



# Midtown Cluster

Thursday, April 21, 2022

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## Today's Agenda and Logistics

Designed to share and engage around the **now**, **next**, and **need** of your cluster.

- Welcoming
- APS: Now, Next Need
- Cluster: Now, Next Need

*Throughout the presentation, a handout is available to connect our activities with our draft cluster plan.*





**Welcome and thank you!**

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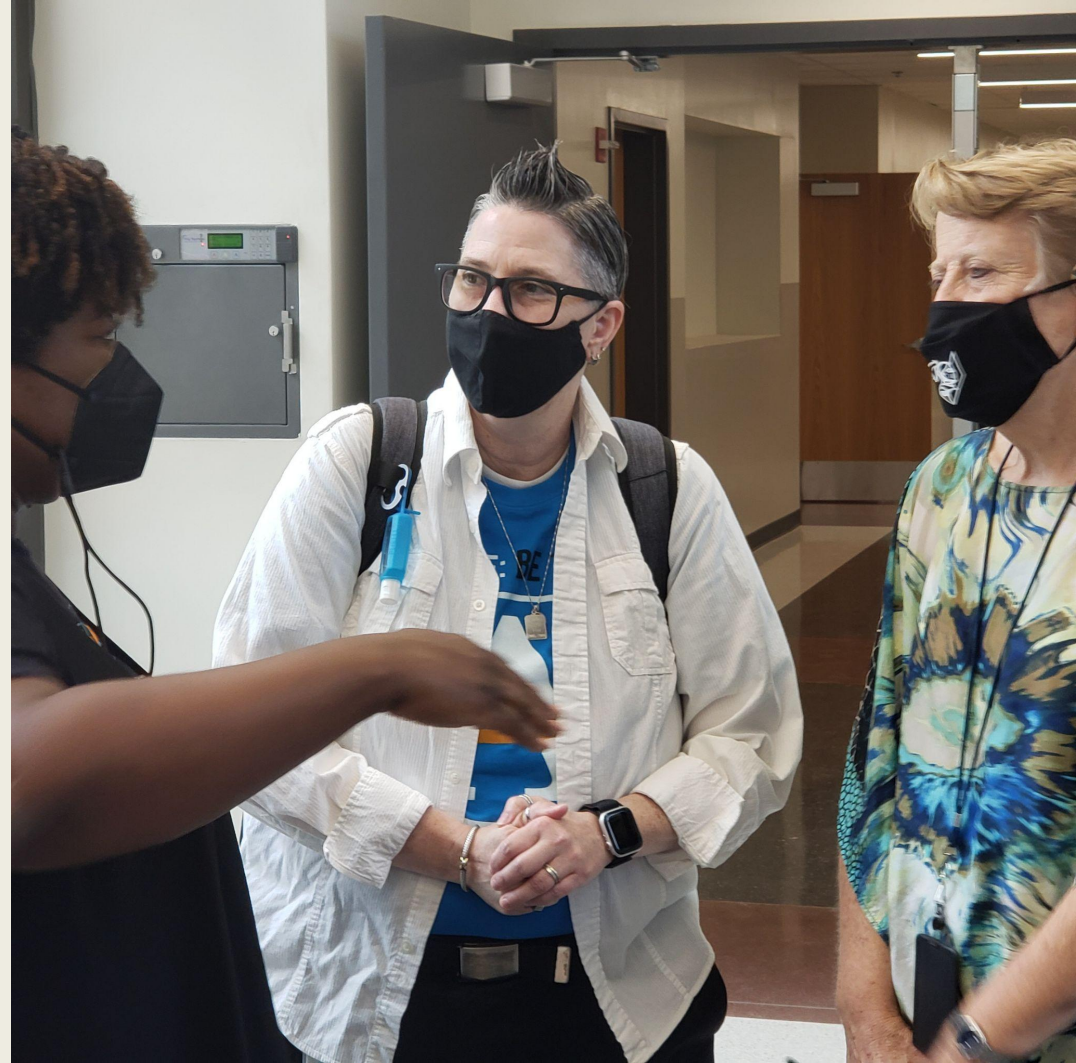


Where do innovation & technology  
intersect with teaching & learning?

