of Strength

At TCIS, areas of strength include providing academic intervention, referral services, and support to students through the use of multiple programs. We identify personalized approaches to learning and alternative instructional options for higher- and lower-achieving students. TCIS has a wealth of student-led clubs, trips, and opportunities available to students to allow them to act globally and contribute to our community. The TCIS has successfully transitioned from the college application platform Naviance to Maia Learning. Students, teachers, counselors, and administrators have worked together to guide our students into excellent universities worldwide.

During our COVID closure, TCIS planned and executed virtual graduations for the High School Graduation, Middle School Graduation and Elementary Grade 4 Graduation and Kindergarten Ceremony. Students were active participants and contributed pictures and speeches for online graduation use.

### Category C: Support for Student Personal and Academic Growth: Areas of Growth

Areas of growth for TCIS would include the need to gather data on student perception of the organization, availability, and usefulness or our student services program.

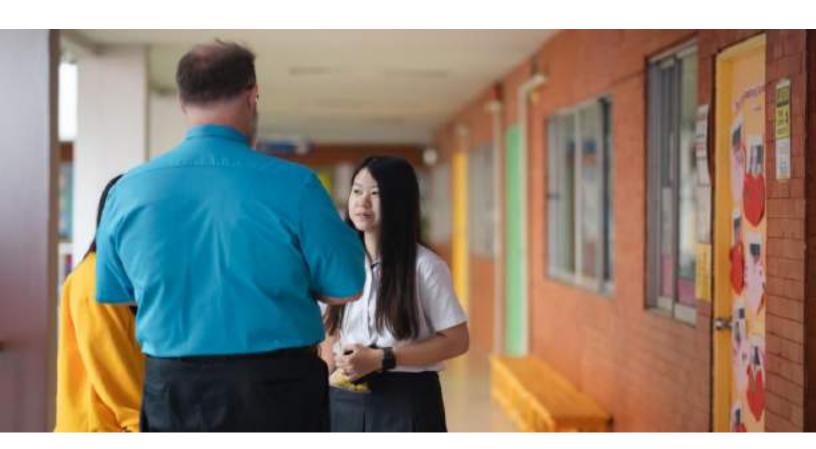
In addition, TCIS needs to consider better ways to communicate with parents of underperforming students and set clear policies for students that are struggling academically.

Student attendance needs to be tracked more rigorously and consequences should be communicated and implemented for students who are habitually tardy or absent without excuse.

The TCIS needs to create a cohesive connection between the college application process and English class-finding ways to work together to strengthen essays.

Accountability towards student events, community service, etc needs work. Community service trips often have a little community service and a lot of vacation/ down time.

The TCIS needs to find ways to better connect with parents in support of their child's education-student led conferences, as an example.



Our middle school principal taking time to check-in with students and build relationships between periods.

# **Category D: School Culture and Environment**

stationery. Students have their own stationery. Students can understand directions (such as: wash your hands with soap and water, line up, put

your masks on) in English, Thai, and Chinese very well.

### D1. School Environment and Child Protection Criterion

The school has a safe, healthy, and nurturing environment that reflects the school's purpose and is characterized by a respect for differences, trust, caring, professionalism, support, and high expectations for each student.

# **Indicators with Prompts**

## Caring, Concern, High Expectations

**Indicator**: The school demonstrates caring, concern, and high expectations for students in an environment that honors individual and cultural differences.

**Prompt**: To what extent does the school demonstrate caring, concern, and high expectations for students in an environment that honors individual differences and is conducive to learning?

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Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>highly effective</b> in demonstrating caring, concern, and high expectations for students in an environment that honors individual differences and is conducive to learning.	Student Surveys
	Parent Perception Data
The staff and school strongly support high expectations with respect to learning three languages. TCIS is somewhat effective with expectations with regards to content and classroom expectations. TCIS is invested in showcasing student success and supporting and caring for each student.	Student Perception Data
Students are expected to be fluent in three languages.	New Normal at TCIS video
The parent perception data states that 90% of our parents believe the teachers are available to help their children.	
About 70% of students feel that teachers care about them based on the Student Perception Data.	
Many students are showcased at school assemblies for their achievements, even when they occur outside of the school.	A 18
Teachers need to think critically about their content and classroom expectations moving forward. To improve, they will need to be consistent within all classrooms to develop high expectations for content learning. However, teachers and staff clearly care about students, which is very important.	
Students' safety is our first priority. We keep reminding students to wash their hands with soap and water before every class and snack/lunch time. This year students are not allowed to share any tools or	

Hand sanitizer is provided in every classroom, students may utilize it when learning every subject. Classrooms are cleaned every day. Temperature is checked every morning and at lunch time. If the temperature is higher than 37.5 °C, the student's parents are contacted by the school nurse, so the child can be brought home. Parents are not allowed to stay on the campus after sending their child.

This year, when ECE kids are taking a nap, their mats are far away from each other to keep social distance. That way children may not bother each other.

#### Student Self-Esteem

**Indicator**: The school fosters student self-esteem through high expectations for each student and recognition of successes.

**Prompt**: To what extent does the school foster student self-esteem through high expectations for each student and recognition of successes?

### **Findings**

TCIS is **highly effective** at fostering student self-esteem through high expectations for each student and recognition of successes.

At TCIS the majority of students feel supported and are recognized for their success. However, teachers are only somewhat effective at building student self-esteem through high expectations, especially for newly enrolled students who might be weak in one of the three languages.

Based on the student survey, teachers should strengthen the content that is being provided. Some students feel they could be challenged more. Additionally, teachers need to be consistent with their expectations for all students for completing course work. There are no clear programs in place for students that are at beginning English/Chinese fluency in middle and high school.

Based on the student perception data, 70% of students are supported and feel their time is enjoyable and effective. However, this means there are 30% that are not completely satisfied with their education at TCIS.

Divisions and departments have monthly awards ceremonies to showcase student achievement. This helps foster student self-esteem.

There is an opportunity to improve student engagement if we work to meet the needs of all students, not just 70%.

Each month, we give awards to our monthly SLO student winners, not only in English, but also Thai good manners award and Chinese diligent learner award. Due to the covid-19 situation this year, we are avoiding large groups. We praise and give students awards individually instead. We take photos for monthly student awards and post them on bulletin boards.

# **Supporting Evidence**

Student Survey

Student Perception Data

Sample Slides for Award Ceremony



Monthly awards ceremony





Thailand Red Cross Youth Volunteer Workshop Award (left) and Thailand National Team in Asian Short Track Speed Skating (right)



Thai Proficiency Test Award

## Collaborative Culture of Mutual Respect, Inquiry, and Communication

**Indicator**: A collaborative culture of mutual respect, inquiry, and effective communication among and between staff, students, and parents is evident. There is an understanding of the importance of cross-cultural communication in improving teaching, learning, and management.

**Prompt**: What evidence supports a collaborative culture of mutual respect, inquiry and effective cross-cultural communication among and between staff, students, and parents?

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>highly effective</b> at supporting a collaborative culture of mutual respect, inquiry, and effective communication among and between staff, students, and parents is evident.	Korean Day  Japan Day
TCIS works hard to showcase the cultures of its students. Parents are invited to participate and attend events throughout the year and staff members are encouraged to participate even when it is not their native culture.	Taiwanese Celebrations:  Chinese New Year
	Double 10 Day
Below is a list of festivals and events that are organized each year at TCIS:	
Korean Day	Thai Celebrations:
Japan Day	Songkran
Father's Day	
Mother's Day	<u>Loy Krathong</u>
Taiwanese Celebrations:	
Chinese New Year	Translated messages for parents
10/10 Day	in all 3 languages
Thai Celebrations:	
Songkran	
Loy Kratong	
Wai Kru	

Additionally the school sends letters and messages to parents in English, Chinese, and Thai translations via LINE, Facebook, divisional newsletters, and the school website.

The school library also collects books in English, Chinese, and Thai, and provides reading material to students and parents.

The school's canteen diet also provides international meals: Thai-style meals, as well as Western and Chinese food.

We should continue to support these events as they help foster cultural awareness for all the students at TCIS.

Students participate in every event in our school every year. We learn how to show our respect to our teachers in Thai culture at the Wai Kru ceremony. Students perform to show their love to parents on Mother's Day and Father's Day. Students also experience Taiwanese culture on Double Ten Day. Students perform Chinese traditional dance, experience Chinese hands-on works and learn Chinese culture during Chinese New Year. We have a winter concert and a spring concert every year. Students can play instruments and sing songs in English and Chinese.

Due to the covid-19 situation this year, parents are not allowed to be on the campus, but these events are broadcasted live. Parents or guests can watch or join our event through facebook. This year for the winter concert, TCIS restricted the number of guests who could attend in person. The ones who did attend were kept at a safe social distance by having spacing between seats. All the students, teachers, and staff have masks on while attending these events.

### **Teacher Support and Encouragement**

**Indicator**: There is a culture that provides support and encouragement for teachers to use innovative approaches to enhance student learning.

**Prompt**: How effective is the level of support and encouragement for teachers to use innovative approaches to enhance student learning?

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS <b>effectively</b> supports a culture that provides support and encouragement for teachers to use innovative approaches to enhance student learning.	Teacher Perception Data New teacher recruitment video
Based on the Teacher Perception Data, 63% of teachers are happy with the support they receive from TCIS. There were only 11% who felt TCIS	<u>Film Festival</u>
was poorly supporting them.	Global Studies
	ReSea Write-Up

The majority of teachers feel supported and encouraged to use innovative approaches. This is evident in the many unique activities, classes, and clubs that teachers organize.

Teacher-organized enrichment activities:

- ReSea Clean-up trips
- MUN club trip to Korea
- Global Studies trip to study Indigenous cultures
- MS science field trips
- HS Film Festival
- Global Studies Class
- ASEP activities, such as, strategic games, chess, robotics, magic club, cooking/baking club
- Maker Space PD



(Maker Space Professional Development Workshop)

Teachers are given the opportunity to request Professional Development when they see training that will help them to increase their positive impact on student learning.

When teachers feel supported, it positively impacts student learning and should be continued.

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 epidemic, schools have been closed and students must use the Internet for online learning at home. Teachers conduct teaching activities through the network platform (ZOOM). Until the summer vacation in June 2020, teachers and students completed the online teaching mechanism. In addition to teaching at all levels, online virtual off-campus teaching /field-trip, online Chinese singing performances, online spiritual week and other activities were also held. Teachers and students participated in and obtained the school strong support and effectiveness.

Since the beginning of school in August 2020, the school has cooperated with the Thai government's epidemic prevention decree to gradually lift

PD Workshop for TCIS - August

PD Tracking Document

Online Learning

Virtual Class Meeting Norms



Class and learning environment management for CoVid-19



Keep social distance and individual utensils

the ban and open the teachers to resume normal teaching in the classrooms. It is still necessary to do a good job of cleaning and disinfection, wear masks and take various epidemic prevention measures to establish a safe learning environment, Teachers and students are guaranteed energy saving and concentrate on teaching and learning.

