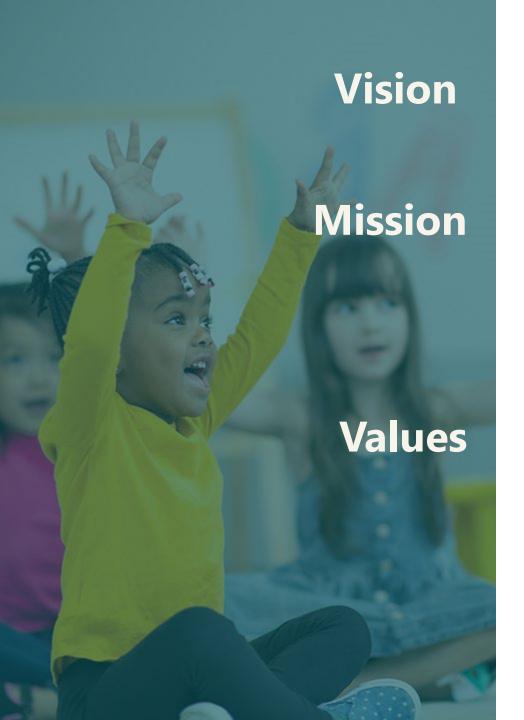
Integrated Student Supports

Overview of Implementation Guide and Resources

February 2025



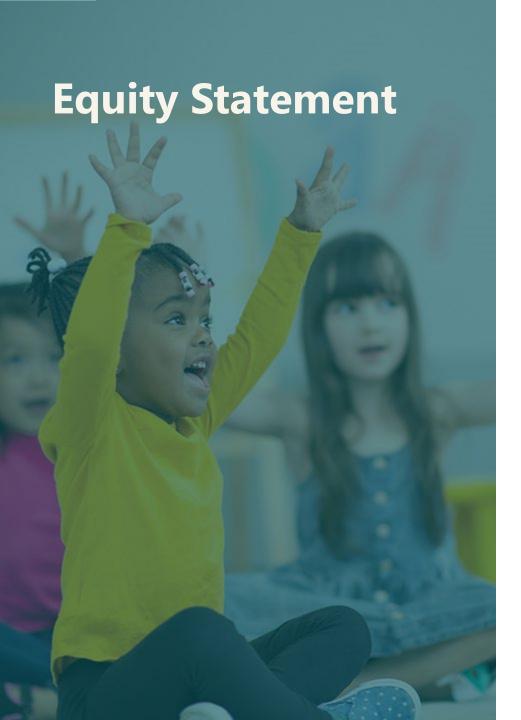


All students prepared for post-secondary pathways, careers, and civic engagement.

Transform K–12 education to a system that is centered on closing opportunity gaps and is characterized by high expectations for all students and educators. We achieve this by developing equity-based policies and supports that empower educators, families, and communities.

- Ensuring Equity
- Collaboration and Service
- Achieving Excellence through Continuous Improvement
- Focus on the Whole Child





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Ensuring educational equity:

- Goes beyond equality; it requires education leaders to examine the ways current policies and practices result in disparate outcomes for our students of color, students living in poverty, students receiving special education and English Learner services, students who identify as LGBTQ+, and highly mobile student populations.
- Requires education leaders to develop an understanding of historical contexts; engage students, families, and community representatives as partners in decision-making; and actively dismantle systemic barriers, replacing them with policies and practices that ensure all students have access to the instruction and support they need to succeed in our schools.



ISS Protocol

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Today's Objectives

1

Overview of ISS Implementation Requirements and Support 2

Review of the ISS
Protocol
Implementation
Guide and Templates

3

Discuss next steps for schools and LEAs





Overview of ISS Implementation Requirements and Support

Integrated Student Supports (ISS)

A school-based approach to promoting students' academic success by developing or securing and coordinating supports that target academic and nonacademic barriers to achievement.



Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)



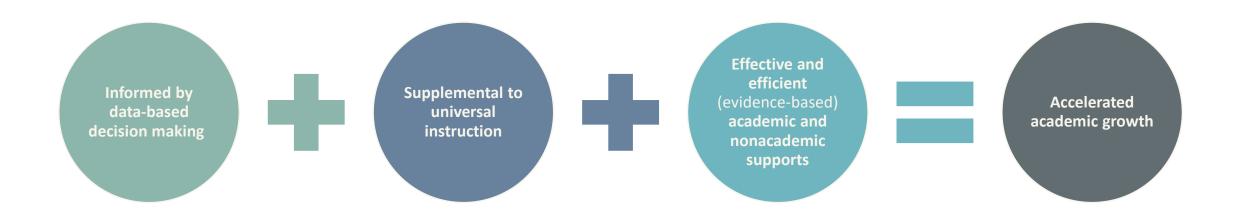
- Evidence-based organizational approach
- Equitable, consistent, and flexible systems
- Supports that provide benefits for every student

Learn More:

https://www.k12.wa.us/mtss



Learning Assistance Program (LAP)



This chapter is designed to: (1) Promote the use of data when developing programs to assist students who are not meeting academic standards; and (2) guide school districts in providing the most effective and efficient practices when implementing supplemental instruction and services to assist students who are not meeting academic standards. (RCW 28A.165.005)



Implementation Requirements for ISS



School districts **must** use this protocol to plan and implement evidence-based, data-informed, supplemental supports for **Learning Assistance Program (LAP)** starting in the 2025–26 school year.



School districts **may** use up to 15% of total districtwide base funds and 15% of high poverty funds per eligible school to provide direct supplemental services to LAP-served students through partnerships with community or other out-of-school organizations.



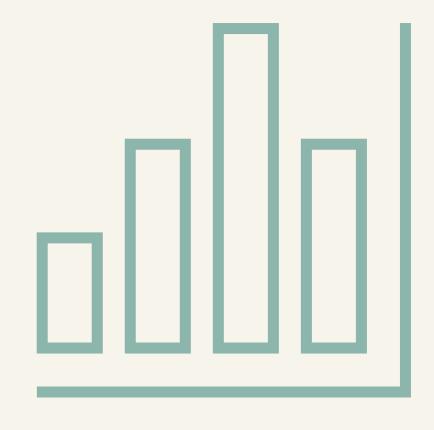
The ISS protocol implementation guide outlines the steps and resources needed to successfully implement ISS through an MTSS framework.



Reporting Requirements for ISS

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is required to monitor implementation of ISS, which will be done through the LAP Report in EDS.

Starting in 2025-26, schools and LEAs using LAP funds will be expected to complete the ISS self-assessment tool in the LAP Report.





ISS Protocol Implementation Timeline

Spring 2025

Plan for ISS implementation (Steps 1-3)

Fall 2025

Implement ISS and use data to drive growth (Steps 4-5)

Summer 2026

Submit LAP Report prior to **September 30**, including selfassessment results











Summer 2025

Finalize and review plan for ISS implementation (Step 3)

Spring 2026

Restart process with Steps 1-3



Webinar Series & Technical Assistance







Overview of ISS Implementation Guide & Templates

ISS Protocol Guidance & Resources

ISS Protocol Overview (Published)

Integrated Student Supports (ISS) Protocol Overview

Washington's ISS Protocol

Child Trends (2017) defines integrated student supports (ISS) as "a school-based approach to promoting students' academic success by developing or securing and coordinating supports that target academic and nonacademic barriers to achievement" (p. 12). Their review of research indicates that ISS is a promising approach for improving student learning and promoting healthy development (Moore, H.I. et al., 2017).

The ISS Protocol is implemented through a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS). MTSS is a framework that guides how supports are organized and delivered by educational professionals, in partnership with families and communities. The ISS Protocol Implementation Guide, which will be published soon, outlines a coordinated set of steps and activities in the MTSS framework. Therefore, MTSS and the ISS Protocol work together to support the needs and inform the services for each and every student.

