

FAQs for School Improvement and Intervention

1) Q: What is a Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP)?

A: A CIP is required to be completed by schools and local education agencies (LEAs) in order to receive Title I, Title II, Title III or technology funding. It is also required to be designated as being in either Title I No Child Left Behind (NCLB) or AZLEARNS school improvement.

2) Q: Where can I find information on school and/or LEA improvement on the ADE website?

A: This information can be found at <http://www.ade.az.gov/schooleffectiveness/si.asp>

3) Q: What are my options if my child's school is in NCLB improvement?

A: You may enroll your child in another school that is not in NCLB improvement within the same school district. You may request free tutoring services.

4) Q: What are the consequences for a school that is in NCLB Improvement status?

A: The consequences are determined by the number of years that Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) was missed at a school site. Specific consequences can be accessed at <http://www.ade.az.gov/schooleffectiveness/schoolimprovement/>

5) Q: Do I need to complete the Standards & Rubric Needs Assessment every year?

A: A yearly update of the School's Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) is required for schools in School Improvement. The action steps and goals in the school's CIP need to be based on current data, and therefore an up-to-date self-assessment is needed. The focus of the Standards & Rubrics self-assessment is on assessing the effectiveness of the school for the purpose of sustained improvement in academic achievement. Continuous improvement practices, including regular evaluations, are recommended for all schools.

The *Standards and Rubrics for School Improvement* can be located at <http://www.azed.gov/schooleffectiveness/STDSRUBRIC.pdf>

The Resource Guide for The Standards and Rubrics for School Improvement can be found at www.schoolsmovingup.net/resourceguide

6) Q: Where can I find the requirements for schools in Restructure Planning, Restructure Implementation, or Corrective Action?

A: These documents can be found on the ADE webpage at <http://www.ade.az.gov/schooleffectiveness/schoolimprovement/>

7) Q: Does the state give recommendations of vendors and consultants that an LEA should contract?

A: Because Arizona is a local control state, ADE does not recommend vendors and/or consultants. The agency does provide a list of approved SIG Grant external providers from which SIG districts may choose. SIG grantees should contact their Education Specialist for more information.

8) Q: What are the requirements for the School Improvement Grant (SIG)?

A: For information concerning the SIG requirements and process, please visit <http://www.ade.az.gov/schooleffectiveness/SI/default.asp>

9) Q: How often should a school and district update information on ALEAT?

A: Updates should occur **at least** once a month in order to keep information current and viable.