In order to accelerate achievement in every school, OUSD must **differentiate the supports and interventions** provided based on where schools currently exist along the continuum from needing intervention to having demonstrated a capacity to accelerate achievement.

**Tiering Criteria:**

1. **Accelerated Student Level Growth**
2. **Absolute Performance**
3. **Closing the Achievement Gap**

**BLUE Tier**

**GREEN Tier**

**YELLOW Tier**

**ORANGE Tier**

**RED Tier**

**Increased Monitoring and Support**

- Targeted support can help to build cohesiveness and alignment around key instructional practices.
- Additional resources should be allocated towards those schools most in need of accelerating student achievement.

**Increased Flexibilities awarded through application process**

- The ability to select and/or modify curriculum to meet needs increases ownership and leadership for achievement results on the part of faculties and families.
- Innovation can drive system-wide improvement, especially when effective practices are shared within a common framework of high expectations.
- There must be demonstrated capacity and leadership to support innovation and flexibility to ensure high quality and results.

**Accountability for Results**

All schools must be held to the **same high standards of accelerating academic achievement** to grade level and beyond for all students.
# Tiered Support Structure

## Standard District Supports:

- Participation in small networks of schools
- Instructional Guides
- Assessment items and tools
- Access to district sponsored professional development and trainings
- Access to teacher leader networks/dept. chair meetings
- Access to various tools and rubrics to assess growth

## Standard Supports Plus:

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- All schools must use a periodic progress assessment for ELA and Math that is aligned to the standards in the pacing guides.  
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| Professional Development | Schools must participate in specific district PD, as required by Network Executive Officer and participation in SAIT, HPSG, PI corrective action.  
- Site based PD plan approved by Network Officer. |

New schools design proposals are required to be approved OUSD leadership. In Years 1 and 2, these schools are not required to participate in this system. New Schools in Year 2 will follow the application process described below in anticipation of entering the system in Year 3

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### ACCOUNTABILITY

### STANDARD ACCOUNTABILITY:
- Meet scorecard targets,
- Participate in site plan revision process using peer review, SSC approvals,
- Meet all compliance requirements and deadlines,
- Utilize strategic practices,
- Network Officer close review of Site Plan objectives, activities, and support, budget alignment and resource maximization.

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### GREEN SCHOOLS SUPPORTS

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### DISTRICT

**SCHOOL**
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**NETWORK OFFICER**
- Close review of Site Plan objectives, activities, and support, budget alignment and resource maximization
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### STATE

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**SCHOOL**
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**NETWORK OFFICER**
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