



Vision for School Improvement

ADE is committed to ensuring that all students receive a quality education and is focused on addressing the needs of individual schools in individual communities.

Key Strategies

PROGRESS UPDATES: ADE organized itself to support LEA and school improvement, aligned the state and federal application process and streamlined the NA process to make it data-driven.

CHALLENGES: ADE is working on aligning the state and federal accountability system, which requires intense technical and regulatory intervention.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & COMPLIANCE

- **Templates and rubrics for improvement plans:** Developed a rubric to evaluate LEA applications
- **Professional development:** Held convenings to cover changes to the application and provided TA on how to implement plans
- **Guidance:** Developed materials to explain the process to educators, families and community members and provided guidance to LEAs on (a) the ESSA regulations to which schools and LEAs must conform and (b) the actions ADE will take to identify, support and intervene in CSI and TSI schools
- **Structures and processes:** Developed or updated processes to (a) provide feedback to LEAs on SI efforts, (b) work with ESAs to provide TA to LEAs and schools and (c) monitor progress

Key Updates

NEW POLICY/REGULATIONS: AK updated state laws to conform to the state’s ESSA plan for SI.

NEW SEA PRACTICE: After reflecting on NCLB-era interventions, ADE is taking a proactive, supportive approach to SI.

Funding: Formula Approach

ADE is using a weighted (per pupil) funding formula. It chose the formula approach to ensure that schools in districts with few resources were not at a disadvantage in a competitive grant environment.

State and School Needs SEA

Strategies and instructional resources to help schools meet the needs of their subgroups

SCHOOLS

Ensuring schools are empowered to reach out for resources aligned to their data gaps

Implementation Timeline

Fall '18

State report card released;
TSI & CSI schools identified;
LEA grant application opens;
planning year begins

2019-20 SY

Full implementation of SI system

2020-21 SY or later

LEA resource allocation audit