



CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN/TURNAROUND PLAN

Office of
School Transformation



Purpose

The purpose of the Continuous Improvement Plan is to narrow the focus of district and school renewal plans, targeting specific areas of improvement. According to Education Accountability Act - Article 16, a Turnaround plan is a plan outlining goals for a school or district's educational improvement that includes specific strategies designed to increase student achievement and measures to evaluate the success of the implementation of the plan so that the school or district is no longer underperforming or chronically underperforming.

The OST recommends using the Continuous Improvement Rubric initially to assess readiness.

Next, teams should use the Continuous Improvement Process Guide while creating this Continuous Improvement Plan/Turnaround Plan.

Requirements

All plans must include a resource inequity goal. This goal should identify the gaps within the school/district that would lead to inequity. What strategies or activities are needed to create a high-quality learning experience for all students by ensuring ALL students have the same resources?

Title 59: Chapter 18, Section 59-18-1625

(A) Upon a school's or district's designation as an underperforming school or district, the department shall immediately place the school or district into a tiered status to provide technical assistance. The department shall notify the underperforming school or district and the district superintendent of the tiered status. (B)(1) Upon receiving notification from the department, the district superintendent, in consultation with school and community stakeholders, must review and revise the school and district's strategic plan with the assistance of the School Improvement Council, as established in Section 59-20-60, to include a turnaround plan component for any underperforming school or district.

(2) The turnaround plan component of the revised strategic plan must:

(a) be based on data or needs assessments to identify specific improvement strategies related to underperforming school turnaround;

(b) include, at a minimum, specific and measurable goals, actions, activities, resource needs, student achievement goals, professional development plans, and academic interventions that are reasonable and necessary to improve student progress toward achieving the Profile of the Graduate for each school;

(c) include broad-based community input including, but not limited to, input from parents, teachers, principals, local school board members, businesses, community leaders, health providers, social services agencies, school improvement councils, or early childhood providers; and

(d) be submitted by the district superintendent to the local board of trustees for approval.

(C) Upon approval by the local board of trustees, the turnaround plan component of the revised strategic plan must be submitted to the department for review and approval. Thereafter, the district superintendent and the local board of trustees annually shall submit updates to the department regarding the implementation of the turnaround and revised strategic plan, including metrics assessing the impact of the activities included in the plan.

(D) Once approved by the department, the revised strategic plan must be prominently posted on the respective websites of the department, district, and school. The department shall monitor the district's implementation of the revised strategic plan and evaluation of students' academic progress, as provided for in the plan, and shall apprise the State Board of Education of the district's progress once a quarter.

(E) For a school receiving an underperforming rating, the district and local board of trustees must work with the school principal to inform the parents of students of the rating. The notification must outline the steps in the revised strategic plan to improve performance, including the support that the local district board of trustees has agreed to give the plan.

HISTORY: 2021 Act No. 44 (S.201), Section 1, eff July 1, 2022.

Progress Monitoring and Submission Dates

The plan serves as a progress monitoring tool which is aligned with the Continuous Improvement Rubric and serves as a planning document for Grants Electronic Management System (GEMS) requirements. **After initial submission and approval of the plan, the school will progress monitor using the 30-60-90 intervals. The plan should be submitted to the district office with any amendments after monitoring the progress of improvement.

Schools are required to submit copies of the plan to the district office, where they will be collected and reviewed. Districts will submit the plans with completed goals and actions for approval prior to funding submission in GEMS. Progress monitoring will take place on a regular occurrence. Districts should submit the plans to the Office of School Transformation when requested.