State Requirements

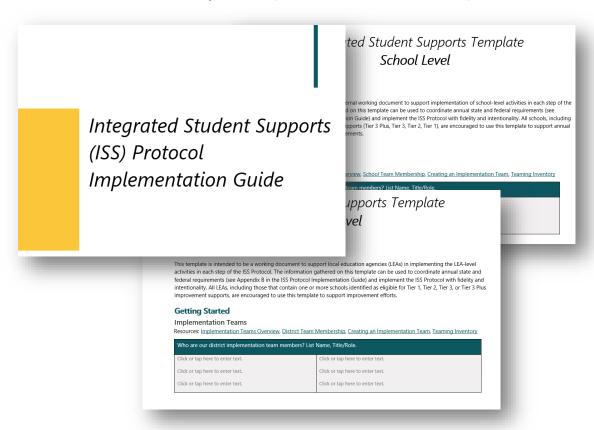
Starting September 1, 2025, local education agencies (LEAs) **must** use the ISS Protocol to plan and implement data-informed, evidence-based supplemental supports for Learning Assistance Program (LAP) as required by Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1208, LEAs **may** use up to 15% of their LAP base funds and 15% of high poverty funds per eligible school to provide direct supplemental services to participating students through partnerships with community, or other, out-of-school organizations.

While schools and LEAs will be required to use the ISS Protocol to plan and implement LAP supplemental supports, for optimal student academic and nonacademic outcomes, the Protocol should be used more broadly to integrate related state and federal requirements.

Steps in the ISS Protocol

The steps in the Protocol are intended to lead to actionable information that will intentionally address the academic and nonacademic needs of students in an integrated and coordinated manner. There are five steps in the ISS Protocol that are completed by LEA and school teams in an annual cycle:

ISS Protocol Implementation Guide, School and LEA Process Templates (**Published as drafts**)





Intent of Guidance & Resources

This process includes components you are likely already engaged in, which is why it is important to begin with a self-assessment

Audience & Purpose

This implementation guide is intended for education staff and partners who are engaged in implementation of Washington's Integrated Student Supports (ISS) **Protocol**. **Local education agencies (LEAs)** and schools that receive LAP funds must use the steps outlined in this document to plan and implement LAP supplemental supports. All schools, including schools identified for improvement supports (Tier 3 Plus, Tier 3, Tier 2, Tier 1), are encouraged to use the ISS Protocol to support annual School Improvement Plan (SIP) requirements. The purpose of this implementation guide is to provide steps and resources necessary for LEAs and schools to implement the ISS Protocol with **fidelity** and intentionality.

Bolded words are defined in the glossary for clarity and ease of use



Coordinating Related Requirements & **Initiatives**

Each requirement is linked to their respective webpage

State and Fed	eral Re	quirem	ents, P	art 1		•					
ISS Steps	<u>IAP</u>	Highly Capable	IDEA B	IDEA CEIS	School Improvement	Title IA	Title IC	Title IIA	Title III	Title IVA	<u>Title IVB</u>
Assess strengths and needs	~	~	~	~	>	~	~	\Rightarrow	~	~	<
Build community partnerships	~		\Rightarrow	\Rightarrow	>	\Rightarrow		~	~	~	~
Plan integrated supports	~	~	~	~	>	\Rightarrow		\Rightarrow	~	~	
Deliver integrated supports	~	\	~	~	~	\Rightarrow	~		~	~	
Use data for growth	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~

State and Federal Requirements, Part 2									
ISS Steps	<u>Building</u> Bridges	Comprehensiv e School Counseling Programs	High School and Beyond Plans	Literacy (<u>K-4,</u> <u>Dyslexia)</u>	Mental, social, and behavioral health	Ninth Grade Success	<u>Transition to</u> <u>Kindergarten</u> (TK)	<u>Tribal</u> Consultation	
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Deliver integrated supports	~	~	~	\Rightarrow	~	~	\Rightarrow	~	
Use data for growth	>	~	~	~	\Rightarrow	~	~	~	

^{*}Affected LEAs are required to complete and document tribal consultation



Meaningful and mutually beneficial partnerships between schools, community members, and community organizations allow for better alignment across learning environments (home, school, and community), expand the set of resources available to support students, increase the diversity in expertise among the individuals working on students' behalf, and facilitate easier access to supports and services for students and their families (Bronstein, & Mason, 2016).



