



ONLINE: Building School-wide Initiatives

“This course had some great strategies for impacting the greater community.” - Jennifer M.

All schools want their students to succeed, but they can only make a lasting difference when they focus on specific goals and strategies for change. School improvement planning is a process through which schools set goals for improvement, and make decisions about how and when these goals will be achieved. The ultimate objective of the process is to improve student achievement levels by enhancing the way curriculum is delivered, creating a positive environment for learning, and increasing the degree to which parents are involved in their children's learning at school and in the home.

To address these needs, this online PD course focuses on using school-wide Initiatives to enhance student achievement across the curriculum. Such initiatives target academics, behavior, and any other area that might be lacking. Teachers are equipped to plan and implement such initiatives in an organized, focused, and inclusive way. The resources and strategies here empower them to raise levels of achievement by identifying the gaps, defining focus, creating effective strategies, building an environment that encourages reform, working in tandem with parents and students, and monitoring the desired change.



Standards:

This course aligns to all of the INTASC Standards including Learner Development, Learning Differences, Learning Environments, Content Knowledge, Assessment, Planning for Instruction and Instructional Strategies.

The course also aligns to the McRel Teacher Evaluation Standards including Teacher Leadership, Diverse Learners, Teachers Know Content and Teachers Facilitate Learning.

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- Reports for school administrators



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Course Outline

LESSON 1

Overview to Building School-wide Initiatives

- Meaning and characteristics of School-wide Initiatives
- Benefits of initiating school-wide programs
- Understanding role of teachers
- What can we learn from examples of School-wide Initiatives

LESSON 2

Planning an Effective Initiative

- The key to an effective plan
- Creating a comprehensive plan and getting started
- How to make relevant contribution as teachers
- Engaging colleagues, parents and students in the initiative

LESSON 3

Implementation of the Initiative

- The process of assessing needs of the school
- Forming strategies and action plan
- Setting eyes on defined goals and timelines
- Monitoring the plan

LESSON 4

Review and Resources

- The need for a thorough review
- Grouping collected information
- Activities that help in evaluation process
- Resources for reference