**How to Do It: Tips for Effectively Using Standards and Assessment Data for Schoolwide Planning in a Public Montessori Charter School**

1. **Define your overall objective**

* How will a schoolwide system that incorporates student performance standards, assessments, curriculum, and instructional methods improve student work?
* What pieces can be incorporated into your current system?

1. **Preparation**

* Identify resources, tools and materials that will inform and support your work.
  1. General Resources:
  2. [Colorado Academic Standards](http://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/coloradostandards-academicstandards)
  3. [Unified Improvement Planning](https://www.cde.state.co.us/uip)
  4. [Strategic Planning Guidebook](http://www.cde.state.co.us/sites/default/files/documents/cdechart/guidebook/gov/ppt/strategicplanning.ppt)
  5. [Colorado League of Charter Schools](http://coloradoleague.org/?page=governance)
  6. [Achieve the Core](http://www.achievethecore.org)

1. Tools and Resources for Montessori Schools:
   1. [Association Montessori Internationale](http://ami-global.org/)
   2. [American Montessori Society](https://amshq.org/)
   3. [National Center for Montessori in the Public Sector](http://www.public-montessori.org/public-montessori)
   4. [Montessori curriculum aligned to the Common Core State Standards](http://www.public-montessori.org/resources/common-core-state-standards)
2. Montessori Teacher Professional Development:
   1. [North American Montessori Teachers’ Association](http://www.montessori-namta.org/)
   2. [Montessori Education Center of the Rockies](http://www.mecr.edu/wp/)
   3. [Montessori Institute of Atlanta](https://www.montessori-mia.org/)
   4. [Hershey Montessori Training Institute](http://www.montessori-namta.org/Hershey-Montessori-Training-Institute)

* Determine how you will engage your school community in the planning and integration process.

1. **Implementation**

* Choose a planning tool to guide your work. In partnership with your school community, develop a strategic plan including specific and measurable academic goals and the strategies you will use to achieve them.
* Set up an accountability committee or other leadership structure that is responsible for keeping track of your school’s progress against your strategic goals.
* Provide training and support to staff and other stakeholders to ensure they have a detailed understanding of each piece.
* Identify benchmarks.
* Select the resources you need to support standards-based teaching and learning at your school, including appropriate assessments, data management systems and professional development experiences.
* Continuously monitor your performance. Meet regularly with your accountability committee and staff to reflect on progress against your goals and use data on student progress to inform the teaching and learning cycle.

1. **Assessment/reflection**

* What worked?
* What did not work?
* How can it be adjusted?