

## Primary *HSTW* Goals for continuous improvement

The mission of *HSTW* is to create a culture of high expectations and continuous improvement in high school and the middle grades. To achieve this mission, *HSTW* has several goals:

- Increase to 85 percent the percentages of high school students who meet the *HSTW* reading, mathematics and science performance goals on a National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)-referenced exam.
- Increase the percentages of *all* high school students who perform at the proficient level to at least 50 percent in reading, mathematics and science, as measured by the NAEP-referenced *HSTW* Assessment.
- Increase to 85 percent the percentages of high school graduates who complete college-preparatory courses in mathematics, science, English/language arts and social studies and a concentration in an academic area, a career/technical area or a blend of the two.
- Increase to 90 percent the percentages of high school students who enter grade nine and complete high school four years later.
- Advance state and local policies and leadership initiatives that sustain a continuous school improvement effort.
- Have all students leave high school with postsecondary credit or having met standards for postsecondary studies to avoid remedial courses.
- Work in the middle grades to increase annually the percentages of students entering high school prepared to succeed in college-preparatory courses.