Our school has also provided enough materials such as writing utensils, notebooks, colors, etc. for students to use and to avoid sharing as well as passing any disease from one student to another. To ensure the safety of our students all of the materials that students have touched have been sanitized as well.

In order to provide the best communication on a daily basis with ECE and G.1 students, especially with regards to the Covid-19 pandemic, our school has purchased the app called "Seesaw." In order to be more efficient our school also provided workshops for ECE and ES teachers.



### Safe, Clean, and Orderly Environment

**Indicator**: The school has existing policies, regulations and uses its resources to ensure a safe, clean, and orderly place that nurtures learning, including internet safety.

**Prompt**: Comment on your analysis of the effectiveness of a) the existing policies and use of resources to ensure a safe, clean, and orderly place that nurtures learning, and b) all aspects of the school with respect to safety regulations including effective operating procedures for internet safety.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS <b>effectively</b> has existing policies and regulations and uses its resources to ensure a safe, clean, and orderly place that nurtures learning, including internet safety.  The school has worked hard to improve existing policies and update the resources that are provided to staff, parents, and visitors who come to TCIS. This can be seen with the updated handbooks, the new ID scanner at the entrance, and the organizations that help keep the school safe, clean, and pleasant.	TCIS Crisis Response Manual Faculty Handbook Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
Updates were made to the Crisis Response Manual	Canteen Committee Meetings

A Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy was launched.

A new canteen company was chosen this year to help improve the diversity and quality of food for our students.

TCIS should continue to improve and develop its policies each year to keep the campus safe, clean, and orderly.

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 epidemic, schools must fully abide by the Thai government's decree, and implement epidemic prevention measures and a clean, safe, and orderly teaching and learning environment.

With the development of the epidemic, the school will announce information about the epidemic abroad and at any time, announce the Thai government's decree and measures for epidemic prevention, and publicize how to keep the campus clean, disinfected, and control measures for people entering and leaving the campus. The school administration system through the network platform (Official School Facebook) conducts efficient information communication, so that teachers, students and parents can get the fastest and most accurate information.

In order to enable teachers and students to obtain a safe online teaching environment during the COVID-19 epidemic, in addition to strengthening the control of bandwidth traffic, the school has also strengthened the security system of the network firewall to ensure that teachers and students are under a protected network domain. Fully carry out various teaching and learning activities. The IT department of the school always supports the needs of teachers and students, and solves problems immediately, so that teachers, students and parents can learn without any difficulties.

Due to the Covid-19 epidemic, our school has set up the new layout for every classroom. We have arranged each student's desk to separate at least 1 meter away from another. Tables and chairs have been set up in the same manner.

CoVid19 News on the official TCIS webside

New Normal at TCIS video



Our cleaning ladies receiving a well-deserved thumbs-up.



Power washing and disinfecting our playground equipment.

### **Child Protection**

**Indicator**: The school has developed and adopted an appropriate definition of child abuse including physical, emotional, or sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, neglect, and commercial exploitation and inappropriate behavior of children towards other children.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the developed and adopted definition of child abuse to ensure it is appropriate.

Findings	<b>Supporting Evidence</b>
TCIS has <b>somewhat effectively</b> explained the definition of child abuse to help teachers when they need to identify child abuse. However, the school needs to put more thought and explanation into commercial exploitation and how to handle inappropriate behavior of children towards other children.	Child protection and safeguarding Policy Child Protection Slides - Training
The Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy provides the definition of abuse. Abuse: a form of maltreatment of a child. Somebody may abuse or neglect a child by inflicting harm, or by failing to act to prevent harm. They may be abused by an adult or adults, or another child or children.	TCIS School Preparation Video

There is no clear policy to handle commercial exploitation in the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

There is no clear policy to handle inappropriate behavior of children towards other children in the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

While TCIS has effectively defined child abuse, it needs to continue to develop its policies and explanations for different types of abuse, especially children towards other children.

During the COVID-19 period, there have been strict controls on entering and leaving schools to ensure that students have a safe learning environment while they are in school. All teachers and students of the school must strictly abide by the epidemic prevention regulations. For example, the school has purchased heat-sensing equipment to assist in control of teachers' and students' body temperatures, in addition to actual measurements taken by the school nurses.

In order to ensure the safety of students, we have strengthened the promotion of wearing masks throughout the day, maintaining safe social distancing, and indeed developing the correct concept of frequent hand washing. We have also strengthened the routine work of cleaning the campus and classrooms with frequency.

**Indicator**: The school has specific child protection policies, practices and faculty and staff training programs to ensure the safety and welfare of all students within boarding facilities, homestay, and residential arrangements and on excursions, trips, and student exchanges. These policies and practices are reviewed regularly.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the specific child protection policies, practices and faculty and staff training programs to ensure the safety and welfare of all students within boarding facilities, homestay and residential arrangements and on excursions, trips, and student exchanges. Determine if these policies and practices are reviewed regularly.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS <b>somewhat effectively</b> implemented established policies for staff to follow in order to provide a safe school environment. The policies have been recently updated, and the FA has spoken with the administrative team to clarify the reporting process. It would be beneficial for the school to establish a yearly date to review the policy.	Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy  Virtual Class Meeting Norms
Based on the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, several safeguarding procedures. For example, all doors must have a window and teachers must use faculty bathrooms. Adjustments were made to teacher classrooms to be sure there is compliance with these updated policies.	
At the beginning of the year, the Head of School gave a training for all staff members.	

Teachers were required to sign-off on reading the child protection policy.

To keep child safety a priority, a yearly review should be scheduled at

the end of the year with a combination of administration, teachers, and staff to clarify what is working and not working with the reporting process.

In response to the outbreak of COVID-19, students are learning online. In order to ensure the safety of students using the Internet, the school has formulated clear usage specifications, and teachers and students conduct teaching and learning activities in a protected network environment.

**Indicator**: The school has a scheduled program of regular, systematic professional training for volunteers, contractors, faculty, and staff on student safeguarding, child abuse prevention, recognition, intervention, and reporting.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the scheduled program of regular, systematic professional training for volunteers, contractors, faculty, and staff on student safeguarding, child abuse prevention, recognition, intervention, and reporting.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
Currently, TCIS has training at the beginning of the year for staff, faculty, and parents. This is <b>effective</b> as a reminder for returning staff and introduction for new staff.	Orientation 2020 Child Protection Policy Training
TCIS faculty training happened at the beginning of the year.	Parent Orientation
Parents were also trained on the safeguarding of their children.	<u>Virtual Class Meeting Norms</u>
Continual training throughout the year for new families would be helpful, potentially through newsletters.	Middle School Parent Newsletter  Child Safeguarding policy
Due to the late arrival of teachers amid the Covid situation, training was provided online to new teachers at the beginning of the year. Documents were shared online regarding safeguarding school policies.	Online Training Provided to New Teachers
With Covid-19, and the ongoing potential for having to change to online learning in lieu of on-campus classroom activities, we must maintain positive personal and social interactions with our students. Lockdown can be a stressful time for families, and teachers should make an extra effort to monitor students' emotional well being, as well as academic progress. As a rule, online learning at TCIS requires a minimum 15-minute introduction using face to face software such as Zoom and a 10-minute closing and reflection using the same venue. This way, teachers can observe any important behavioral changes with the students.	

**Indicator**: The school has in place formal learning programs through the school experience related to child protection.

**Prompt**: Review and evaluate the formal learning programs through the school experience related to child protection.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>somewhat effective</b> at having in place formal learning programs through the school experience related to child protection.	Child Safeguarding policy
The Head of School provided training for all teachers at the beginning of the year based on child safety. He was clear in his expectations, but additional opportunities to train or learn about child protection would be	Orientation 2020
beneficial. An area that needs to be addressed is child protection training of local staff and vendors. TCIS is currently researching Thai-language	Child Protection Slides - Training
based child protection for staff. Additional training could be sent out through newsletters or provided by the Student Services, especially for new families.	Parent Orientation - Child
	On-Line Learning Lesson Plan 2021
If online learning should commence, it is important to send letters home to the parents in all languages, stating ways to contact the teachers via	
Zoom, Google chat, phone, or email in order to keep lines of communication open. With a lack of daily social interchange while students are being dropped off and picked up, the families of our students	
need to have alternate methods of contact. This connection allows for families to voice concerns and ask questions, and additionally helps preserve a sense of community for all stakeholders	
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Due to the Covid situation, parent orientation took place after school started with a reduced number of parents.	

**Indicator**: The school has developed structured procedures for reporting suspected or disclosed maltreatment or abuse and adopts a formal policy identifying actions to be taken, including informing appropriate authorities.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the effectiveness of the

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>somewhat effective</b> at having structured procedures for reporting suspected or disclosed maltreatment or abuse and formal policies identifying actions to be taken, including informing appropriate authorities and school administrators.	Child Safeguarding policy Child Protection Slides - Training
Completed forms are given to the principal/HOD/or Thai Director to decide the next steps to be taken.	
An area of improvement in this area is to have a review process in place each year to ensure the process continues to work effectively.	
Due to the late arrival of teachers amid the Covid situation, training has been provided online to new teachers at the beginning of the year.	

Documents have been shared online regarding safeguarding school policies. If online learning should commence, it is important to send letters home to the parents in all languages, stating ways to contact the teachers via Zoom, Google chat, phone, or email in order to keep lines of communication open. With a lack of daily social interchange while students are being dropped off and picked up, the families of our students need to have alternate methods of contact. This connection allows for families to voice concerns and ask questions, and additionally helps preserve a sense of community for all stakeholders.

**Indicator**: The school is cognizant of cultural expectations and complies with the legal and ethical expectations and requirements regarding child abuse within the country in which it operates.

**Prompt**: Evaluate if the school is cognizant of cultural expectations and complies with the legal and ethical expectations and requirements regarding child abuse within the country in which it operates.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is aware of and is <b>highly effective</b> in following Thai laws in regards to child abuse.	Thai Protection Policy at TCIS
This area has not suffered changes associated with the Covid Pandemic.	

# **D2.** Parent/Community Involvement Criterion

The school leadership employs a wide range of strategies to ensure that parental and community involvement is integral to the school's established support system for students.

Online Programs: iNACOL Standard Q: Parents/Guardians: In a quality online program, parents and guardians play an integral part in their students' educational life. They work as a team with faculty, administrators, guidance services, and organizational support to ensure a quality educational experience for their students. [iNACOL Standard Q, 2009]

#### **Indicators with Prompts**

## **Regular Parent Involvement**

**Indicator**: The school implements strategies and processes for the regular involvement of parents and the community, including being active partners in the learning/teaching process for all programs. The school involves non-English speaking parents and/or online parents.

