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Understanding Continuous Improvement: The Needs Assessment for Schools

The Needs Assessment Diagnostic will facilitate the use of multiple sources of data to determine the current reality and establish a foundation for decision-making around school goals and strategies. Once completed, the diagnostic will lead to priorities to be addressed in the comprehensive school improvement plan to build staff capacity and increase student achievement. The needs assessment is to be conducted annually as an essential part of the continuous improvement process and precedes the development of strategic goals (i.e. desired state).

While the focus of continuous improvement is student performance, the work must be guided by the aspects of teaching and learning that affect performance. An effective improvement process should address the contributing factors creating the learning environment (inputs) and the performance data (outcomes).

The needs assessment provides the framework for all schools to clearly and honestly identify their most critical areas for improvement that they will address later in the planning process through the development of goals, objectives, strategies and activities. 703 KAR 2:225 requires, as part of continuous improvement planning for schools, each school to complete the needs assessment between October 1 and November 1 of each year and include: (1) a description of the data reviewed and the process used to develop the needs assessment; (2) a review of the previous plan and its implementation to inform development of the new plan; and, (3) perception data gathered from the administration of a valid and reliable measure of teaching and learning conditions.

Protocol

1. Clearly detail the process used for reviewing, analyzing and applying data results as you conducted this year's needs assessment. Include names of school councils, leadership teams and stakeholder groups involved, a timeline of the process, the specific data reviewed, and how the meetings were documented.

The SBDM council reviewed the Acadience data at their September SBDM meeting. While analyzing the data the SBDM noted students scores were higher for the first benchmark this year than last. Reading plans were also discussed. The leadership team and the MTSS team met in October and discussed results and the need for improvement. The FRYSC parent advisory committee also met to discuss needs of the parents that have an impact on student learning. These meetings all took place in September and October.

Review of Previous Plan

2. Summarize the implementation of the goals, objectives, strategies and activities from the previous year’s Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP). What was successful? How does it inform this year’s plan?

The staff implemented the strategies and activities from the 2023-2024 CSIP. The goals were reached for the percentage of mastery for math. The reading fell short by 1%. For this year's plan, we will continue to monitor implementation of the strategies and activities. The staff will continue to work to increase parental involvement in the education process. The staff will also continue to work on improving MTSS opportunities.

Trends

3. Analyzing data trends from the previous two academic years, which academic, cultural and behavioral needs remain significant areas for improvement?

Example of Trends

• The number of behavior referrals increased from 204 in 2022-2023 to 288 in 2023-2024.
• From 2022 to 2024, the school saw an 11% increase in novice scores in reading among students in the achievement gap.

We do not have trend data as this is only the second year from the school.

Current State

4. Describe in narrative form the current state of the school using precise numbers and percentages as revealed by multiple sources of outcome data. Cite the source of data used.

Example of Current Academic State:

• Thirty-four percent (34%) of students in the achievement gap scored proficient on Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) in reading. Local benchmark data indicates that thirty-two percent of all students receive Tier II intervention in reading.
• Fifty-four percent of our students scored proficient in math on the KSA compared to the state average of 57%. Local formative assessments show 53% of students are on grade level in math.

Example of Non-Academic Current State:

• Teacher attendance rate was 84% for the 2023-2024 academic year. 2022-2023 Impact survey data shows that 71% of staff feel like they belong at our school.
• Survey results and perception data indicated 62% of the school's teachers received adequate professional development.

Meeting or exceeding benchmark school wide (Grade level in parentheses) as observed in Acadience benchmarking

59% reading (K-70%, 1st-49%, 2nd-58%)

64% math (K-79%, 1st-68%, 2nd-48%)

44 behavior reports recorded during the 2023-2024 school year.

Student attendance 91%

Priorities/Concerns

5. Clearly and concisely describe the two or three greatest areas of weakness using precise numbers and percentages.

NOTE: You must thoroughly address these priorities in the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) diagnostic and template.

Example: Students in our gap groups are scoring significantly below all students. Sixty-eight percent of students in the achievement gapscored below proficiency on the Kentucky Summat gap learners.

- 41% of our students are not meeting benchmark in reading as observed in the spring Acadience benchmark assessment.
- 44 office behavior referrals were recorded during the 2023-2024 school year.
- 91% attendance

Strengths/Leverages

6. Plainly state, using precise numbers and percentages revealed by current data, the strengths and leverages of the school. Explain how the school will utilize the strengths and leverages to improve areas of concern listed above.

Example: Reading achievement has increased from 37% proficient to its current rate of 58%. The systems of support we implemented for reading can be adapted to address our low performance in math.

The following reduction of students not meeting benchmark improved

- Kindergarten- 65% to 29%
- First Grade- 81.5% to 51%
- Second Grade- 70% to 40%

The school will use and refine strategies from the 2023-2024 school year to continue to assist students in meeting benchmark in reading.

Evaluate the Teaching and Learning Environment

7 . Consider the processes, practices and conditions evident in the teaching and learning environment as identified in the six Key Core Work Processes outlined below:

KCWP 1: Design and Deploy Standards
KCWP 2: Design and Deliver Instruction
KCWP 3: Design and Deliver Assessment Literacy
KCWP 4: Review, Analyze and Apply Data Results
KCWP 5: Design, Align and Deliver Support Processes
KCWP 6: Establish Learning Environment and Culture

Utilizing implementation data, perception data, and current policies and practices:

a. Complete the Key Elements Template.

- **b. Upload your completed template in the attachment area directly below.**

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Attachment Name

2024-2025 KCWP

8. After analyzing the Key Elements of your teaching and learning environment, which two or three processes, practices or conditions will the school focus its resources and efforts upon in order to produce the desired changes?

Note that all processes, practices and conditions can be linked to the six Key Core Work Processes.

NOTE: The Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) diagnostic and template must thoroughly address these.

KCWP 4: Review, analyze and apply data

KCWP 5: Design, align and deliver support

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