

ED STEPS NEWSLETTER

Fall 2024



HINTS OF THE MONTH

01 ED STEPS COHORT

Before the next planning cycle opens, be sure to check your ED STEPS cohort assignment either using the CCIP Planning Tool or the [cohort document](#) linked on the ED STEPS website.

02 PREPPING FOR COHORT ACTIVITIES

Starting in January 2025, those educational entities assigned to ED STEPS Cohort 2 will begin the three-year planning cycle. To help prepare for the system opening, consider looking at previous years data to inform questions on the One Needs Assessment and reflect on plan implementation.

For those seeking additional information on actions needing to be completed depending on the phase of the three-year planning cycle, please see the [ED STEPS Quality Plan Rubric](#).

03 ROLES & ACCESS

Friendly reminder to double check assigned OEDS roles for proper ED STEPS system access. To see roles that can be assigned for ED STEPS, see the [OEDS Role Chart](#).

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact your Office of Federal Programs consultant. Find their contact information in the Address Book in the OH|ID Portal, then the CCIP application. For additional assistance, please contact federalprograms@education.ohio.gov.

UPCOMING TRAININGS

Ohio Education Professional Network

December 3rd
9:00 AM-10:45 AM

To join, please see the [Ohio Education Professional Network website](#).

NEW FUNCTIONALITY

ONE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The questions and conditions for this upcoming planning cycle will be published to the One Needs Assessment website in October. This will allow you to start the pre-planning process ahead of the system opening in January.

There is one enhancement the Department is prioritizing this year which is to remove the validation error when trying to send a district level needs assessment over to the One Plan before required buildings. The goal is that this will enable more flexibility for educational entities to complete the One Needs Assessment.

Remember, only specific public-school buildings need to complete the One Needs Assessment and One Plan as shown on the [School Label Flowchart](#).

ONE PLAN

The Department focus for this upcoming planning cycle is to improve the One Plan review process. A major step is to ensure that the rubrics within the system and ED STEPS manual clearly define the criteria and includes descriptions for “Meets”, “Meets with Recommendations” and “Does not Meet”. The goal is that by including more details around the rubrics, it will increase the number of plans being approved by the start of the school year.

FAQS

IF MY ORGANIZATION IS NOT IN ED STEPS COHORT 2. WHAT SHOULD WE BE DOING THROUGH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION?

Make sure that data is being collected to support each student and adult measure within the One Plan to track plan implementation progress. Also reflect on how well plan implementation is going across your organization.

MY ORGANIZATION WAS IN ED STEPS COHORT 1 AND MY PLAN WAS RETURNED, HOW SOON DOES THE PLAN NEED TO BE RE-SUBMITTED?

Please try to have all returned plans re-submitted by September 30th. The Department has a goal to ensure that all plans are fully approved by June 30th to align with the fiscal year.

MY PLAN IS STILL IN APPROVED FOR AGENCY REVIEW WORKFLOW STATUS, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Email EDSTEPS@education.ohio.gov.

SHOUT OUTS

Thank you to everyone who indicated an interest in joining the focus group for the ED STEPS One Funding Application. A total of 25 individuals were selected across the state to participate in our first meeting which occurred on August 28th.