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## Atlanta Public Schools

NOW...







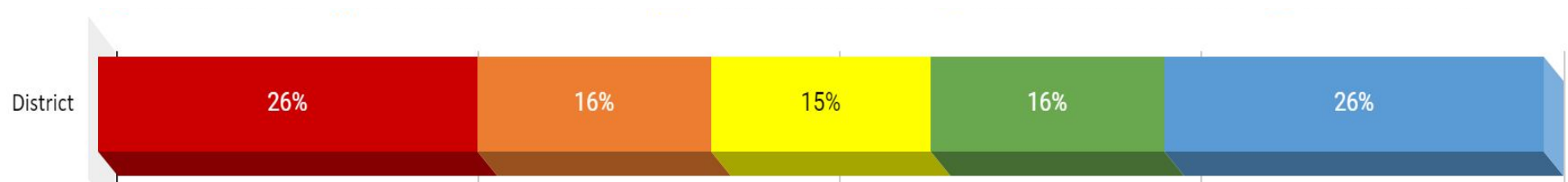
## APS Academic Data

# 83.1%

Cohort 2021 | 4-year Graduation Rate

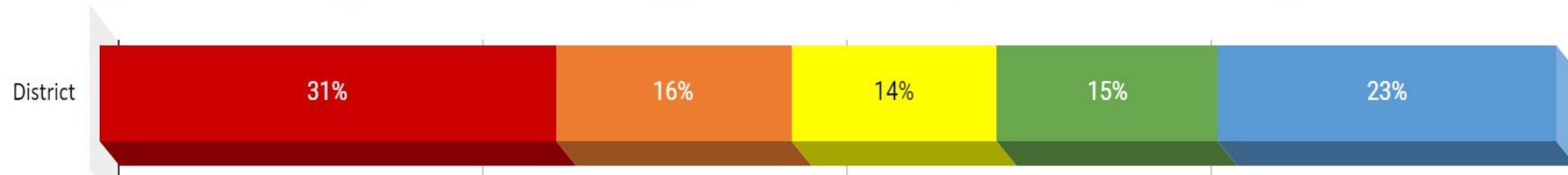
### Growth Percentile | Math

Fall to Winter



### Growth Percentile | Reading

Fall to Winter







**What is the APS5?**



## Midtown Cluster... Shines Bright!

- No Place for Hate initiative
- Midtown Gifted Cohort - Gifted Teaching Endorsement
- Moving to STEAM signature programming







**Your involvement is the key  
to our success...**

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# Activity 1

## Families & Communities

— I feel most engaged when ...  
I feel least engaged when ...





## About the Midtown Cluster

The Midtown Cluster has a long history of high performance as an education destination in Atlanta, and is home to some of the highest performing schools in the district.

The cluster has high levels of parent and community engagement across all schools, including collaboration amongst parent groups in the elementary schools to promote equitable engagement across campuses.

- Aspiration
- Signature program
- Cluster feeder schools
- Cluster data
- School highlights
- What's next?



# Aspiration and Existence

**Mission:** To ensure every student will graduate ready for college and career.

**Vision:** To become a high-performing cluster where educators inspire, families engage, and students love to learn.





# Signature Program

Science, Technology, Engineering,  
(Arts), & Math  
STE(A)M

- Problem solving
- Discovery and exploratory project/problem-based learning
- Student-centered
- Passion to learn
- Develops curiosity, skills and knowledge





# Schools in the Midtown Cluster



Hope-Hill ES

Mary Lin ES

Morningside ES

Springdale Park ES

Centennial Academy (K-8)

