

Appendix B. Interview Protocols

High School and Middle School Principal Interview Protocol

1. Demographics

of students

of classroom teachers

racial/ethnic composition

poverty rate

special programs at the school

2. Implementation of the Core Curriculum

What specific activities/efforts/initiatives have gone on at this school in the past year to improve the implementation of the Core Curriculum and its intent?

What has been your role in those activities/efforts/initiatives?

3. Achievement Gap

What is being done at this school to address the achievement gap?

4. Assessment

What kinds of assessments/assessment tools are being used in classrooms here?

5. Professional Development

Describe professional development activities that have been provided to teachers and other school personnel in the past year?

Middle School and High School Teacher Interview Protocol

1. How is the lesson I observed/am about to observe connected to the KCMSD Core Curriculum?
2. What efforts are being made at this school to address the achievement gap?
3. How do you assess student learning in your classroom?
4. What kinds of professional development have you participated in in the past school year?

Elementary Principal Interview Protocol

1. Demographics

of students

of classroom teachers

racial/ethnic composition

poverty rate

special programs at the school

2. Implementation of the Core Curriculum

What specific activities/efforts/initiatives have gone on at this school in the past year to improve the implementation of the Core Curriculum and its intent?

What has been your role in those activities/efforts/initiatives?

3. Achievement Gap

What is being done at this school to address the achievement gap?

4. Assessment

What kinds of assessments/assessment tools are being used in classrooms here?

How are Running Records being used at this school? What professional development has been provided to teachers to support the use of them?

5. Professional Development

Describe professional development activities that have been provided to teachers and other school personnel in the past year?

Elementary Teacher Interview Protocol

1. How is the lesson I observed/am about to observe connected to the KCMSD Core Curriculum?
2. What efforts are being made at this school to address the achievement gap?
3. How do you assess student learning in your classroom?

Do you use Running Records? How? When? How do you use the information you learn? What kinds of support (professional development, demonstration, coaching) have you had in using them?

4. What kinds of professional development have you participated in in the past school year?