

# Best Practice Framework New York

**Theme:** Curriculum & Academic Goals  
**Level:** School

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**Practice: Center school plan on explicit improvement of specified academic objectives**

Below is the content of two PowerPoint slides used to share goals and action steps with community members.

## Middle School Improvement Great Expectations

- Board of Education and superintendent support
- Yearly performance targets
- Promotion standards
- Staff development
- Parent outreach program
- Teaming, looping, and inclusion
- Alignment of 6-8 Grade Curriculum
- Authentic literature and blended test preparation skills
- English seminar program
- Interdisciplinary teaching
- Using data for improvement
- Curriculum enhancement and parallel tasks
- All faculty members are teachers of reading and writing

- Core academic subject coordinators
- Team leaders
- Summer ELA institutes
- Prep for Success
- Academic intervention services
- Extended day (21st Century)
- After-school homework program
- Summer school
- Class size reduction model
- Quarterly and End-of-Year team award assemblies