



# Somerville Public Schools

Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology

## District-level Professional Development Plan Executive Summary

### District Definition of Student Achievement:

*Student achievement is the process through which individual pupils attain the skills and knowledge identified in the 2009 New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, including 21<sup>st</sup> century life skills, the promotion of citizenship in a democratic society, and the attainment of proficient or advanced proficient levels on statewide assessments.*

### Corresponding Student and Professional Learning Needs:

<i>Student Learning Needs</i>	<i>Professional Learning Needs</i>
1. To show evidence of student growth in learning over time	1. To use assessment data to drive instruction
2. To meet the needs of individual learners by incorporating 21 <sup>st</sup> century life skills	2. To differentiate instruction across content areas and grade levels using a variety of instructional strategies, including but not limited to, technology integration
3. To become competent communicators through reading, writing, listening, and speaking	3. To improve student communication and literacy skills

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