

The American Student Achievement Institute (ASAI) is pleased to announce the availability of a limited number of School Improvement Grants. The \$1,450 grant will be provided in the form of in-kind services to schools as members of the School Improvement Institute between November 1, 2017, and June 30, 2018. During this time, schools will create their School Improvement Plan (SIP). Indiana schools not currently enrolled in SI2 are encouraged to apply.

Deadline: ~~Oct 20, 2017~~ **NOVEMBER 29, 2017**

Application: asainstitute.org/si2grantapp

Grant Information Webinar: asainstitute.org/si2webinar

Online Tools Demonstration: asainstitute.org/si2 - log in using demo123 for both the username and password

School Improvement Institute (SI2)

- The intent of the ASAI grant is to help Indiana schools become familiar with SI2, a proven school improvement process that has been widely used in Indiana to help schools create high-leverage, data-driven SIPs since 1996.
- SI2 engages all stakeholders- teachers, students, parents, administrators, community members - in the Vision-to-Action (VTA) process.
- Rich discussions take place about the community's student achievement dreams, achievement goals, current practices that are blocking attainment of those goals, and school/community strategies to address the practices that are blocking achievement.
- VTA is not a one-size-fits-all model.
- SI2 schools create a locally appropriate SIP that is based on local student achievement and school practices data.
- SI2 schools implement high-leverage strategies that are the right strategies to raise local student achievement in their school.

School Improvement Plans (SIP)

- The Indiana Department of Education (DOE) allows schools to use the school improvement process and SIP template that best fit their school's needs.
- Using the SI2 Online System, which is customized for each school, prompts are provided to develop interventions as needed to meet state and federal mandates (Indiana Public Law 221, Indiana Schools in Improvement Status - D/F Accountability Grade, Title I).
- Grant recipients will participate in the 2017 cohort of SI2 schools that will work together as they create a data-driven 2018-2019 SIP prior to DOE's anticipated Fall 2018 deadline.
- To submit the SIP to the DOE, schools completing the Vision-to-Action process click a button in the SI2 Online System to download the SIP in PDF format, then upload that file to DOE. This process takes about five minutes.

Expectations of Grant Recipients

- Convene a Steering Team that will be responsible for managing school improvement in your building.
- Each month the Steering Team will participate in a webinar to learn about the next step in the Vision-to-Action process and then implement that VTA step.
- Each Steering Team member will be responsible for a unique set of tasks (collecting data, facilitating local discussions, etc.) as schools progress through the VTA process.

Support Schools Will Receive from ASAI

- VTA process and Steering Team training.
- Online resources for developing the SIP (organizational structure, process timeline, data collection tools, discussion prompts, discussion facilitator guides, web-based templates, rubrics).
- Written feedback on submitted work.
- On-call support and in-depth consultation is available to SI2 schools. The ASAI staff member assigned to schools becomes an additional member of the Steering Team.

What Others Have Said About SI2

From Indiana superintendents, principals, and teachers to former Governor Mitch Daniels, the Council of Chief State School Officers (Washington, DC), the Indiana Education Roundtable (Indianapolis, IN), and the Indiana Principal Leadership Academy, support for SI2 is strong.

“ A structured process which engages staff and helps meet the expectations of PL 221.”

“ The SI2 process is manageable and meaningful while being flexible and responsive.”

“ SI2 is a tool to look at education through data, a tangible way to measure results.”

“ SI2 empowers educators to improve schools, to make schools a place for students to learn and teachers to teach.”

“ SI2 is helping schools make remarkable progress.”

“ I am fascinated by SI2... Tell others in your district to join.”

Timeline

SI2 Grant Recipients will finish their 2018-2019 SIP in time to meet the SIP review requirements found in Indiana Code and DOE's anticipated 2018 deadline. All webinars begin at 3:30pm, Eastern.

Nov 29	Grant Application Extended Deadline
Nov 30	Award Notification
Dec 6	Webinar 1: Getting Ready (Introduction / Organizational Structure)
Jan 3	Webinar 2: Data
Feb 7	Webinar 3: Vision
Mar 7	Webinar 4: Achievement Goals
Apr 4	Webinar 5: Root Cause Analysis
May 2	Webinar 6: Interventions
Jun 15	School Improvement Plan Final Submission

Questions?

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