**Prompt**: Evaluate the strategies and processes for the regular involvement of parents and the community, including being active partners in the teaching/learning process. Comment on the effectiveness of involving non-English speaking parents and/or online parents.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>highly effective</b> in involving parents in the school environment by inviting them to participate in events. The school also regularly works with the local community throughout the year. TCIS could improve by involving parents more in the teaching/learning process.	https://www.tcis.ac.th/tcis-parent-association
TCIS has an active Parent Association, and parents are included in several events at school throughout the year, such as New Teacher Orientation, Open Houses, Family Nights, etc.	

Many parents participate during the Chinese New Year festival by setting up booths.

Parents are also involved in the Loy Krathong fashion show and the Songkran festival.

Parents are regularly invited to see student performances throughout the year, and are able to attend award ceremonies.

Community members join in the learning process each year:

- Community clean-up days
- Monk talks during Songkran
- Taiwanese experts teach the lion dance and CNY drum performances

At TCIS, we value learning and growth through participation in sport.

Support and involvement from parents has been crucial in making our sports program a successful and solid building block for our school community. One example of this is parent attendance at sports matches, which results from clear communication between coaches, teachers, and parents. A combination of face-to-face communication, along with tech tools such as Google Classroom, the LINE messaging app, and email has helped to keep parents informed and involved from the homefront, as well as at matches—, both home and away.





Parents participate in Sports Day

Parents attend cultural events like Loy Krathong



Parents attend coffee chats to discuss teaching and learning at the school



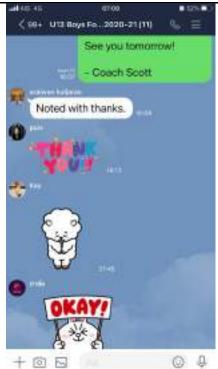




Parents are happy to participate in activities and have fun with students. In 2019, we have Ms. Chang(江怡倩女士)as the judge of the Chinese singing competition.



A parent and member of the TCIS Parent Association waves goodbye to her daughter at the gate in the morning. (Screenshot from our New Normal video.)



Parents use LINE to monitor team news, and to film and share moments from matches, such as goals, halftime team talks, and the post-match handshake.

### **Use of Community Resources**

**Indicator**: The school uses community resources of the host country to support students such as professional services, partnerships, speakers, etc.

**Prompt**: How effective is the school use of community resources to support students?

Findings
TCIS is <b>effective</b> at utilizing community resources. TCIS introduces
community resources in many classrooms to assist students in
understanding Thai society, art & culture, language classes, higher
education, physical development, environmental concerns, and
technology skills.

Within the Thai department the school has had visits from universities and helped with soi clean-ups.

The Chinese department has had visiting cultural teachers each year, plus many visits from Taiwanese government and business officials who help support the school.

The music department has had several guest conductors at the school.

The art department has had several workshops and presentations from local artists. Additionally, student art has been showcased throughout Bangkok.

The PE department participates in BISAC tournaments.

The Library has an author visit each year, plus they have book readings focused on traditional festivals.

TCIS is effectively using community resources, especially in the Arts and Electives. To improve on this, the school can try to utilize more speakers to the whole school when possible.

From November to December each year, culture teachers will visit TCIS for one month to teach students about Chinese culture. Due to the covid-19 situation in 2020, Taiwanese cultural teachers can not enter Thailand as scheduled. However, we still have the support of graduate students. Who passed on the Chinese drum percussion techniques she had learned at TCIS to her younger siblings, so that TCIS can maintain the traditional culture of the Chinese New Year's vibrating drum.

Korea Day festivals were held in January or February. TCIS Korean language class students and Korean students from South Korea

# Supporting Evidence

ITC Madihol School Visit

King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT) Visit

The Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology
Thammasat University (SIIT)
Visit

See the supporting <u>Use of</u> Community Resources at TCIS



Local university professor Dr. Pamornpan Komolpamorn conducts the Grade 8 Band, September 2020.



A graduate student is teaching Grade 12 students how to play Chinese drums.

performed Korean cultural shows together. Not only the performances but also Korean booths set up for giving a chance to try Korean foods, folk games and traditional costumes. These festivals helped the TCIS community to learn and experience diverse culture.

Also, Korean Language class students learned New Year's Day traditions of Korea. Students dressed up in Hanbok and practiced big bows on New Year's day.











# Parent/Community and Student Achievement

**Indicator**: The school ensures that the parents and school community understand student achievement of the academic standards/schoolwide learner outcomes through the curricular/co-curricular program. The school works with the parents to help them understand the focus on global competencies and their involvement as partners in the learning.

**Prompt**: Determine the adequacy and effectiveness of the school's strategies to ensure that parents and school community understand student achievement of the academic standards/schoolwide learner outcomes through the curricular/co-curricular program. Evaluate the understanding level and involvement of parents in the focus on students demonstrating global competencies.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
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TCIS is **highly effective** in showcasing student achievement throughout the year. Additionally, there have been several opportunities for parents to train in the grading website and to understand the use of MAP scores. Many parents are happy with the learning that takes place at TCIS.

TCIS is taking a multi-pronged approach:

- 1. NWEA MAP results were issued with progress reports in September.
- 2. Training for how to read MAP reports was conducted on October 1, at the Parent Coffee function.
- 3. Curriculum is published through the curriculum website (linked on school page).
- 4. SLOs have been posted as banners on campus.
- 5. Principals and teachers regularly publish newsletters and distribute to families and students.
- 6. Line group and Facebook posts include information regarding SLOs and student assessments.
- 7. SLOs are published on the school website.
- 8. Curriculum information (including information about Common Core and AP standards) are on the school website.
- 9. SLO Awards are presented monthly in MS and ES, and bulletin boards sharing these accomplishments are displayed on campus.
- 10. SLO's are posted in the Admission Room and are shared with new and potential families.

Many parents are happy with the learning that takes place at TCIS.

TCIS helps parents in many ways to understand the goals, grading, and testing that is being given to students.

SLOs in English, Chinese, and Thai are posted on campus and in every weekly Parent Newsletter.

The TCIS Chinese Department organizes the Test of Chinese Proficiency (TOCFL) every year since the 2017-2018 school year. Students and parents can know the student's Chinese language proficiency based on test scores and check their progress.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, TCIS switched to virtual, online teaching in response to Thai government policies from March-June 2020 and again during January 2021. During online learning, students follow their normal schedules to learn, face-to-face with the teachers and complete assignments.

NWEA MAP Testing
How to read MAP results (for parents)



Schoolwide Learner Outcomes posted prominently above the sports field

Parent Perception Data



September 3, 2020 -- TOCFL



The picture shows how students are doing their presentations during ZOOM virtual class. An 8th grader student is presenting about 3 New year's wishes both in English and Korean.



This screenshot is from Grade 8 Korean class. They are answering questions during the ZOOM meeting class. Grammar points are shown by the teacher in the chat window.





HS Drama Students "Family Portraits" Activity—Modified for Zoom

Earlier in the school year, when students were together in the classroom, they took photos of each other to make a mosaic poster with all of them capturing their exaggerated physical response to various drastic situations. That task was later adapted to fit our online learning format, by forming small groups in breakout rooms, where they together agreed on their situations to capture, then submitted screenshots of their group's momentary performances.

Additional Online Instruction Prompt: Evaluate the school's processes to ensure that parents understand the expectations for the online instruction in relation to the desired student achievement and to review and counsel families for whom the selected online instruction format may not be the best match.

Findings	Supporting Evidence
TCIS is <b>effective</b> at ensuring that parents understand the expectations for	
the online instruction in relation to the desired student achievement and	
to review and counsel families for whom the selected online instruction	
format may not be the best match.	

When new families join the TCIS community, they are provided information about the online instruction systems that their children will be using. Throughout the year, training is provided to help parents as well. More support could be provided for families for whom the selected online instruction is not working.

Parents can use the phone, e-mail, Facebook, LINE, and other official school communication channels to receive school information and to contact various school offices. The school also holds regular parent meetings to keep them informed and interact with parents who have questions or concerns.

When parents register at our school, they are informed that we are a Google school. All classes use either Class Dojo or Google Classroom, and parents are invited to join to monitor student work.

Parents are given information about accessing PlusPortals (our grading system) and periodic training is offered (last session was 10/30). A link to PlusPortals is listed on the school website.

Middle school grades 5 & 6 are issued Chromebooks to use on campus, while grade 7-12 students are required to purchase MacBooks or Chromebook, which are used regularly in instruction. We provide information to assist parents with the purchase. The Parent association also distributes information to parents.

TCIS should continue to find ways to help students/families that may not be effectively able to use the online instruction.

For example, our counseling department invites parents of each grade 11 student to schedule an individual meeting to discuss their child's hopes and preferences about university applications.





September 3, 2020 -- TOCFL

Flyer - PlusPortals Training for Parents

PlusPortals Training Slides

Flyer @ Computesr in HS

TCIS facebook





HS Parent Coffee, Aligning the High School Curriculum to US, Thai, and Taiwanese Universities (Dec 3, 2020)

#### **COVID 19 Impact**

# **ACS WASC Category D: School Culture and Environment: Summary of COVID Impacts** from Findings

Use the COVID narratives from each of the findings sections in Category D to summarize the impact COVID 19 has had on school culture and environment at TCIS.

Students' safety is our first priority and is embedded in our school culture, and maintaining that commitment to students continued during the COVID pandemic. School-wide, hand sanitizer is widely available to students and to all stakeholders. Social distancing has been practiced for all students. In the PreK classes, social distancing extended into their nap times, as all mattresses were spaced at least one meter apart to ensure students' safety. Handwashing has always been routine for students at TCIS, however, it took on a greater priority due to COVID-19.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, TCIS switched to virtual, online teaching in response to Thai government policies from March-June 2020 and again during January 2021. During online learning, students follow their normal schedules ad interact face-to-face with the teachers and complete assignments. When we returned to learning within the classrooms, furniture layouts were adjusted. We arranged each student's desk to be separated by at least one meter. Floor mat areas were set up in the same manner. In addition, between all lessons, all desks and tables in the classroom are wiped down and sanitized.

TCIS is a family community, but due to COVID-19 situation this year, parents were restricted from being on campus to gather or to attend events that they were traditionally attended. To maintain parental involvement in those challenging times, many of our events were broadcasted live on Facebook. However, while maintaining strict safety and social distancing procedures, the early years and elementary divisions were allowed to have their parents attend the 2020 Winter Concert event in person on campus. This provided parents and students with a much-appreciated sense of normalcy to the school-year.

While we endeavor to maintain as normal a school routine as possible, we are very aware of the extra stresses on students, families, teachers, and staff that has resulted from COVID-19. Due to this, we remain strongly committed to providing students and families with extra support and to providing staff with a positive work/life balance. We make it a point to reach out to staff who need extra support due to being away from their families in their home countries due to travel restrictions.

## ACS WASC Category D. School Culture and Environment: Summary, Strengths, and Growth Needs

Review all the findings and supporting evidence and summarize the degree to which the criteria in Category D are being met. Include comments about the degree to which these criteria impact the school's ability to address one or more of the identified critical student learning needs.

