Annual UIP Development vs. Progress Monitoring

Process	Annual Improvement Planning (UIP Development and Revision)	Progress Monitoring (at least quarterly)
Gathering Data	Annual data (at least 3 years)	Interim Assessment Results (available at least twice during the school year)
		Implementation Benchmark data (current)
Predict	Make predictions about performance trends (over at least 3 years) in academic achievement, academic growth, academic growth gaps and post-secondary and work force readiness.	Make predictions about performance (since the last progress monitoring session) in priority areas (as defined by priority performance challenges and associated performance targets).
Explore Performance Data (Identify performance trends and prioritize challenges)	 Start with a performance focus and relevant data report(s). Determine what metrics will be considered and what questions will guide analysis. Make predictions about performance. Interact with data (at least 3 years). Look for things that pop out, with a focus on patterns over time (at least three years). List positive and negative facts about the data (with a focus on patterns over time, or trends). Identify which trends are notable (narrow) and which require additional analysis. Write notable trend statements. Choose from among notable trends to identify priority performance challenges (3-5) that will focus improvement efforts for the current and next school year. 	 Start with a priority performance challenge, associated targets and relevant interim assessment results (include assessment results from more than one point in time if available). Interact with data. Look for things that pop out, with a focus on patterns or trends if appropriate. Brainstorm a list of fact statements (observations) about the data (positive and negative). Prioritize observations. Summarize current performance (in that priority performance challenge area). Repeat this process for the next priority performance challenge focus area.

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Explain (Identify root causes)	 Focus on a performance challenge (or closely related performance challenges). Consider other types of data. Generate explanations (brainstorm). Categorize/classify explanations. Narrow (eliminate explanations over which you have no control) and prioritize. Deepen thinking to get to a "root" cause. Validate with other data. 	Focus on a priority performance challenge and current performance in relationship to that challenge, and follow this process to explain it. 1. Consider planned action steps related to eliminating the root cause of that priority performance challenge, and implementation benchmark information about implementation of action steps to date. 2. Generate explanations for current performance (brainstorm). 3. Categorize/classify explanations. 4. Narrow (eliminate explanations over which you have no control) 5. Prioritize. 6. Deepen thinking to get to a "root" cause. 7. Validate with other data (implementation benchmarks or additional data as needed).
Plan for Action	 Set Performance Targets: Focus on a priority performance challenge. Determine a comparison point. Consider state expectations. Consider district expectations. Determine the gap between current performance and the comparison point. Determine a time frame for closing the gap. Determine progress needed in the next two years. Describe annual performance targets for the next two years. 	 Review Performance Targets: Focus on a priority performance challenge. Consider annual performance target. Compare current performance to target, identifying any gaps. Make revisions to performance targets if appropriate. Keep or Adjust Major Improvement Strategies/ Action Steps Determine if performance is improving – decide to stay the course or make an adjustment.

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	 Develop Major Improvement Strategies: Focus on a priority performance challenge and the root cause(s). Consider research. Identify a desired future (if action is taken to dissolve root cause(s), from the perspective of various local stakeholders). Identify strategies to get to the desired future. Articulate a Theory of Action (If, then, and then). Re-write as a major improvement strategy. Do a force field analysis in reference to your major improvement strategy Identify driving forces. Identify restraining forces. Prioritize restraining forces. Identify action steps that would eliminate or weaken your restraining forces (in priority order). Provide details about action steps (who, when, with what resources). Identify associated implementation benchmarks. 	 If adjusting actions steps: Analyze implementation benchmark data (focus question: Are action steps being implemented as intended?) If implementation benchmark data show actions steps are not being implemented with fidelity Do a force field analysis on action steps (identify driving and restraining forces, prioritizing restraining forces). Identify steps to eliminate restraining forces. Make adjustments to plan. If implementation benchmark data show actions steps are being implemented with fidelity. Determine if more time is needed to fully benefit from improvement strategy, or Determine if the major strategy should be changed.