

Focus - School Improvement Goal: Identified in the School Improvement Plan.

Student Data: *What specific student performance data indicates the need for improvement? Include disaggregated classroom level data. Focus on subgroups in which school did not make AYP. ESE Alternate Assessment.*

It is important to examine student data to identify the areas of need for your students. You will want to review data that is related to the students to whom you are assigned. Much will depend upon the subject area taught and the age of the students. The important thing is to review the measures that are available to obtain information about the achievement of the students in meeting the Next Generation Standards for the subject area taught. Some possible data sources may be screening instruments used school or district-wide. You may choose to use curriculum-based materials that give an indicator for your students' placement at the beginning of the year. There are some textbook publishers that provide pre-assessment instruments that may help to determine an area of need for students. Your challenge is to find the most valid and reliable sources to give you the most accurate objectives to help your students be successful. Other data sources include: FAIR, teacher developed pre- and post- assessments, reading inventories, physical fitness tests, etc.

Your school may want to consider developing some professional learning communities (PLCs) to work collaboratively throughout the school year toward the success of students in your grade level or subject area or other possible groupings. Brainstorm the possible data sources, gather that data, and then examine the data first for large trends. What are the areas of near success in achieving student expectations? Are there areas in which students are not performing to expectations? Are there some areas in which a few students are demonstrating serious needs? Remember that the key focus for each teacher will be the specific students each teacher will teach. Identify subgroups to determine if they are performing at or below expectations. Examine the differences perhaps between male and female performance. You will need to disaggregate the data in this manner to determine the area of most need for your students and establish that current instruction has not met the needs of these students. This will be the area that you will want to focus on changes in instruction to help all students be successful in your classroom.

STUDENT DATA