Getting Started: Implementation Teams

• This process relies on the work of coordinated teams—likely existing teams—at the school and LEA level.

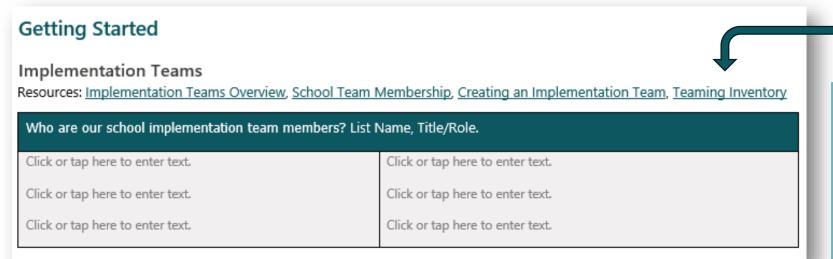
The LEA team is responsible for establishing aligned systems, resources, policies, and practices. It also ensures that coaching, training, and evaluation capacity are developed across the system so that school-level teams can implement the protocol with fidelity.

With the guidance and support of the LEA team, school teams are responsible for implementing aligned systems and practices that lead to the intentional integration of supports in coordination with community partners and families to ensure positive outcomes for students.



Team Membership

• Schools and LEAs should review their existing teams to determine what is in place, what function they serve, and whose expertise—staff, families, community members—is utilized (or needed) to support their decision-making process.



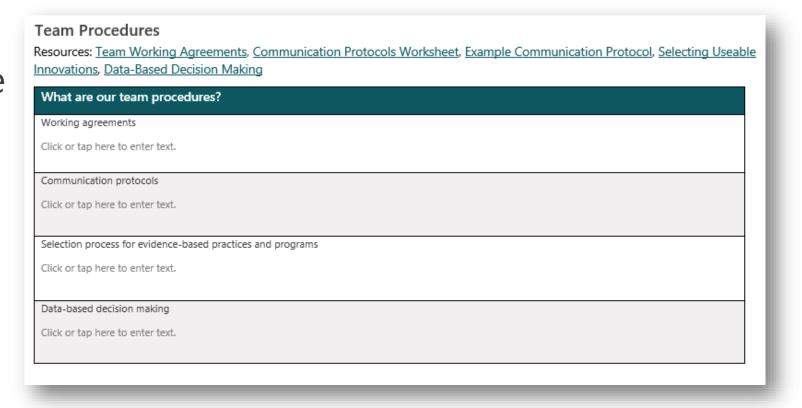
Additional resources are linked for ease of access

Committee/ Work Group	Purpose Expected Target Outcome Audience Schedule Membership						Relation to School Mission & School Improvement Plan (1 – low, 5 = high)	Priority (1 = low, 5 = high)
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						1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5	
						1 2 3 4 5	1234	
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						1 2 3 4 5	12345	



Team Procedures

 Teams develop agreements to ensure clarity in purpose, consistency in procedure, and ongoing communication.