Howard MS

Midtown HS



## Enrollment Data

# 5,064

### Cluster Total Enrollment

#### Category Percentages:

- Black/African American | 35.3%
- Hispanic | 8.2%
- Two or more races | 6.7%
- White | 46.1%
- Asian | 3.4%
- SWD | 6.6%
- Gifted | 26.1%
- EL | 4.8%

#### School Totals:

- Hope-Hill | 374
- Mary Lin | 640
- Morningside | 819
- Springdale Park | 732
- Centennial Academy | 800
- Howard | 1,135
- Midtown | 1,490







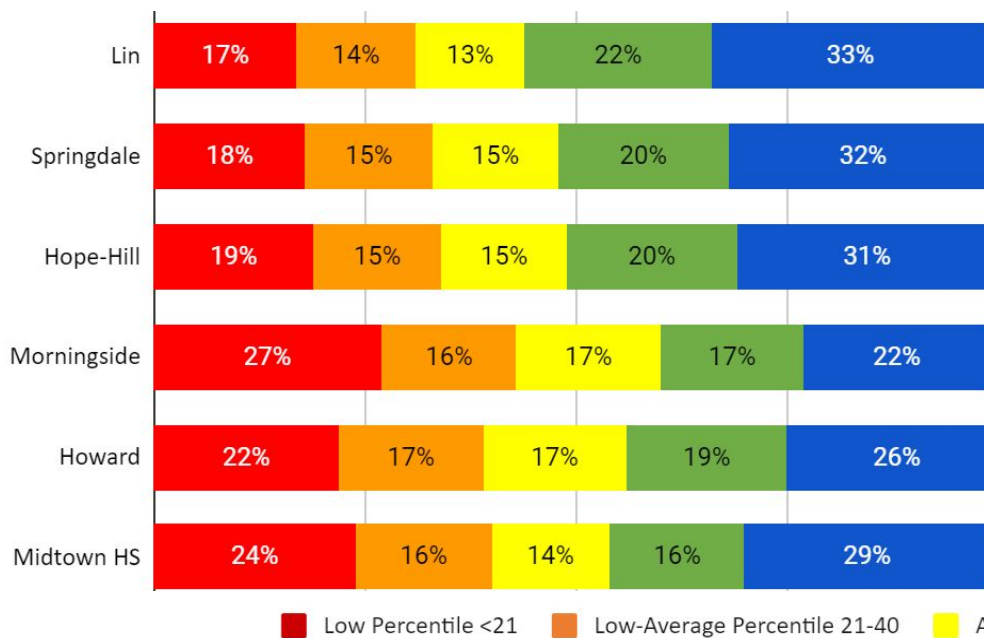
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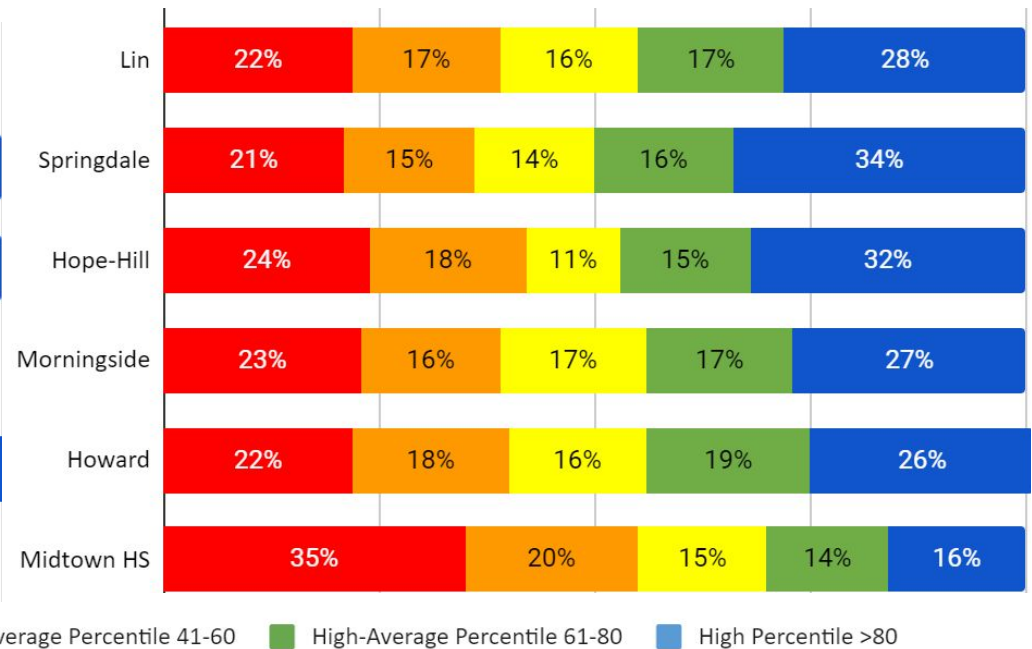
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## Culture Data

