

6- to 12-Week Instructional Plan

in 1 2 3 Steps

Executing standards-aligned instruction in 6- to 12-week continuous improvement cycles



Reflect & Plan

The 6- to 12-week instructional planning process enables school teams to execute the annual school improvement plan as a series of standards-aligned mini-plans – a key phase in the *Reflect-Plan-Implement* Cycle of Inquiry.

By breaking up the plan this way, practitioners can implement their annual priorities in manageable chunks, with multiple opportunities throughout the school year to reflect on and adjust their practices based on their experiences. We recommend aligning the instructional planning interval to the school's benchmark assessment cycles or marking periods (for example, every 6 weeks or every quarter, or every trimester).

Once the 6- to 12-week instructional plan has been developed, it must be implemented with fidelity – including gathering and analyzing data about student progress and the effectiveness of professional practices. This provides teachers, administrators, and staff with fact-based evidence for each end-of-cycle Data Summit™.

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1

What will students learn during this assessment cycle?

Learning objectives

- ◆ List the Essential Learnings or standards you will emphasize during the 6- to 12-week implementation cycle
- ◆ Set the SMARTER Goals for the cycle, including growth targets for every student or student group
- ◆ Outline plan for assessing student progress throughout the cycle

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How will we teach those Learning Objectives during the assessment cycle?

Instructional priorities and interventions

- ◆ Define core *and* differentiated practices and strategies for the cycle (for example, using Multi-Tiered Systems of Support)
- ◆ Outline interventions and enrichment for focus students – those who have been prioritized to receive specific attention

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How will we pace learning, assess progress, and build capacity during the assessment cycle?

Week-by-week pacing

- ◆ Create weekly pacing calendar (standards, assessments, professional development/ professional learning community focus)
- ◆ List milestones for successful implementation (key tasks, due date, lead person)