

Ramp-Up News

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For You:

There are many reasons why “You must inspect what you expect” is a useful saying for you to employ in your leadership role. Your colleagues need to know that what they are doing is important in supporting the school’s mission of college and career readiness for all, and they need to know it is so critical that you block time to go out and see it in action. As a result, your presence communicates collaborative commitment to the cause, accountability for the results, and motivation to keep moving ahead on the initiative.

As you know, we highly recommend monitoring your Ramp-Up implementation throughout the course of the year. We have provided several formative assessment tools for such purpose that are available to you on our website at <https://rampuptoreadiness.org/current-schools/implementation-planning-steps>. These tools include a classroom walkthrough form that can be used on paper or you could enter the questions into an easy-to-use Google Form that instantaneously produces pie charts and results when you use them. The tools include the Ramp-Up Walkthrough Form, the Ramp-Up Rounding Protocol for Teachers, and the Ramp-Up Rounding Protocol for Students.

For Staff:

For some of you, doing rounding and walkthroughs might be a nerve-wracking undertaking. You may worry that your staff will feel like you are judging them or that you do not trust them. If you worry about these issues, it may help to share the explanation from this website (<http://carrollconsultancy.com/3-rules-for-inspecting-what-you-expect/>), called “Rules for Inspecting What You Expect.”

On a different note, it is always good to remind staff of how important the college and career readiness for all mission is. This one minute, forty-six second video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UR_av1D5_cg) highlights a first generation student whose training at a community college helped him create a successful business and life. Share it at a staff meeting!

For Parents:

Parents are often aware that the costs of college are high and may have questions about what they can do to start saving. Consider sharing this short YouTube video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3nmiOgljXE>) with them that explains what a 529 Savings Plan is, how it can be beneficial, and what the rules are for its use.