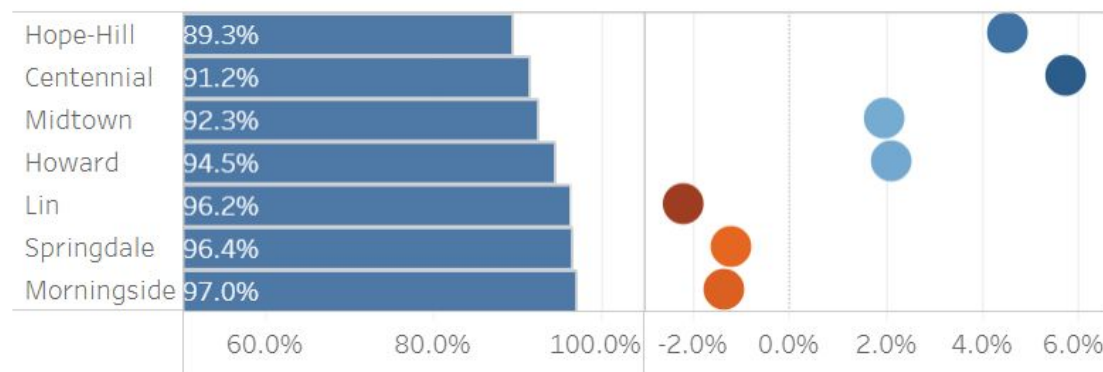
94.0%

Average Daily Attendance

90.7%

with Zero Behavior Incidents

### Comparison | Across Schools & Difference from Last Year





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## Cluster Schools

### The Highlights

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# Hope-Hill



## Partnerships

- REAP (Reading is Essential for All People)
  - provided small group tutorial
  - provided professional development specific to Orton-Gillingham strategies
- MailChimp
  - \$35,000 partnership
- Delta Community Credit Union School Partner
  - awarded over \$1,500
- UCLA Volleyball team clinic
- Wheat Street Baptist Church



## Students

- First Annual Literacy Fun Day occurred on Terrific TWOsday, 2/22/22
- Final Four of #RACE2Read March Minutes Madness
- Black History Wax Museum
- Global Day of Play
- Student artwork was displayed at Midtown High School's art show
- First Girl Scout Troop in over 15 years
- *Peace is a Hug* by 2nd grader Naomi Wu selected for MLK World Peace Rose Garden contest



## Upcoming

- Updating the courtyard as a 1st grade project on Earth Day
- Renovating all furniture inside of the building this summer
- Adding a STEAM Lab and Active Learning Lab
- Renovating Media Center this summer





## MARY LIN ROCKETS

*MAP Growth*



NUMBER ONE IN THE DISTRICT  
FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN BOTH  
MATH AND READING!!!

*Roll out of Bridges  
Mathematics*

Rolled out three components of Bridges  
math K-5: Problems and Investigation,  
Workplaces and Number Corner

TOP 5 IN MATH GROWTH!!!



