



Building School-wide Initiatives

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“Develop effective school-based initiatives to impact student learning on a larger scale.”

All schools want their students to succeed, but they can only make a lasting difference when they focus on specific goals and strategies for change. School improvement planning is a process through which schools set goals for improvement, and make decisions about how and when these goals will be achieved. The ultimate objective of the process is to improve student achievement levels by enhancing the way curriculum is delivered, creating a positive environment for learning, and increasing the degree to which parents are involved in their children’s learning at school and in the home. To address these needs, this online PD course focuses on using school-wide Initiatives to enhance student achievement across the curriculum. Such initiatives target academics, behavior, and any other area that might be lacking. Teachers are equipped to plan and implement such initiatives in an organized, focused, and inclusive way. The resources and strategies here empower them to raise levels of achievement by identifying the gaps, defining focus, creating effective strategies, building an environment that encourages reform, working in tandem with parents and students, and monitoring the desired change.

Standards:

This course aligns to all of the INTASC Standards including Learner Development, Learning Differences, Learning Environments, Content Knowledge, Application of Content, Assessment, Planning for Instruction and Instructional Strategies.

It also aligns to all of the McRel Teacher Evaluation Standards including Teacher Leadership, Diverse Learners, Teachers Know Content, Teachers Facilitate Learning and Teachers Analyze and Reflect.



Course Outline:

Lesson 1: Overview to Building School-wide Initiatives

Meaning and characteristics of School-wide Initiatives
Benefits of initiating school-wide programs
Understanding role of teachers
What can we learn from examples of School-wide Initiatives

Lesson 2: Planning an Effective Initiative

The key to an effective plan
Creating a comprehensive plan and getting started
How to make relevant contribution as teachers
Engaging colleagues, parents and students in the initiative

Lesson 3: Implementation of the Initiative

The process of assessing needs of the school
Forming strategies and action plan
Setting eyes on defined goals and timelines
Monitoring the plan

Lesson 4: Review and Resources

The need for a thorough review
Grouping collected information
Activities that help in evaluation process
Resources for reference