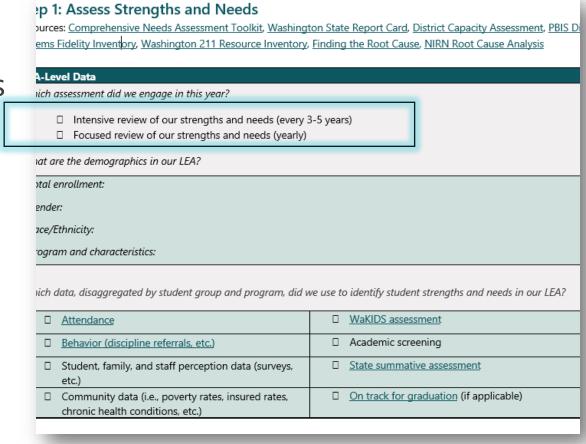
Steps in the Process





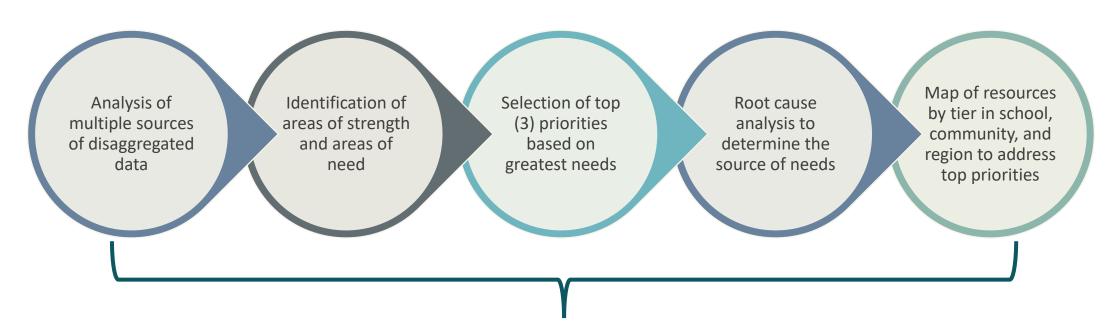
Step 1: Assess Strengths and Needs

The depth of the strengths and needs assessment process depends upon the schools' and LEA's progress toward their goals. In general, an intensive assessment of strengths and needs should occur every 3-5 years; in between, schools and LEAs may engage in a focused review of their strengths and needs if they are making expected progress on their goals.





Step 1: Assess Strengths and Needs



Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) Toolkit



Step 1: Assess Strengths and Needs

What resources do we have to address our data-informed priorities universally, minimizing the number of [students who might need additional support?

What resources do we have to address our data-informed priorities for students who have **some risk** and need **additional, targeted support**?

What resources do we have to address our data-informed priorities for students who have **significant risk** and need **additional**, **intensive support**?



What resources are available in the LEA and community/region to address our top priorities?

Tier 1 (Universal)									
Staff	Instruction and Services	Tools/Materials	Professional Learning	Funding					

		Tier 2 (Targeted)		
Staff	Supports and Services	Tools/Materials	Professional Learning	Funding

Tier 3 (Intensive)								
Staff	Supports and Services	Tools/Materials	Professional Learning	Funding				



Step 2: Build Community Partnerships

Building on resource mapping from Step 1, this step is focused on reviewing, refining, and/or creating policies and agreements that support meaningful and mutually beneficial partnerships to address identified priorities.

Who is our point of contact for partnerships at the LEA level? List Name, Title/Role.

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What are our LEA policies and procedures for establishing partnerships?	Date of Board Approval	Date for Review and Update



Step 2: Build Community Partnerships

Team(s) should review existing partnerships for alignment with, and/or select new partnerships that support, their identified priorities. Each partnership should have a clear agreement that demonstrates alignment with these top

priorities.

What partners	hips have been	built in our	EA to address our to	p	priorities?		
What is the name of the partner?	Which school(s) do they work with?	What services do they provide? *	How do these services align with the results of our strengths and needs assessment process?		What data sharing agreement is in place?	When did the school board approve the agreement?	Who (school implementation team, community partners, families) needs to be informed of this approval?



Reminder: if LAP funds are used for **direct supplemental supports and services** for participating students, there is a 15% cap in place for LAP base funding and 15% cap in place for LAP high poverty funding per school.



