

School Improvement Technical Assistance

The Oklahoma State Department of Education provides technical assistance to schools utilizing the WISE planning tool. Technical assistance to these schools includes the provision and coordination of professional development; fostering collaboration; and the enhancement of regional, district, and school capacities to better serve students.

"The WISE tool provides a simplified and focused approach to school-wide planning."

*-Jackie White and Sherri Fair,
Union Public Schools*

WISE Planning Tool Features

Wise Ways™ technology links each indicator to a succinct synthesis of the related research, examples, and resources.

Oklahoma Nine Essential Elements rubrics provide a tool for site and district self-assessment.

Coaching comments feature allows an external coach to offer feedback to the team. The system maintains a thread of the dialogue between the coach and the team, and the comments can be saved or printed as a report.

Family Engagement Tool (FET) is a five-step process by which the school team conducts a needs assessment of parent involvement, checks Title I compliance, and develops objectives for improvement. The system provides a huge library of downloadable materials for parent involvement.

Electronic reporting provided with an administrative page, allows for convenient monitoring of each district and school's progress and access to electronically submitted reports. Reporting may include electronic submission of required documents to satisfy federal and state requirements.

Progress tracking report displays progress for identified performance indicators assessed and the specific action plans.

Built-in documentation mechanisms provide practical ways for creating agendas, recording minutes, assigning responsibility, setting timelines, allocating resources, coaching, and monitoring the degree of implementation.



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Positive results for students will come from changes in the knowledge, skill, and behavior of their teachers and parents. State policies and programs must provide the opportunity, support, incentive, and expectation for adults close to the lives of children to make wise decisions.

The Center on Innovation & Improvement helps regional comprehensive centers in their work with states to provide districts, schools, and families with the opportunity, information, and skills to make wise decisions on behalf of students.

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WISE Planning Tool

Ways to Improve
School Effectiveness