

# 2020 Strategic Priorities

## The SSHIPS Big 3

1. Critical Thinking	2. Problem Solving	3. Writing
<p>Aligned Signature Practice: The Big 6 Cognitions</p> <p>To support student’s critical thinking, our focus is on explicitly teaching the skills involved with cognitions, with a focus on our SSHIPS Big 6 Cognitions (comprehend, explain, interpret, analyse, evaluate and justify).</p>	<p>Aligned Signature Practice: POLYA Four Step Problem Solving Process</p> <p>In developing students problem solving skills, we use the POLYA four step problem solving placemat to guide students through problem deconstruction, planning, responding and checking their answers.</p>	<p>Aligned Signature Practice: Stepping Up</p> <p>To improve student writing, we have implemented the Stepping Up writing process. Stepping up provides a tool for students to recraft their responses to improve clarity, structure and quality of the response.</p>