*Focus on School Culture*

- Day of Love/Twin Day/2.2.22
- Teacher lunches /Food Trucks
- Baseball Grill Out/Popcorn Party
- Tournament of Books
- Science Day/Career Day/Black History Program/Author Visit
- Book Drive for Empowered Readers



*1st Place - Georgia  
Future Problem Solvers*





# Morningside

## Whole Child & Community Events

Chattahoochee Nature Center, Atlanta Zoo,  
Center for Puppetry Arts, MES Renovation Site,  
Botanical Gardens, Kennesaw Battleground, &  
5th to Camp Blue Ridge

Fall Monster Bash - HUGE Community Event!  
Family Science Night & Student Talent Show  
PTA Supported Above Events & Some Field Trips



## Cultural Awareness & Student Enrichment Activities

Hispanic Heritage Month  
Chinese New Year  
Black History Month  
Women's History Month  
2/22/22 Celebration Day  
International "Day of Play"  
Book Character Spirit Day

## Signature Program

Career Spirit Day  
STEAM Bus for All Classes  
MESF Funded STEAM Equipment



## Moments of Pride: 22-23

District Spelling Bee Winner (4th - Ryder Elkinson)  
Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Team  
APS Media Specialist of the Year  
Mayor Andre Dickens Peace Week Visit - Student Council & Mr. Rawls



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- SPARK**  
**Arts Night**  
 y, March 24th 4:30-6:30  
 Show!  
 rmances!  
 Food!  
 Network can be purchased for \$35  
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- Cognia STEM Certified
- STEAM Daily
- Field Trips
- Science Olympiad
- Math Club

- High Achievement Scores - Reading & Math
- Highest % of Growth in Math (Fall to Spring)
- 2nd Highest % of Growth in Reading (Fall to Spring)

- Student Data Talks
- SPARK Plug
- Saturday School

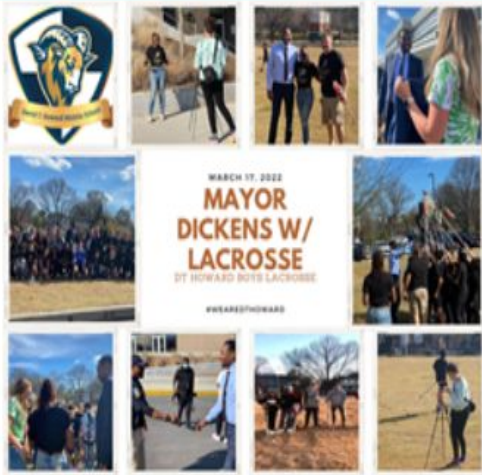
## Recognitions

- Helen Ruffin  
Reading Bowl
- Ezra Keats  
Bookmaking Comp
- State - Sci. Olym.
- 1st & 3rd Place in  
Hidden Figures  
Math Competition
- District Tech. Fair

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# Howard MS



Girls' Track & Field - 1<sup>st</sup> Place APS Champions



Girls' Soccer - 1<sup>st</sup> Place APS Champions



Tennis 1<sup>st</sup> Competition



## David T. Howard MS Highlights

- Highest achievement scores on Map for all Middle Schools in Reading & Math.
- Personalized Learning School Wave 1
- Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports
- No Place for Hate
- College & Career Awareness Week
- Red Ribbon Spirit Week
- Inspiration Messages of Peace Contest Winners (National Contest)
- 1st Place Poster Contest Winner for College & Career Motivation Week
- Equity Champion School
- Computer Science - Coding
- Superior Ratings in 2022 - Band, Chorus & Orchestra
- GMEA All State Chorus & Honor Chorus
- Sports, Clubs, Club Sports & Organizations
- 2nd Place APS Championships - Girls & Boys Cross Country, Boys Track & Field
- 2nd Place District Technology Innovation Competition in 3D Modeling
- APS Poetry Slam
- GA PEP Grant
- Virtual Black History Program
- Hispanic Heritage Month Activities
- Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Competition
- CARE Team/Attendance Incentives



