

External Resources for Designated Schools and LEAs

Resource	Description
WestEd Four Domains of School Improvement Framework	<p>OSSE’s <i>Accelerate DC</i> framework was adapted from this WestEd framework, which is designed to help states, districts, and schools lead and manage rapid improvement efforts. The framework shares the practices of successful school turnaround in four domains that both research and experience suggest are central to rapid and significant improvement: turnaround leadership, talent development, instructional transformation, and culture shift. The framework offers examples of the domains in action at school, district, and state levels.</p>
What Works Clearinghouse	<p>The Institute of Education Sciences (IES) is the statistics, research, and evaluation arm of the U.S. Department of Education. Through the What Works Clearinghouse (WWC), they conduct independent reviews of research on what works in education. The WWC can be used by schools and LEAs to search for and identify evidence-based strategies for improving student outcomes to be incorporated into their School Improvement Plans.</p>
S.M.A.R.T. Goal Setting in K-12 Education	<p>This resource from Frontline Education provides a helpful walkthrough exercise for setting goals that are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound (SMART). Schools and LEAs should ensure that goals developed in their School Improvement Plan are written in a SMART format.</p>