#### **Summary (including comments about the critical student learning needs)**

TCIS has a clear focus on providing a trilingual learning environment. Many students feel challenged when learning the three languages, however. When new students join the TCIS community in the MS and HS grade levels with a weaker level of English/Chinese/Thai proficiency, there are very few resources to help them. Fortunately, the majority of students are happy and feel cared for at TCIS. The school has done a great job to make improvements on school safety and teaching the school community about the Child Protection Policy.

#### Prioritize the areas of strength and growth for Category D.

#### Category D: School Culture and Environment: Areas of Strength

The areas of strength would include:

- Trilingual language curriculum
- The majority of parents, students, and teachers are happy at TCIS
- There is a strong cultural awareness at TCIS, and it is celebrated within the school.
- Many community resources are used throughout the year, especially within the Arts and Language classes
- Great improvements have been made with child safety and within the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy at TCIS

#### Category D: School Culture and Environment: Areas of Growth

The areas of growth would include:

- TCIS should develop a better system to care for all students, especially new students that need more language support in the upper grades
- TCIS should be consistent in developing high expectations for classroom content that will challenge students.
- TCIS should continue to develop and reevaluate the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policies each year. They should include a variety of members to help in this process, from administrators, teachers, staff, and probably even parents.



Parents attend an early years and elementary school Coffee Morning with Parents event.

# Category E: ONESQA Standards (for ACS WASC/ONESQA schools)

The Quality Assessment of the Thai Language and Thai Studies\* Programme for International Schools in Thailand on the 4<sup>th</sup> Round of the ONESQA and the Joint Accreditation between the ONESQA and Overseas Accreditation Agencies

#### Introduction

The Office for National Education Standards and Quality Assessment (Public Organization), referred to as ONESQA, has developed a cooperative relationship supporting the accreditation of international schools in Thailand through the implementation of a joint accreditation process with overseas accrediting agencies recognized by the Ministry of Education.

Under the fourth round of the external quality assessment of the ONESQA through the implementation of a joint accreditation process, the visiting team reviews and examines the quality of the whole school while the ONESQA evaluates the quality and standards of the Thai programme provision with the emphasis placed on the students' learning progress and achievement.

The provision of the Thai language and Thai social studies programme has become an integral part of all international schools as it is required by the Ministry of Education. The Thai curriculum aims to develop the students' knowledge, understanding and necessary skills relevant to the subject, and to instill an appreciation of the Thai language, culture and social values provided by the host country in order that they could develop positive attitudes and appropriately apply their learning in real life situations.

In order to support the continuing development and improvement of the quality Thai programme provision within an international context, the external evaluation of the quality learners is undertaken against the learning standards of the Thai curriculum developed by the ONESQA; the quality of leadership and management and the teaching and learning are reviewed against the standards set by the overseas accreditation agencies.

External Assessment of the Thai language and Thai Studies Programme

The learning standards of the Thai language, culture and social studies programme developed by the ONESQA outline the expectations of what students should know and be able to do in relation to the Thai and social studies curriculum standards of the Ministry of Education.

The ONESQA assessors examine the students' learning performance and achievement identified in the self-study report, the learners' quality is judged against those learning standards. The quality of management and teaching of the Thai curriculum are also reviewed by the ONESQA assessors in relation to the standards of the overseas accreditation agency visiting the school. The findings of the external assessment are intended to keep the school informed of the school's strength and the areas that the school may need further development.

\*Thai Studies includes Thai Social Studies, History and Culture

Students of Diverse Cultural and Language Backgrounds

Due to the students' diverse language and cultural backgrounds in international schools, the students demonstrate different levels of language proficiency, varying from advanced to beginning. Many Thai national students are native speakers and some Thai students may demonstrate intermediate level of language

proficiency. Most non-Thai students have limited exposure to Thai cultural and language environments and demonstrate basic language skills and knowledge about Thai society. The learning standards are then established to separately address the expectations for Thai and non-Thai speaking students' language skills and the knowledge and understanding of Thai society; however, the standards for assessing the students' desirable character traits are applied to all students in relation to the school's context and social values.

#### Learning Standards for Thai Language and Thai Studies

The learning standards are set into 3 domains comprising 10 standards as follows:

#### Domain 1: Language and Communication

- 1.1) Listening and oral skills for Thai-speaking students
- 1.2) Reading skills for Thai-speaking students
- 1.3) Writing skills for Thai-speaking students
- 1.4) Language and Communication for non-Thai speaking students

#### Domain 2: Thai Culture and Social Studies

- 2.1) Thai cultural values for Thai-speaking students
- 2.2) Thai history and governance for Thai-speaking students
- 2.3) Thai geography and environments for Thai-speaking students
- 2.4) Thai cultural and social values for non-Thai speaking students

#### Domain 3: Learners' Attributes

- 3.1) Positive Learning Attitudes
- 3.2) Desirable Characteristics

#### Students' Performance Evaluation Rating Descriptions

The following rating descriptions explain students' learning performance demonstrated at each of the four levels of performance. They should assist the discussion in identifying the current level of performance. In addition, this should assist in describing what additional actions or areas the students would need to demonstrate to achieve a higher rating.

The external evaluation of students' learning performance is carried out against the learning standards set on a four-point scale including

- Outstanding (O)
- Competent (C)
- Satisfactory (S)
- Developing (D)

The four-point scale of performance is defined as follows:

Levels of Performance	Definition
Outstanding (O)	Most students consistently make good learning progress and demonstrate high academic achievement in nearly all learning areas. Their learning performances are exemplary.
Competent (C)	Most students consistently make good learning progress and demonstrate high academic achievement in many learning areas.
Satisfactory (S)	Most students consistently make learning progress and achieve the expected learning standards.
Developing (D)	Most students' learning performances are at a fundamental level; they are working to achieve the expected learning standards.

The Learning Framework and Standards for Quality Learners

Students demonstrate knowledge, skills and understanding of Thai language and Thai studies in relation to the learning standards of the school curriculum and develop positive attributes.

Thai Language and Culture courses focus on allowing students to learn and apply knowledge and various skills in real life. Students are taught by highly knowledgeable and experienced native Thai teachers in different ways, both theoretical and practical. It is learner-centered education. The focus is on preserving and inheriting Thai traditions, which is the foundation of Thai culture.

The TCIS Thai Language & Culture program provides two sections: "mother tongue" and "foreign tongue." Students who are Thai nationality and have a strong background in the Thai language are placed in the mother tongue class where the lessons focus on effectiveness and proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, writing, literature, social studies, and history. In the foreign tongue classes, students are non-native Thai speakers, and the lessons focus on communicating in basic Thai, reading basic Thai, and learning about Thai culture and traditions in order to live life effectively in Thai society.

We aim to enrich students' ability to learn both the language and moral values, in order to help them take their places in society as good citizens. In grades 9-12, non-Thai citizens new to Thailand are required by the Ministry Of Education in Thailand to study at least 1 period of Foreign Thai Language every week for 2 years.

Students in Thai language and culture courses are measured and evaluated according to the standards and units of learning of each class level. Measuring and evaluating each individual students' learning differences is emphasized.

#### **Highlight on TCIS Thai Language & Culture Program**

- Intensive Thai courses covering beginners to advanced students
- Nine certified Thai teachers
- Variety of Thai cultural events and festivals, including Songkran, Loy Krathong, Father's Day, Mother's Day, and Wai Kru's Day
- Extracurricular activities, such as Thai traditional dancing
- Community Service: Thai Red Cross Youth Volunteer, local community, and local school support
- Special internal and external academic competitions: Serm Panya Thai Language/Social Studies/English Proficiency Test and the Asmo Math/Science Olympiad Contest (External)/ Thailand Educational Development and Evaluation Tests (TEDET).
- Internal Thai Knowledge Bowl
- The curriculum includes "The Five Precepts Thailand" (not part of the MOE requirement but they support student)
  - o All Buddhists live by the Five Moral Precepts which are refraining from:
    - harming living things
    - taking what is not given
    - sexual misconduct
    - lying or gossip
    - taking intoxicating substances (e.g. drugs or drink)
- Campaigns to promote the Desirable Characteristics, according to the Thai Ministry of Education
  - o Love of nation, religion, and the king
  - Honesty and integrity
  - Self-discipline
  - Enthusiasm for learning
  - o Observance of principles of Sufficient Economic Philosophy in one's way of life
  - Dedication and commitment to work
  - o Cherishing Thai-ness
  - o Public-mindedness
- D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)
- A friendly learning environment with Thai cultural field trips
- Opportunity for admission to the top universities in Thailand

TCIS Thai Language & Culture Standard

TCIS Thai Language & Culture Courses PK2-G.12

ES Thai Curriculum Maps

MS Thai Curriculum Maps

HS Thai Curriculum Map

2020-2021 OPEC SAR (Self Assessment Report)

#### Domain 1: Language and Communication

1.1) Listening and Oral skills for Thai-speaking students		Lev Perfori	el of	
	0	C	S	D
Thai-speaking students communicate information effectively and apply communication skills in real-life settings in relation to the learning standards.  1.1 Evidence		X		

#### Criterion

- 1. Students can summarise the key information from the listening.
- 2. Students can ask or answer questions relevant to the information heard.
- 3. Students can clearly express feelings or ideas with complete and correct grammatical usage and well-chosen vocabulary.
- 4. Students can present or discuss the information using register and vocabulary appropriate to context and audience.

Students will be encouraged to learn and practice four learning skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) through classroom activities and homework assignments, such as creating reports to present as classroom assignments. In this activity, students plan their work, chat with peers, exchange ideas, answer questions, and receive other people's opinions.

1.2) Reading skills for Thai-speaking students		Lev Perfori	el of	
	0	C	S	D
Thai speaking students can read effectively in relation to the learning standards of their grade levels. They read various types of reading materials and apply their learning in real-life settings.  1.2 Evidence		X		

#### Criterion

- 1. Students read various types of reading materials including prose, poetry, magazines, prints, signs, documentary and literature, etc.
- 2. Students read and summarise main ideas or key elements of the information or stories read.
- 3. Students apply reading skills to acquire or construct knowledge and information needed for real-life situations.
- 4. Students analyse, evaluate values of the reading selections and give critiques of literature, texts, and media information read.

Students are encouraged to learn and develop reading effectively: reviewing pictures, textbooks, and literature in the classrooms, They also have the opportunity to read books outside, using Reading Logs to

continue reading practice. Students should be able to tell what they have learned from the stories they've read and then apply these concepts in daily life.