Step 3: Plan Integrated Student Supports

This information—which is required by other state and federal requirements (OSSI, Title IA, etc.)—should be outlined at the school and LEA level once and drive additional school-level planning.

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<u>practice</u> (intervention, activity, or strategy) to support SMARTIE Goal	Implementation and Impact Data	Timeframe	Lead	Resources					
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Funding: List and describe funding source(s) associated with the activities described above.									
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Step 3: Plan Integrated Student Supports

Aligned with identified priorities, and informed by Steps 1-2, schools outline their academic and nonacademic supports by tier to support optimal coordination and communication among staff, partners, and families.

What supports are available to meet the identified needs of students? Outline the following for optimal coordination of academic and nonacademic supports.

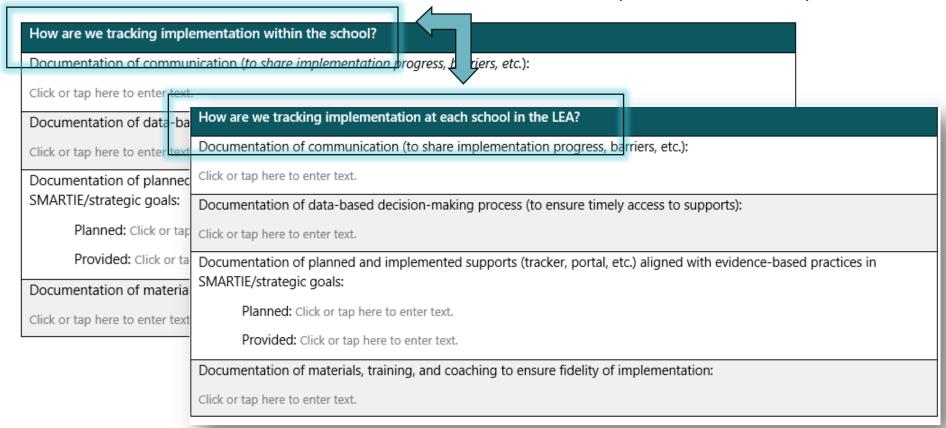
- Area of focus: identified need (academic skills, nonacademic barriers, etc.)
- Decision rules: data-based criteria for entrance and exit to supplemental supports
- Supports to be provided: specific supports, academic or nonacademic, to be provided if student meets criteria
- Duration and frequency: how long and often supports should be provided
- Time of day: when supports occur (before school, during intervention block, after school, weekend, etc.)
- Location: where supports occur
- Staff: support lead and contact
- Progress monitoring: tool used to assess student progress and implementation of supports
- Communication: plan to communicate with staff, partners, and families

Tier 1 (Universal) - What do all students have access to in Tier 1? Academic Nonacademic Click or tap here to enter text. Click or tap here to enter text. Tier 2 (Targeted) - What do some students, based on data-informed needs, have access to in Tier 2? Area of Decision Support to Duration & Time of Location Staff Communication Progress be provided Monitoring focus Rules (Entry Frequency Day & Exit Criteria) Tier 3 (Intensive) - What do a few students, based on data-informed needs, have access to in Tier 3?



Step 4: Deliver Integrated Student Supports To support effective decision-making and the support of the suppor

To support effective decision-making in Step 5, schools and LEAs track implementation of the plan.