# Midtown HS

## CTSOs

- Technology Student Association
  - State Leadership Conference: 1st place (CIM), 2nd place (Architecture design), 3rd place (Children's Story), 5th place (Geospatial Engineering), and 8th place (Promotional design)
  - State Technology Competition: 1st place (3D Modeling), 1st place (Productivity Design), 1st place (Robotics 9/10th grade)
- FBLA
  - Gold Chapter of the Year, 300 members - Membership Achievement Award
  - State Leadership Conference: 4th/8th place (3D Animation)
- DECA
  - Opened Castle Gear (School Store)

The Southerner won Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Gold Crown Award, National Scholastic Press Association's Online Pacemaker Award, and Quill & Scroll's Gallup Award

## GA DOE AP Honors School:

- AP Humanities Achievement School
- AP Humanities Schools
- AP STEM School
- AP STEM Achievement School
- AP Schools of Distinction

## 2 POSSE Scholars

- Bard College
- Boston University

260 Hope Zell Miller Scholars

99 NHS Senior members

8 Governor's Honors finalists

18 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program Semi-Finalists





# Activity 2

## Schools

I feel most proud of ...  
I feel least proud of ...

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# Looking Ahead

3 Areas of Focus | Students, Schools, Families & Communities



Increase collaboration among kids  
across different levels of the spectrum

## What's Next for the Midtown Cluster?

### Students

- Provide a rigorous and culturally sustaining curriculum for all students
- Focus on individual student needs
- Provide an engaging student experience





Resources that meet them where they are even if it is ABOVE or BELOW grade level.

## What's Next for the Midtown Cluster?

### Schools

- Promote a welcoming, inclusive, and responsive school culture
- Embed a STE(A)M approach to our teaching and learning
- Attract, retain, and engage great teachers





Impactful parent support looks like folks who do their best to be informed, to give feedback, and to be engaged for all of our students

## What's Next for the Midtown Cluster?

### Families & Communities

- Ensure family engagement and participation reflects the diversity of our schools
- Strengthen the ability of families to support their students
- Build cross-cluster engagement opportunities for students, staff, families, and neighborhoods



Support the effective opening of the school/campus located at the Inman Facility



# Activity 3

## Students

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To support my/our  
student(s), I commit to ...





# THANK YOU

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# Midtown Cluster

## DRAFT

### STUDENTS

#### **Provide a rigorous and culturally sustaining curriculum for all students**

- Reflect student experiences and backgrounds in learning
- Offer advanced courses and expand participation

#### **Focus on individual student needs**

- Tailor programming and support for each student based on their needs
- Offer wraparound supports and services

#### **Provide an engaging student experience**

- Promote extra-curricular activities and opportunities

### SCHOOLS

#### **Promote a welcoming, inclusive, and responsive school culture**

- Provide social, emotional, mental, and physical wellbeing support
- Ensure a safe and welcoming learning environment

#### **Embed a STE(A)M approach to our teaching and learning**

- Plan and implement a path toward STE(A)M certification

#### **Attract, retain, and engage great teachers**

- Leverage teacher talents to share best practices with colleagues
- Provide high-level of professional development
- Support the wellbeing of staff

### FAMILIES + COMMUNITIES

#### **Ensure family engagement and participation reflects the diversity of our schools**

- Reflect, design, plan and act on how to reach and include more families

#### **Strengthen the ability of families to support their students**

- Provide school and cluster-wide opportunities for families to learn how to support their student

#### **Build cross-cluster engagement opportunities for students, staff, families, and neighborhoods**

- Identify and communicate cluster engagement events promoting collaboration, community, and belonging

#### **Support the effective opening of the school/campus located at the Inman Facility**

- Support the students, staff, families, and communities transitioning in Fall 2023 and beyond
- Work cross-cluster to ensure strong horizontal and vertical alignment