



Systemic Improvement in the State Education Agency

A Rubric-Based Tool to

Develop and Implement the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)

Achieve an Integrated Approach to Serving All Students

Continuously Improve Practice in the SEA

<http://www.bsccpcenter.org/resources/publications/SystemicImprovementInTheSEA.pdf>

BSCP Center Rubric Overview

The Building State Capacity and Productivity (BSCP) Center created this rubric-based, self-assessment tool to help SEAs assess the status of their special education program and develop and implement improvement plans through a guided, strategic process. Although developed for use by Part B staff, it is also applicable to Part C.

Lack of significant progress for many students with disabilities has created the need to collect, analyze, and respond to more nuanced data on the progress of students with disabilities. Because students with disabilities are often served alongside general education students, this tool is best used by an integrated SEA team that includes, for example, representatives from special education, accountability, school improvement, and Title programs. The SSIP and rubric are vehicles for the SEA to move beyond individual silos into a well-coordinated and aligned system aimed to improve the achievement of, and support provided to, all students.

The rubric enables SEAs and Lead Agencies to develop and implement improvement plans (SSIP) in a manner that is aligned with the state's existing reform efforts and to pave a pathway to full implementation of effective practices.