1.3) Writing skills for Thai speaking students	]	Lev Perforr	el of	
	0	C	S	D
Thai-speaking students can effectively write to communicate their ideas, to give out information in relation to the learning standards of their grade levels.  1.3 Evidence		X		

#### Criterion

- 1. Students' writing is relevant to purpose and audience, and presents organised ideas.
- 2. Students' writing displays elements of good writing, including correct spelling, clarity, sequence, appropriate cohesion, effective vocabulary and register, etc.
- 3. Students can produce various writing forms including narrative writing, descriptive writing, persuasive writing, imaginative and expository writing.
- 4. Students' research or academic writing includes citations.

Students are encouraged to learn how to communicate effectively in the classroom. Students are able to write using good Thai communication skills, as evidenced by writing a presentation on paper, reading information, and compositions in Thai. They present work to their classmates by using different levels of Thai language, formal and informal language. Students can write poems and essays as well.

1.4) Language and Communication Skills for non-Thai Speaking Students			evel o	
	0	С	S	Dash
Non-Thai speaking students demonstrate conversational skills in relation to the expectation of their language levels.  1.4 Evidence		X		

#### Criterion

- 1. Students appropriately respond to others using verbal and non-verbal communication skills.
- 2. Students acquire a wide range of vocabulary relating to the learning topics.
- 3. Students engage in simple dialogues using simple words, phrases or short sentences.
- 4. Students can politely ask and answer simple questions.

Non-Thai students have been encouraged to learn Thai language skills to help them communicate. They have learned the Thai alphabet, Thai vowels, words, sentences, and idioms which they can use in real life. They complete activities, both theoretical and practical, such as reading and

writing in Thai books, making sentences from flashcards, making word headbands, creating their own games, and making presentations.

#### Domain 1:

#### Comments:

Most of our TCIS students consistently demonstrate Thai language knowledge and skills. They have high academic achievement in listening and speaking. Thai students are able to summarize information, answer questions, express feelings and discuss ideas appropriately.

#### Recommendations:

Students are working to achieve expected learning standards in academic writing and reading. TCIS could provide extra curricular writing and reading programs to further support students. TCIS could also encouarage students to participate in external language competitions.

#### Domain 2: Thai Studies

2.1) Thai cultural studies for Thai-speaking students		Le Perfor	vel of mance	;
	0	C	S	D
Thai-speaking students demonstrate knowledge and appreciation of Thai cultural and social values, and indigenous wisdom, and appropriately apply their cultural learning experiences in real-life settings.  2.1 Evidence	X			

#### Criterion

- 1. Students demonstrate appropriate Thai etiquette and manners in various occasions, including respectful behaviors towards the primary institutions of Thailand.
- 2. Students can describe the Thai way of life, Thai customs and traditions practiced in local communities.
- 3. Students can explain various types of Thai art and indigenous wisdom including Thai handicrafts, Thai mural paintings, Thai architectural designs and structures, Thai dramatic art and folk art, and Thai games and sports, etc.
- 4. Students have pride in their cultural identities, display cross-cultural awareness and a respect for cultural diversity.

The Thai Department has encouraged Thai students to learn about Thai culture. One important aspect of culture is Thai manners. Students have participated in all the Thai cultural events, such as Loy Krathong, Songkran, and Wai Kru. The students attend these activities for both pleasure and to understand Thai culture. It's critical that they learn to be proud of being Thai. It's a way to pass culture from generation to generation. The Thai Department is using integrated teaching which helps students understand the value of Thai culture.

2.2) Thai History and Governance for Thai-speaking students		Lev Perfori	vel of mance	
	0	С	S	D
Thai-speaking students demonstrate the knowledge and understanding of the development of the Thai nation from past to present and the Thai governance under the constitutional monarchy.  2.2 Evidence		X		

#### Criterion

- 1. Students can tell the main features of Thai ancient kingdoms including important people and major events.
- 2. Students can describe the Thai way of life in the past.
- 3. Students can explain changes of the Thai governance systems from the past to the present, and the impact of the governance systems on the Thai people's way of life.
- 4. Students can explain regulations, civic duties, and social responsibilities.

The Thai Department has encouraged students to learn Thai history. For example, ES Students learn about the Thai political system's democracy. As a fundamental understanding of this topic, students get to choose a class representative through voting, learning how elections work in Thailand. In class, students build a box and make their own ballots, then count the ballots. MS and HS students learn about the Sukhothai Kingdom, Ayutthaya Kingdom, Thonburi Kingdom, and Rattanakosin Kingdom. Through this teaching and these exercises, students gain both knowledge and an understanding of Thai history.

2.3) Thai Geography and Environments		Lev Perform	el of nance	:
	0	С	S	D
Thai students demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the relationship between people and geographical environments and the importance of the conservation of the environment and natural resources.  2.3 Evidence		X		

#### Criterion

- 1. Students can describe geographical features and natural resources in different parts of Thailand.
- 2. Students can explain the impact of environmental changes on human lives and the importance of the conservation of natural resources, wildlife, and the environment.
- 3. Students demonstrate critical thinking on approaches needed for the sustainable prevention of natural disasters.
- 4. Students can explain the key elements of a sufficiency economy philosophy, and its benefits in improving people's quality of life.

The Thai Department has encouraged students to learn about Thai geography and our environment. For example, students learn about the lives of people near rivers. Students not only see how people sustain their lives from the river but also their unique traditions and culture, such as boat racing and living with nature. They can integrate the knowledge to the Thai ways such as make a Krathong from the banana leaves. They also have a Field Trip to learn how to plant rice in the rice fields.

2.4) Thai cultural studies for non-Thai speaking students		Lev Perform	el of	
	o	С	S	D
Students demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Thai cultural and social values in relation to the learning standards, and appropriately apply their cultural learning experiences in real-life situations.  2.4 Evidence		X		

#### Criterion

- 1. Students demonstrate appropriate Thai etiquette and manners in various occasions
- 2. Students display respectful behaviors towards the primary institutions of Thailand.
- 3. Students can explain the Thai way of life, Thai customs and traditions relating to Thai festivals and holidays.
- 4. Students display respect towards diverse cultural practices and beliefs, and obey Thai law and regulations.

The Thai Department encourages both Thai and non-Thai students to participate in Thai cultural events. For example, at the Loy Krathong Festival, students dress up in Thai traditional costumes and learn the Thai traditional dances. Students do the same for other cultural events, such as Father's Day and the Songkran Festival.

#### Domain 2:

#### Comments:

Most students have high achievement in Thai cultural studies. Students show appreciation of Thai culture, social values and wisdom by expressing appropriate Thai etiquette and manners.

#### Recommendations:

Students could be more involved in local Thai wisdom workshops from experts in order to further develop pride in Thai cultural identities.

#### Domain 3: Learners' Attributes

3.1) Positive Learning Attitudes		Lev Perfori	vel of mance	
	0	С	S	D
Students demonstrate positive attitudes and enthusiastically participate in learning Thai language and Thai studies.  3.1 Evidence	X			

#### Criterion

- 1. Students display interest and are engaged in learning Thai language and Thai studies.
- 2. Students actively participate in collaborative teams in learning Thai language and Thai studies.
- 3. Students apply critical thinking and computer technology to research or to create task assignments.
- 4. Students make inquiries and set targets for self-improvement in learning Thai language and Thai studies.

Positive attitudes in learning the Thai language and Thai history are displayed through Thai cultural activities, such as Loy Krathong and Songkran celebrations. Elementary, middle. and high school students enthusiastically wear Thai traditional costumes and join cultural activities. Moreover, middle and high school students apply their computer technology skills to prepare graphics and videos during these celebrations.

3.2) Desirable Characteristics	Level of Performance			
	0	C	S	D
Students exhibit desirable characteristics and appropriate social values.  3.2 Evidence	X			

#### Criterion

- 1. Students display integrity, ethics, and responsibility for themselves and others.
- 2. Students display compassion and caring for others and the environments.
- 3. Students demonstrate leadership and community involvement.
- 4. Students demonstrate self-regulation skills.

Students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities to increase their commitment to our community and environment. They cooperate with other local communities and government agencies to organize community service events. These include collecting donations for local charities, which motivates students to enhance their time management, balancing this work with their academic requirements.

#### Domain 3:

#### Comments:

Students demonstrate positive attitudes in learning Thai language and Thai studies. Students collaborate to create technology based projects and work pieces to present at public events with increased positive attitudes toward Thai language and studies.

#### Recommendations:

Students could continuously maintain community involvement to improve desirable characteristics and social values.

#### Overall Quality of the Thai Language and Thai Studies Programme

The overall quality of the Thai language and Thai studies programme will be evaluated in various areas including the curriculum, quality teaching, quality learning, the learning environment, learning resources, learning support and enrichment, and leadership and management.

Overall Quality of the Thai Language and Thai Studies Programme  Outstanding – The school demonstrates best practices in all or nearly all areas assessed. The quality in each area is distinguished and supports the	Level of Performance			
<ul> <li>students' learning and achievement.</li> <li>Competent – The school demonstrates best practices in many areas assessed. The quality in each area is good and supports the students' learning and achievement.</li> <li>Satisfactory – The quality in each area assessed is acceptable and supports the students' learning and achievement.</li> <li>Developing – The quality in each area assessed is being developed to support the students' learning and achievement.</li> </ul>	0	С	S	D
1. Quality Curriculum	X			
2. Quality Teaching	X			
3. Quality Learners	X			
4. Positive Learning Environments		X		
5. Meaningful, Relevant, Sufficient Resources		X		

6. Leadership and Management	X		
7. Professional Development Opportunities	X		
8. Performance Management	X		

#### **Overall Quality:**

#### **Comments:**

TCIS demonstrates best practices in curriculum, teaching, learning, leadership, management, professional development opportunities and performance management. Student learning progress and achievement are obvious in successful assignments and university acceptances both in Thailand and in other countries.

#### **Recommendations:**

- -TCIS could provide more positive, modern and engaging learning environments such as classroom facilities and learning resources to support students' learning accomplishments.
- -To develop the Non-Thai classes in middle school and Thai extracurriculars for the whole school, the TCIS could provide one more Thai teacher to the Thai department.



The TCIS Thai teaching team.

#### **COVID 19 Impact**

ACS WASC Category E: ONESQA Standards: Summary of COVID-19 Impact on Findings
Use the COVID narratives from each of the findings sections in Category E to summarize the impact COVID 19
has had on the Thai curriculum and ONESQA Standards at TCIS.

The Thai Department is facing the challenge of providing Thai culture and history lessons while in a virtual environment. Normally, teachers and students are taken on field trips around Thailand, visiting significant museums, attending events, visiting the locations of historical events, and visiting universities. In the virtual environment, that is not presently possible.

Students this year have had limited access to Thai cultural events and exhibitions, making it difficult to develop and grow their sense of Thai culture. Many/most museums are closed or have very tight controls on access. Large group tours violate social distancing rules, thereby making these trips nearly impossible. The department has developed virtual tours for some limited venues, but most museums and locations do not have ready access to virtual tours/environments.

However, even with these challenges, the Thai Department endeavors to instill Thai culture into the curriculum.