Step 5: Use Data to Drive Growth

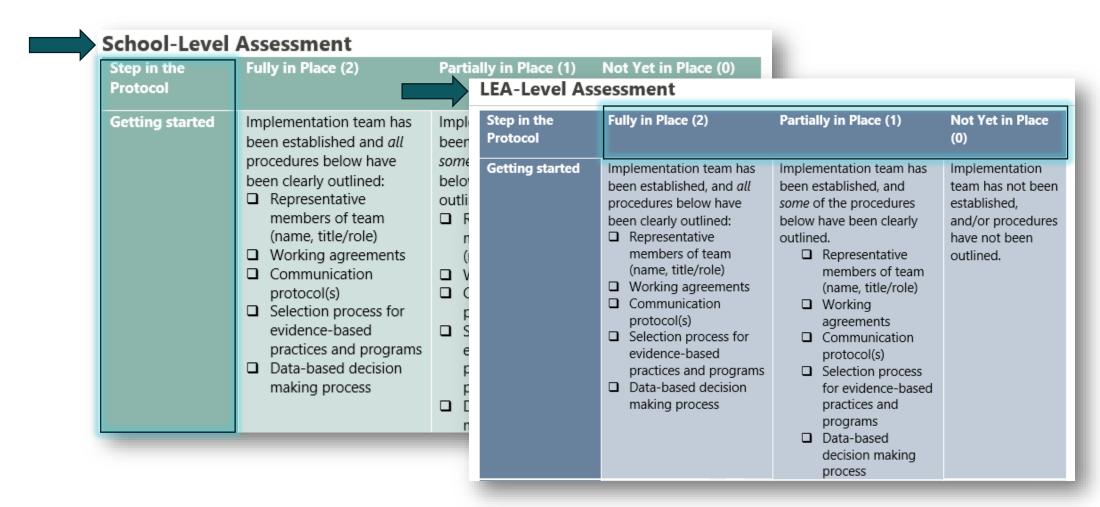
Based on the	Based on the data outlined in Step 3 and gathered in Step 4, what is our data-based action plan?								
Date of Review: When did the data review take place?	Data Review & Evaluation: What is the impact, or student response, to provided supports? Which factors might have contributed to the student response? Was the plan for implementation followed? If not, why?	>	Actions Items: What adjustments need to be made to improve our impact on student learning? (e.g., policy, funding, professional learning, etc.)	Lead: Who is responsible for each action item?	Timeframe: When do these action items need to be completed?	Communication: What communications need to occur related to these action items? Who, what, how?			
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Next Steps: ISS Self-Assessment

ISS Self-Assessments





School Example

School-Level Assessment Step in the Fully in Place (2) Partially in Place (1) Not Yet in Place (0) Protocol **Getting started** Implementation team has Implementation team has Implementation team has not been been established and all been established, and some of the procedures procedures below have established and/or been clearly outlined: below have been clearly procedures have Representative outlined. not been outlined. members of team Representative (name, title/role) members of team Working agreements (name, title/role) Communication Working agreements protocol(s) Communication Selection process for protocol(s) evidence-based Selection process for practices and programs evidence-based Data-based decision practices and making process programs Data-based decision making process

Example School Review:

- ✓ School-level implementation team identified
- ✓ Team includes representation from staff, families and community members
- ✓ Team agreements have been outlined
- ✓ Data-based decision-making process is outlined

Action items:

- Outline our communication process
- Outline our process for selecting evidence-based practices and programs



Action Items

☐ Facilitate the completion of the school and LEA self-assessments.



March 5th, 1:00-2:00 p.m. (Zoom)

□Sign up for the next ISS webinar (Steps 1-3):

March 26th, 1:00-2:30 p.m. (Zoom)





Top Questions

Do we complete a different needs assessment for ISS than Title IA, OSSI, etc.?

No. We recommend using the CNA Toolkit, which is linked in our guidance and resources, to perform one comprehensive needs assessment that addresses the requirements from multiple programs.

How do we coordinate the work of ISS with school improvement planning?

The process outlined in the ISS implementation guide can support planning for other state and federal programs, including school improvement. We recommend LEAs and schools begin with the ISS self-assessment to determine what is already in place and what needs to be adjusted in their system. Our team is working with OSSI and Title IA to coordinate the use of planning templates.

Will we need to turn in the school and LEA templates?

No. The school and LEA templates are meant to support the completion of the steps outlined in the ISS implementation guide. In our annual LAP Report in EDS, LAP will collect the school and LEA self-assessment results starting in 2025-26.



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