

ED STEPS NEWSLETTER

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HINTS OF THE MONTH

01 EDSTEPS USER MANUAL

An updated ED STEPS Manual will be posted on the [ED STEPS website](#) in January. Be sure to check it out for assistance with system navigation, along with updated rubric information.

02 BOOK ED STEPS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The ED STEPS Team is proud to roll out a new process to help support technical assistance through the planning year with a Bookings page. [Schedule a session online.](#)

Important Dates



System Opens - Wednesday, January 8

One Plan Deadline - Wednesday, April 30

Questions?

If you have any questions, please email EDSTEPS@education.ohio.gov.

Open Office Hours

Biweekly starting January 28 - April 22, 2025.

To join, please [visit the ED STEPS website](#) under Trainings and select the appropriate date.

UPCOMING TRAININGS

ED STEPS One Needs Assessment & One Plan Training

January 15, 2025

9 AM – 10:30 AM

This training will provide a high-level overview of the One Needs Assessment and One Plan for educational entities assigned to ED STEPS Cohort 2. [Register online.](#)

OEDPN (Ohio Education Data Professional Network) Regional Data Leads

January 17, 2025

The focus of this session will be on the intersection of data and the ED STEPS system. For more information, check out the [OEDPN webpage.](#)

ONE NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATES

We've made several improvements to the One Needs Assessment to streamline the planning process and enhance user experience. The system will be available for planning starting Wednesday, January 8th. Here's what's new:

CONTENT UPDATES

Optional Questions Removed: All fully optional questions have been eliminated, reducing the total number of questions from 131 to 97.

Required Literacy and ELA Questions: These are now mandatory for specific entities:

- Districts that have been identified for a Reading Achievement Plan, identified for a subgroup as part of Student Group Accountability (formally watch), contain a CSI, ATSI or TSI school, and/or have an assigned case manager.
- Schools identified as CSI, ATSI or TSI.

SYSTEM ENHANCEMENTS

Excel Export: In addition to downloading questions as a PDF, users can now export them as an Excel file.

Direct Access Button: A new button on the pre-planning page lets you jump straight into the One Plan.

ONE PLAN UPDATES

The One Plan will feature two significant updates designed to enhance alignment and transparency:

REQUIRED LITERACY GOALS

A literacy goal will now be mandatory for the following entities:

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- Schools identified as CSI, ATSI or TSI.

If literacy questions are required in the One Needs Assessment, the One Plan will also require a literacy goal. Entities that attempt to submit a plan without a goal titled "Literacy" will encounter a validation error, ensuring compliance with this requirement.

RUBRICS AND REVIEW CRITERIA

To promote transparency in the plan approval process, all rubrics are now tied to updated review criteria. These criteria must be completed as part of the review process. Additional resources and guidance on the updated review criteria will be available in the ED STEPS User Manual.