#### Self-Study Report

The school will be required to conduct the self-study of the Thai language and Thai studies programme. The students' learning progress and achievement are measured against the learning standards of each grade level set in the school curriculum, and the analysis of the students' achievement results will help the school to identify strengths and weaknesses of the learning areas. The self-study report of the Thai programme would be incorporated into the whole school's self-study report submitted to the ONESQA and the overseas accrediting agency.

Analysis of Self-Study Report (SSR)

The ONESQA visiting team will conduct an analysis of the SAR submitted online prior to the school visit. The visiting team will familiarize themselves with the school's data and information through the school's SSR. They will examine the information in the report with all supporting evidence to confirm the school's self-analysis. The areas of concerns may be noted for further examination during the school visit.

#### School Visit and Collection of Evidence

The Thai assessors will join the overseas team to visit the school to examine the quality stated in the SSR, Thai section. The school visit includes an interviewing management team, teaching staff, students and parents. The observation of the teaching and learning during the school visit is one of the integral parts of the external quality assessment. Necessary evidence will be observed and may be collected; for instance, assessment data, assessment rubrics, report progress, achievement test results, interviews, homework and work assignments, language policy and assessment policy, etc.

Writing the Summary of the Quality Assessment of Thai Language and Thai Studies

The assessors will write a summary of quality assessment based on the self-study analysis, the evidence and the observation during the school visit. The strengths and needs of the program required for further development will be included in the summary and it will be attached to the whole school quality report.

## Category E. ONESQA Standards: Summary, Strengths, and Growth Needs

Review all the findings and supporting evidence and summarize the degree to which the criteria in Category E are being met. Include comments about the degree to which these criteria impact the school's ability to address one or more of the identified critical student learning needs.

**Summary (including comments about the critical student learning needs)** 

Prioritize the areas of strength and growth for Category E.

Category E: ONESQA Standards: Areas of Strength

Thai Cultural Studies

Category E: ONESQA Standards: Areas of Growth

Learning Environment (Facilities)



Our Thai Director observes students during a Thai class.

# Category F. Boarding Program

#### **Summary, Strengths, and Growth Needs**

Review all the findings and supporting evidence and summarize the degree to which the criteria in Category F are being met. Include comments about the degree to which these criteria impact the school's ability to address one or more of the identified critical student learning needs.

**Summary (including comments about the critical student learning needs)** 

Not Applicable to TCIS

Prioritize the areas of strength and growth for Category F.

Category F: Boarding Program: Areas of Strength

Not Applicable to TCIS

Category F: Boarding Program: Areas of Growth

Not Applicable to TCIS













Chapter III Focus Group Teams hard at work



Chapter IV: Critical Needs Analysis



# **Chapter IV: Critical Needs Analysis**

#### **Successes to Celebrate**

After analyzing the data in our self-study process, we have identified many areas of success to celebrate at TCIS.

Without question, our students are the most precious part of our school, and our largest amount of celebration is derived by sharing in their successes. Our student body is amazing. From our youngest learners in PK2 through to our graduating students in grade 12, we take great pride in having each and every student as part of our community.

In relation to school culture and environment, we are proud to excel in many areas. For TCIS, building self-esteem in our students is important, and we are highly effective at fostering student self-esteem through setting high expectations for each student and offering recognition of their successes. We build a collaborative culture of mutual respect, inquiry, and effective communication among and between staff, students, and parents. TCIS works hard to showcase the cultures of its students. Parents are invited to participate and attend events throughout the year, and staff members are encouraged to participate even though it may not be their native culture.

We are proud that we provide teachers the opportunity to request professional development when they discover training that will help them to increase their positive impact on student learning. Parental involvement is high at the school, especially among parents of our younger students, and we offer parents opportunities to be part of the school community by inviting them to participate in many events. Additionally, we celebrate our successes during the COVID-19 pandemic of being able to provide high quality instruction to students as we pivoted between multiple methods of delivering instruction, including online learning and hybrid classes.

Within the Thai department, TCIS has many areas of success to celebrate. Among the successes that we are most proud of are our close relationships with parents, students, and the community; the very high academic achievements of our students (whose scores rank among the highest in Thailand); and our long-term retention of

our outstanding Thai teachers - several of whom have been with us for more than ten years. In addition, we take pride in maintaining and developing an understanding of Thai culture among all our stakeholders, including our international teachers and staff - many of whom are new to Thailand and Thai culture.

TCIS is a family, and we celebrate our family environment on a daily basis.



Our support staff, including custodians, drivers, and storeroom personal take part in a self-study meeting

After analyzing the data from their meetings, our focus group members identified a number of areas in need of improvement from each category.

CAT	TEGORY A: ORGANIZATION FOR STUDENT LEARNING AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT
A2	In some policy areas there is a lack of clarity. Articulating policies and ensuring clarity is an area we are improving upon. Our policy manuals are academic in nature, but foundation policies are not within our policy manual.  Due to the lack of training, there is not a common understanding about the written policies.
A3	Internal communication is sometimes unclear or contradictory between divisions.
	A new child protection policy has been initiated, but follow-up and continued improvement or training are necessary.
	New areas of entry to school have yet to be properly secured to ensure effective safety of students.
A4	A standards-based, teacher mentor program should be implemented for new teachers and last for the duration of the first two-years of employment at TCIS.
	A multi-year, school-wide professional development plan should be developed based on an analysis of student achievement and implemented based on the needs of adult learners (teaming, opportunities for leadership experiences, collegial inquiry, and mentoring).
	All Western teachers should possess and maintain valid teaching credentials in accordance with the regulations of the state/province that issued the teaching license/certificate.
	All Western high school teachers need to be certified and qualified to teach the subject area(s) and grade-levels assigned.
A5	Scope for greater consistency in the long-term implementation of school improvement processes.

	CATEGORY B: CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, & ASSESSMENT AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT						
1	Integration among disciplines in the high school						
2	Curriculum review and evaluation processes						
3	Collaboration to examine curriculum						
4	Informing appropriate stakeholders of the SLOs						
5	Differentiating to make the curriculum accessible to all students in middle and high school						

## CATEGORY C: STUDENT SUPPORT FOR PERSONAL & ACADEMIC GROWTH AREAS FOR **IMPROVEMENT** 1 Areas of growth for TCIS would include the need to gather data on student perception of the organization, availability, and usefulness or our student services program. In addition, TCIS needs to consider better ways to communicate with parents of underperforming students and set clear policies for students that are struggling academically. 3 Student attendance needs to be tracked more rigorously and consequences should be communicated and implemented for students who are habitually tardy or absent without excuse. The TCIS needs to create a cohesive connection between the college application process and English class-finding ways to work together to strengthen essays. 5 Accountability towards student events, community service, etc needs work. Community service trips often have a little community service and a lot of vacation/down time. 6 The TCIS needs to find ways to better connect with parents in support of their child's education-student led conferences, as an example.

CA	CATEGORY D: SCHOOL CULTURE & ENVIRONMENT AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT						
1	TCIS should develop a better system to care for all students, especially new students that need more language support in the upper grades						
2	TCIS should be consistent in developing high expectations for classroom content that will challenge students.						
3	TCIS should continue to develop and reevaluate the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policies each year. They should include a variety of members to help in this process, from administrators, teachers, staff, and probably even parents.						

CATEGOR	CATEGORY E: THAI ONESQA STANDARDS AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT						
1 Domain 1	TCIS could provide extracurricular writing and reading programs to further support students in Thai.						
2 Domain 2	Students could be more involved in local Thai wisdom workshops from experts in order to further develop pride in Thai cultural identities.						
3 Domain 3	Students could continuously maintain community involvement to improve desirable characteristics and social values.						
4 Overall Quality	TCIS could provide more positive, modern and engaging learning environments such as classroom facilities and learning resources to support students' learning accomplishments.						
5 Overall Quality	<ul> <li>Greatest Areas in Need of Improvement in the Thai Department:</li> <li>Develop middle school classes for non-native Thai speakers,</li> <li>Add Thai extracurricular options for the whole school,</li> <li>Provide at least one more Thai teacher to the Thai department.</li> </ul>						

#### **CATEGORY F: BOARDING PROGRAM**

Not Applicable to TCIS

## **Chapter IV: Summary from Analysis of Identified Critical Student Learning Needs**

Summarize the identified critical student learning needs based on profile, progress, and Focus Group findings.

The review of our data has led the TCIS leadership team to identify these **critical learner needs:** 

- Critical Area of Growth #1: Research, Develop, and Implement an Effective ELL Program to Serve the Needs of All Students.
- Critical Area of Growth #2: Develop an effective child protection policy that includes training for all stakeholders, improve campus safety, and align Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) to the TCIS School Safety Plan.
- Critical Area of Growth #3: Review school policies, develop detailed procedures, and communicate with all stakeholders

#### **Questions to consider:**

What systems and practices are in place to support student well-being and connection to the school?

What systems and practices are in place to develop literacy skills - across the four domains - across the content areas?

What practices are in place to support English Language Learners who are or who enter below grade level expectations?

**Critical Area of Growth #1:** Research, Develop, and Implement an Effective ELL Program to Serve the Needs of All Students.

The vast majority of our students (approximately 95%) are English language learners. Students who join TCIS early in our ECE program and remain with us through elementary and beyond normally become very competent in their English skills. However, students that join us in elementary, middle, or high school often lack English proficiency. To date, we have not had a well-structured ELL program to support students' needs, and have depended on teachers using differentiation within the classroom to support students, as well as our after-school programs, and peer tutoring programs. However, that approach has not produced the results to support all students in reaching the English proficiency levels needed for them to be successful as they apply for colleges and universities. Therefore, researching, developing, and implementing and effective ELL program will address this critical need.

**Critical Area of Growth #2:** Develop an effective child protection policy that includes training for all stakeholders, improve campus safety, and align Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) to the TCIS School Safety Plan.

Student safety is our top priority at TCIS. We believe that students must have a safe learning environment in which to learn, and when they feel safe in that environment, they will excel socially, emotionally, and academically. We also believe that we must take an increasingly proactive approach to school safety, as opposed to a reactive approach. Although we do have a safeguarding and child protection policy, it needs to be updated and structured training must be provided to all stakeholders. All stakeholders must be trained in the about the content and procedures within the policy and must know the reporting procedures. Our community is made up of English, Thai, and Chinese language speakers and includes students, parents, teachers, teacher assistants, office support staff, other support staff, outside vendors, and visitors. Our safeguarding and child protection policy training must be accessible to all TCIS stakeholders in a language they understand, and we must have a safe school campus. In addition, we are required by the government to align to the TCIS School Safety Plan to their new Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA). This Act will be in force in the second semester of the 2020/21 school-year.

