



Welcoming slide for Highland Academy Parent Orientation. The background features a green gradient with faint hexagonal patterns. A dark grey rectangle is positioned at the top right. The main text is centered in a white area on the right side.

# Welcome to Highland Academy

Parent Orientation  
May 31, 2017

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# What is Highland Academy?

- Highland Academy is a 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade charter school that promotes competency learning through student-centered, individualized learning and varied assessment strategies.

# Huh?

- Competency Learning
  - Each concept and/or process skill
  - Not “one and done”
  - Understanding vs. exposure
- Individualized Learning
  - Student voice and choice
  - Teacher pace/student pace
- Varied Assessment
  - Projects/Blogs/Websites/Presentations

# What **isn't** Highland Academy?

- A credit recovery school
- A technical school
- A school for students who are not college-bound

# Traditional vs. Highland

Traditional School	Highland Academy
Letter Grades (A, B, etc.)	Proficiency
Grade Levels	Academic Levels
Paper/Pencil	Project/Product
Time-bound	Non time-bound***
Multiple Credit Options	Specific Credit Tracks
Production-Based	Performance-Based

# Student Progress

- Measured by Proficiency
- “Hits” on learning standards
- No summative “grades”
- Progress Reports and End of Year Reports
- Empower

# Empower



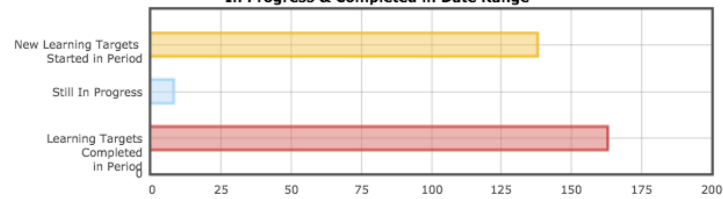
' marks active levels

Areas	Levels						
	E	01	02	03	04	05	06
Language Arts	Tested Out	Proficient	Promoted	Proficient	Proficient	Proficient	Proficient
Numeric Literacy		Tested Out	Tested Out	Proficient	Advanced	Advanced	0 of 29
Social Environments	N/A	N/A	Proficient	Proficient	Proficient	Advanced	Proficient
Science and Global Environments	N/A	N/A	Proficient	Proficient	Proficient		
Career and Content Literacy		Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	0 of 10		
Personal, Social, Service Skills		Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	0 of 19		
Technological Literacy		Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	0 of 7		
World Languages							

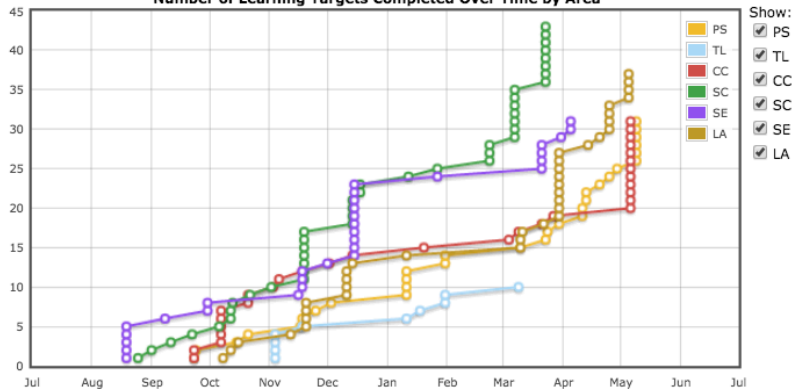
 Learning Target Progress Charts

Chart data is from 7/1/2015 to 5/25/2016 [Refresh Charts](#)

Number of Learning Targets Started, In Progress & Completed in Date Range



Number of Learning Targets Completed Over Time by Area





# Educating the Whole Student

- Advisory
  - Team building, academic coaching, advocacy
- PSS
  - Personal growth, service
- College and Career Preparedness
  - Education beyond the classroom
- Technology – 1:1 Learning
- Intensives
  - Alternative curriculum, passion subjects

# CORE

- **C**ulture ○ **R**espect for **E**veryone
  - Students and teachers hold each other accountable
  - CORE reports are intended to be used for conflict resolution, **NOT** a discipline system

# Accountability - Staff

- Highland staff members are accountable for providing learning opportunities for students, supporting students in reaching academic goals, and keeping an open line of communication between students and their parents in support of personal and academic growth and achievement.

# Accountability - Students

- Highland students are accountable for taking advantage of learning opportunities, setting personal and academic goals, taking ownership of their own learning, and making a commitment to being a part of a mutually supportive learning environment.

# Accountability - Parents

- Highland parents are accountable for understanding the learning opportunities available to students, supporting students in reaching goals, and keeping an open line of communication between them, their child, and teachers, in support of personal and academic growth and achievement.

# Get Involved at Highland Academy

- PTSO
- Board meetings
- Intensives
- Volunteering
- Community Coffee



Questions?