**Critical Area of Growth #3:** Review school policies, develop detailed procedures, and communicate with all stakeholders

Well-written and well communicated school policies coupled with explicit and well-communicated procedures enable schools to operate smoothly. When this occurs, teachers can focus on taking care of students' safety, social, emotional, and academic needs with little or no time being lost due to not understanding policies or not being able to complete procedural steps. Although TCIS does have a written policy manual, it is outdated and poorly disseminated. In addition, a significant number of policies do not have accompanying procedures to follow, or the procedures are unclear. This has resulted in a significant amount of frustration being felt by teachers and staff, and it has also resulted in teachers not being able to focus fully on their tasks with students. Addressing this critical area of need will result is teachers and staff being able to fully focus on students' needs while at the same time resulting in a more harmonious work environment. Increasing the harmony within our school is especially important in current times, as the challenges and stresses that have resulted during from the global crisis of the past year has taken on increased significance.



Chapter V: School-wide Action Plan



# **School-Wide Action Plan**

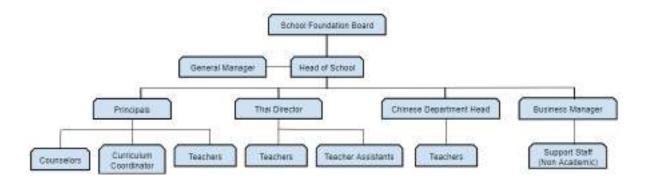
# **Chapter V: School-Wide Action Plan**

Revise the schoolwide action plan.

State any additional specific strategies to be used by staff within each subject area/ support program to support sections of the schoolwide action plan.

C. Describe the school's follow-up process, ensuring an ongoing improvement process.

#### TCIS ORGANIZATION CHART



# **2021 Revised Action Plan**

Area of Growth #1: ELL Program Research, Develop, and Implement an Effective ELL Program to Serve the Needs of All Students.								
Rationale	Why is this an area of growth for TCIS?  The student body at TCIS is almost entirely composed of students for whom English is a second or third language. Although our students excel in Thai and Chinese, our data indicates that their English levels are below that necessary to be prepared for tiercy education - especially in writing.  Although we have several areas of improvement to make in relation to our curriculum, we separated ELL out of our curriculum needs as it is our greatest area of need related to academic curriculum.							
Expected Impact on Student Learning	How will being successful in achieving this area of growth positively impact students?  Implementing this program will support struggling students' English skills and will help them gain more confidence to speak English in multiple settings. A focus on writing will particularly help our students when they reach high school and they write collage application essays. The Thai and Chinese language programs at TCIS rank as the top in Thailand and prepare students exceptionally well. We aim to achieve that same level of excellence in English.							
Action Plan Note	This area of critical need was being addressed in a previous action plan before the COVID-19 pandemic with a goal of implementing an ELL program at the beginning of the 2020 school-year. However, due to the impact of the pandemic and the uncertainties surrounding it, we placed this area of need on hold so we could better focus on providing a safe learning environment for students, pivot to providing effective online teaching and learning, and supporting our community during this time of global transition.  As a school, we understand the importance of this area of need, and we have already begun laying the foundation for a program and are fully committed to implementing an effective ELL program at the beginning of the 2021 school-year.							
Action Steps	Person/s Responsible	Resources Needed	Timeline	Success Criteria	Means to Report Progress Completion			
Step 1 Establish a ELL Committee	Head of School Staffing December 2020 Committee member assigned Minutes Staff Meeting Minutes							
Step 2 Analyze multiple student data points.	Admin team ELL Team Counselors Teachers Admissions	Admin team ELL Team Counselors Teachers  Time Meeting 2021 - Ongoing Tracking Meetings Tracking Meetings Tracking Meetings Parent Conference Meetings Meetings						

		Dibbles Running Records Report card PSAT Reports SAT Reports			
Action Steps	Person/s Responsible	Resources Needed	Timeline	Success Criteria	Means to Report Progress Completion
Step 3 Discuss data results in Admin meeting	Admin team ELL Team Counselors Teachers Admissions	Time Meeting room MAP Reports WIDA Reports Dibbles Running Records Report card PSAT Reports SAT Reports	January 2021 - Ongoing	Assessment Data Meeting Minutes	Admin Meeting Minutes Staff Meeting Minutes ELL Committee Meetings
Step 4 Review ELL needs with teachers. Further discussion with stakeholders, inc. parents, teachers, TA's	ELL Team Admin Team Counselors Teachers Admissions	ELL Program Leader Meeting Minutes	December 2020 - Ongoing Monthly	Grade Level Needs Document	ELL Team Leader Document Shared with Admin Team
Step 5 Analyze different ELL models and choose a suitable model for TCIS and develop entry and exit criteria for students	ELL Team Admin team	Multiple ELL Models Internet Book Vendors Consultants	March 2021 - Ongoing	Recommendation from ELL Team	Recommendation to Admin Team for Adoption ELL Framework
Step 6 Analyze staffing needs for the ELL program	Head of Schools Admin team ELL Team Leader	Budget Process Enrollment Report	March 2021 - Ongoing	ELL Team Members Appointed	Admin Meeting Minutes Staff Meeting Minutes

Action Steps	Person/s Responsible	Resources Needed	Timeline	Success Criteria	Means to Report Progress Completion
Step 7 Present ELL Framework Findings to the Admin Team for approval	Admin team ELL Program Leader	Room Admin Meeting	March 2021 - Ongoing	ELL Frameworks Finding Report	Report Shared with Admin Team
Step 8 Admin to determine develop policies and procedures, including assessments, and admissions procedure impact	Admin team ELL Team Counselors Teachers Admissions	Time Admin Meeting ELL Program Meeting	March 2021 - Ongoing	ELL Policies and Procedures added to our TCIS Policy Manual	ELL Policies and Procedures shared with relevant stakeholders
Step 9 Develop Program Entry and Exit Criteria as related to financial component for new students	Head of Schools Business Manager Admissions Team	Admissions Reports	August 2021 - Ongoing	Enrollment	Admissions and Marketing Reports
Step 10 Present and garner parent feedback and support	Admin team ELL Team Counselors Teachers Admissions	Coffee Meeting with Parents	August 2021 - Ongoing	Surveys	Survey Results
Step 11 Assess students of need	Admin team ELL Team Counselors Teachers Admissions	Assessment Model (ie WIDA)	August 2021 - Ongoing (Continuous Enrollment)	Developed ELL Student Assessment Data Report	Report Shared with all stakeholders
Step 12 Implement the ELL program	ELL Team Teachers	ELL Program Model	August 2021 - Ongoing	Implementation of ELL Program	Report of Implementation to Admin Team
Step 13 Mid-Year Assessment of ELL Students	ELL Team Teachers	Data Model	December 2021 - Semi- Annually	Data Results	Data Results Shared with Admin Team and relevant stakeholders
Step 14 Review, evaluate, and modify the program annually	Admin team ELL Team Counselors Teachers Admissions	Data Results	Annually	Data Results	Data Results Shared with Admin Team and relevant stakeholders

SCHEDULED REFLECTION ON PROGRESS TOWARDS GOALS								
	Rate Our Achievement Towards Stated Timeline	Possible Adjustments Required to Achieve Goal	Possible Additional Resources Required	Successes to Celebrate with Stakeholders				
April 2021								
August 2021								
December 2021								
June 2022								

## **Area of Growth #2: School Safety**

Develop an effective child protection policy that includes training for all stakeholders, improve campus safety, and align Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) to the TCIS School Safety Plan.

safety, and align Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) to the TCIS School Safety Plan.								
Rational	Why is this an area of growth for TCIS?  Student safety is our top priority at TCIS. We believe that we must first provide a safe and secure environment for students, and after that safe environment has been established, we can focus on students' academics and social emotional learning. However, we have identified campus safety and safeguarding and child protection as areas that need to be further developed to better serve all stakeholders. This must be aligned to the PDPA legislation which comes into effect in May 2021.							
Expected Impact on Student Learning	How will being successful in achieving this area of growth positively impact students?  We know that feeling safe in the school environment is the first task we have as educators and until they feel safe, other parts of the curriculum cannot be addressed. Aligning digital policies and safe uses of technology will help us protect our students from bullying, and help our students to develop a safe digital identity. At We believe that student safety is a fundamental need for students to be able to advance socially, emotionally, and academically.							
Action Steps	Person/s Responsible	Resources Needed	Timeline	Success Criteria	Means to Report Progress Completion			
Step 1 Add safeguarding and child protection (SCP) to the criteria for TCIS to become a top 10 ranked school and admin team to establish a commitment to follow-through on all procedures and consequences outlined in the policy.	Board Admin Team	SCP Manual Scheduled Time	February 2021	Documented agreement in Strategic Plan	Board Meetings Admin Meetings Staff Meetings			
Step 2 Add safeguarding and child protection updates to staff and admin meetings.	Admin Team Counselors	Admin Meeting Agenda Scheduled Time	March 2021 - Ongoing	SCP added as agenda item in Admin Meetings	Admin Meeting Minutes			
Step 3 Review the current safeguarding policy and procedures manual, document	Admin Team Counselors	SCP Manual Google Sheet Google Forms Scheduled Time	March- April 2021	All persons responsible have reviewed the SCP manual and	Admin Meeting Minutes Daily Updates			

feedback, and review in admin meeting				provided actionable feedback	
Action Steps	Person/s Responsible	Resources Needed	Timeline	Success Criteria	Means to Report Progress Completion
Step 4 Establish a school safety and safeguarding and child protection (SCP) committee that includes counselors, parents, and school leaders and schedule monthly SCP meetings	Admin Team SCP Committee Counselors Staff	Scheduled Time Staff Meetings	March 2021	SCP Committee members have been chosen and members roles are communicated to stakeholders	Admin Meeting Minutes Staff Meetings Whole-school Meetings Newsletters
Step 5 Establish a monthly incident report and review and send a report to TCIS' admin team.	SCP Committee Counselors HR Dept. Admin Team	Admin Meeting SCP Manual Scheduled Time	April 2021 - Ongoing	SCP Committee presents monthly updates in Admin Meetings	SCP Committee Report Admin Meeting Minutes
Step 6 Establish a clear and explicit SCP reporting system and update SCP related procedures	Business Manager HR Dept. Admission Dpt. Admin Team SCP Committee Counselors	SCP Manual Google Sheet Google Forms Scheduled Time Assemblies SEL	April 2021 - Ongoing	All SCP procedures updated, usable, and communicated clearly to all stakeholders	Admin Meetings Staff Meetings PA Meetings
Step 7 Develop a survey to obtain students', parents', teachers', and administrators' current perceptions about safeguarding, child protection, campus safety, bullying, e-learning safety at TCIS	Admin Team SCP Committee Counselors Parent Association	SCP Manual Google Sheet Google Forms Scheduled Time	April 2021	Stakeholders have been surveyed Annual survey	Report results during Board meetings, Admn Meetings, Staff Meetings, Newsletters Coffee w/ Parents Meeting

Action Steps	Person/s Responsible	Resources Needed	Timeline	Success Criteria	Means to Report Progress Completion
Step 8 Research bullying and its effects on student learning, as well as effective responses to bullying, including zero tolerance policies, conflict resolution or mediation strategies, counseling, etc.	SCP Committee Counselors	Scheduled Time Internet Resources	April-May 2021	Report on how bullying affects students at TCIS that includes recommended strategies for prevention and resolution	Report shared with Admin Team
Step 9 Alignment of Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA) and School Safety Plan					
Step 10 Research safe Internet and electronic use policies, as well as policies and procedures that cover e-learning. Add them to the TCIS safeguarding and child protection policies manual	SCP Committee Counselors	Scheduled Time Internet Resources	April 2021	Document that covers safe Internet and electronic use, as well as policies and procedures that cover e-learning guidelines.	Report is shared with the Admin Team and is a Staff Meeting agenda item. Staff trained on new procedures
Step 11 Establish clear and explicit reporting systems procedures, complete with required reporting forms/documents.	Admin Team SCP Committee Counselors	SCP Manual Google Sheet Google Forms Scheduled Time	May 2021	Clear and explicit reporting systems procedures, complete with required reporting forms are approved by Admin Team	Share form location with stakeholders during Staff Meetings
Step 12 Research online and in-person training for all stakeholders in English and Thai that aligns with our policies and procedures.	Business Manager SCP Committee Counselors	SCP Manual Google Sheet Google Forms Scheduled Time	March - April 2021	Short-list of companies recommended to Admin Team for one to be approved by the Board for purchase	Admin Meeting minutes

Action Steps	Person/s Responsible	Resources Needed	Timeline	Success Criteria	Means to Report Progress Completion
Step 13 Establish a budget for safeguarding and child protection training including newly approved SCP vendor-offered training	Board Head of School Business Manager Admin Team	Finances 2021/22 Budget Scheduled Time	March 2021	Budget Item Approve	Line item added to future TCIS budgets
Step 14 Recommend the Purchase of SCP training program	Business Manager Head of School Purchasing Dpt.	Finances	May 2021	Training Purchased	Board Meeting Admin Meeting Staff Meeting
Step 15 Research and meet with local child protection community resources, such as Save the Children, UNICEF, D.A.R.E. and local agencies such as Department of Children and Youth, Children Youth and Family Counseling Center, "Sai Dek" Child Line 1387 with whom to build partnerships	Thai Director SCP Committee Counselors	Thai Director Scheduled Time Internet	May 2021- Ongoing	Report developed that includes list of community resources that includes company names, contact info, services provided, name of contact person, meeting minutes/notes, and recommendations	Admin Meetings Staff Meetings Newsletters PA Meetings
Step 16 Research local laws surrounding the School's legal obligation and reporting procedures and commit to following local laws.	Thai Director Business Manager HR Dept. Head of School	Scheduled Time TCIS Lawyer	May 2021- Ongoing	Develop a list of laws that details TCIS' reporting responsibilities and procedures for reporting	Admin Meetings Staff Meetings Newsletters PA Meetings

Action Steps	Person/s Responsible	Resources Needed	Timeline	Success Criteria	Means to Report Progress Completion
Step 17 Revise/update the current safeguarding and child protection manual, and include clear procedures and consequences, safetouch requirements, safe recruitment procedure, safe vendor and visitors procedures.	SCP Committee Counselors Business Manager HR Dept Admin Team	SCP Manual Google Sheet Google Forms Scheduled Time	May 2021	Comprehensive 2021/22 SCP Manual developed	Admin Meetings Staff Meetings Newsletters PA Meetings Staff Orientation
Step 18 Provide SCP training to all current stakeholders, including students, parents, staff, and vendors in English, Thai, and Chinese and survey attendees.	Business Manager HR Dept. Admin Team SCP Committee Counselors Admission Dpt.	Staff Orientation Coffee Morning with Parents SCP Online training website IT Dept. SCP Manual SCP Slides Google Forms Scheduled Time	August 2021 - Ongoing	Teachers and staff receive SCP training during orientation week. Students and parents receive training in August 2021	Admin Meetings Orientation Agenda Newsletters
Step 19 Establish and implement ongoing training and background checks for newly arrived TCIS stakeholders throughout the year, including students, parents, teachers, staff in English, Thai, and Chinese	Business Manager HR Dept. Admission Dpt. Admin Team SCP Committee Counselors	Coffee Morning with Parents Meeting SCP Online training website IT Dept. SCP Manual SCP Slides Google Forms Scheduled Time	August 2021 - Ongoing	New students, , parents, staff, and stakeholders receive SCP training within two weeks of their arrival	Admin Meetings Orientation Agenda Newsletters HR staff reports

<b>Action Steps</b>	Person/s Responsible	Resources Needed	Timeline	Success Criteria	Means to Report Progress Completion
Step 20 Implement regular Safe Campus Walks that includes all aspects of safety, including campus entry, equipment checks Use data to improve campus safety	Business Manager HR Dept. Maintenance Dpt. Admission Dpt. Admin Team SCP Committee Counselors Divisional Teachers Student Council	SCP Manual Google Sheet Google Forms Scheduled Time Assemblies	April 2021- Ongoing	Safe Campus Walks implemented and reports updated monthly	Admin Meetings Staff Meetings PA Meetings
Step 21 Update the SCP manual based on using proactive preventative measures as well as data and to protect stakeholders	Admin Team SCP Committee Counselors	Old SCP Manual Google Sheet Google Forms Dedicated Admin Meeting time	June 2022 - Ongoing Yearly	TCIS' SPC manuals are updated yearly	SPC Manual Admin Meetings Staff Meetings PA Meetings
SCHEDULED REFLE	CTION ON PR	OGRESS TOW	ARDS GOAL	S	
	Rate Our Achievement Towards Stated Timeline	Possible Adjustments Required to Achieve Goal	Possible Additional Resources Required	Successes to Celebrate with Stakeholders	
April 2021					
August 2021					
December 2021					
June 2022					

Area of Growth #3: Policies and Procedures Review school policies, develop detailed procedures, and communicate with all stakeholders						
Rational	Why is this an area of growth for TCIS? Policies have been developed in isolation, and there has not been a concerted effort to communicate with stakeholders. Also, procedures have not been delineated to accompany the policies.					
Expected Impact on Student Learning	By including curriculum related procedures in this effort there will be a clear codification of PK - 12 teaching, including vertical and horizontal alignment. By removing obstacles related to not having clearly defined policies and procedures, we allow our teachers to focus on teaching and learning.					
Action Steps	Person/s Responsible	Resources Needed	Timeline	Success Criteria	Means to Report Progress Completion	
Step 1 Locate board approved 2014 digital version of policy manual	Admin Team Board Policy and Procedures Committee	2014 Policy Manual	February 2021	Policy Manual Located and Shared with Admin	Admin Team Meeting Minutes	
Step 2 Review the existing policy manual as admin team	Admin Team Board Policy and Procedures Committee	2014 Policy Manual Time	August 2021	2014 Policy Manual Reviewed by Admin Team	Admin Team Meeting Minutes	
Step 3 Establish policies steering committee	Admin Team	Admin Team Teachers	August 2021	Steering Committee Established	Admin Team Meeting Minutes Staff Meeting Minutes	
Step 4 Review, Identify and Update current and missing policies	Admin Team Policy Steering Committee	2014 Policy Manual	September 2021 - December 2021	Submit a Policy Review Report on Current and Missing Policies	Policy Review Report Completed	
Step 5 Submit Updated Policy Manual to Board for Approval	Head of Schools	Policy Review Report	January 2022	Policy Review Report Received by Board for Approval	Minutes of Board Meeting	

Action Steps	Person/s Responsible	Resources Needed	Timeline	Success Criteria	Means to Report Progress Completion
Step 6 On approval of Updated Policy Manual Establish Procedures Committee	Admin Team	Teachers Personnel	April 2022	Committee Established	Admin Team Meeting Minutes
Step 7 Draft 2022 Procedures Manual	Policy Manual and Procedures Committee	Teachers Personnel	April 2022 - October 2022	Proposed 2022 Proposed Procedures Manual	Distribution of 2022 Procedures Manual to Relevant Stakeholders
Step 8 Communicate new policies and procedures to all stakeholders	Admin Team	2022 Procedures Manual	January 2023	All Relevant Stakeholders have been informed of 2022 Procedures Manual	HR Checklist
Step 9 Develop an annual review process	Admin Team	2022 Procedures Manual Meeting Time	January 2023 - Ongoing Annually	Review Process	Minutes
SCHEDULED RE	EFLECTION ON	PROGRESS TO	WARDS GOAI	LS	
	Rate Our Achievement Towards Stated Timeline	Possible Adjustments Required to Achieve Goal	Possible Additional Resources Required	Successes to Celebrate with Stakeholders	
April 2021					
August 2021					
December 2021					
June 2022					

#### C. Follow-up process, ensuring an ongoing improvement process.

To ensure an ongoing flow of communication through the school, a focus on continuous improvement of student learner outcomes and involvement of all stakeholders we will forward with the following processes:

To ensure follow-up on our action plan items, we have built in a review process within our action plan template for April, August, December, and June of each year. During the review process, we will:

- Use Data to Rate Our Achievement Towards Stated Timeline
- Discuss Possible Adjustments Required to Achieve Goal
- Investigate Possible Additional Resources Required
- Communicate Successes to Celebrate with Stakeholder

In addition, action plan progress will be a standalone agenda item during the first admin meeting of each month as part of our larger five-year strategic plan of becoming recognized as a top 10 international school in Thailand.

# **Appendices**

#### A. Master schedule

**Bell Schedule** 

#### **B.** Graduation requirements

**Graduation Requirements** 

#### C. Any pertinent additional data

**Faculty Handbook** 

**Student-Parent Handbook** 

**Emergency Protocols Response Manual** 

**School Wide Map** 

**SLO Awards Calendar for ES** 

**Student Support Team Process Presentation** 

Readers' Workshop with EAL Focus PD

2019-2020 Official Calendar

**Duty Schedule** 

**Progress Reports and Report Cards: Timeline** 

**Staff Meeting Calendar** 

**Staff Roster** 

**Notes from Senior Administrative Meetings** 

**Notes from Leadership Team Meetings** 

**ES Weekly Staff Newsletters** 

**ES Google Site for Staff** 

Parent Newsletters, Meetings, Coffees

Parent Association Agendas and Minutes (2018-19) (updated in shared drive)

**WASC Focus Groups, Data, Leaders** 

**EAL Alignment Brochure** 

#### D. Budgetary information, including budget pages from the school's action plan

**ES Budget Summary with Links** 

MS Budget Summary (upon request)

**HS Budget Summary (upon request)** 

Chapter IV: Summary from Analysis of Identified Critical Student Learning Needs

Summarize the identified critical student learning needs based on profile, progress, and Focus Group findings.



Head of School, Dr. John (left) and TCIS Chairman Mr. Chang Wei Pien (right).



TCIS 2020/21 staff photograph



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