CCIP Note #544

Re: ED STEPS One Plan Now Open
Date: February 5, 2024
To: Superintendents, Treasurers, Authorized Representatives, Fiscal Representatives and Consolidated Funding Application Contacts, Nonpublic School Principals

ED STEPS ONE PLAN NOW OPEN

The ED STEPS One Plan is now open for school year 2024-2025 planning. Educational entities, including traditional public districts and schools, community schools, Education Service Centers, and Boards of Developmental Disabilities can access the One Plan through the ED STEPS application in the Ohio Identification (OHID) system. Educational entities are part of an ED STEPS Cohort. More information on the ED STEPS Cohorts and a list of educational entities in each cohort can be found HERE.

Educational entities in **Cohort 1** must complete a three-year needs assessment and One Plan. The deadline for Cohort 1 entities to complete the ED STEPS One Needs Assessment and Plan is **April 30, 2024.**

Educational entities in **Cohorts 2 and 3** are in the middle of their planning cycle and do not need to complete the three year One Needs Assessment and Plan in the current year. Educational entities in Cohorts 2 and 3 may make edits to their One Needs Assessment or One Plan at any time in the ED STEPS system.

SCHOOLS IN THE ONE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Title I Schoolwide schools and schools that have a Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI), Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI), or Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) school identification status are required to complete the One Needs Assessment. However, Title I Targeted Assistance buildings and non-Title I served buildings that do not have a school identification status are not required to complete the One Needs Assessment. For FY25 plans, only school buildings in a district that were required to have a needs assessment were added to the system. If the district wishes to add a school that was not required to complete a needs assessment, please contact EDSTEPS.OneNeedsAssessment@education.ohio.gov. For helpful information on completing the EDSTEPS One Needs Assessment and One Plan, please go to our ED STEPS webpage HERE.

SCHOOLS EXITING IDENTIFICATION STATUS

Attention schools identified as Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI), Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) or Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI): Please remember that some CSI and TSI schools recently exited this support status based on

federal data compiled in December 2023. Each school was notified via email by the Office of School and District Improvement if they exited. In addition, new TSI schools were identified as part of the required annual identification process for these schools. Schools that exited no longer need to answer required questions on the One Needs Assessment, based on this status. Schools that are newly identified should answer required questions and address the reason for their identification in their One Plans. Go to www.education.ohio.gov/identification for more information. Please reach out to regional.support@education.ohio.gov with questions.

LOCAL EQUITABLE ACCESS PLANNING

The Equitable Access Analysis Tool is now available for all districts and community schools. Districts and community schools in Cohort 1 must use the tool to assist in completing their local equitable access plan, which will be submitted through the One Needs Assessment and One Plan. It is recommended districts and community schools in Cohorts 2 and 3 analyze your district or school's data through the tool and make any needed adjustments to their local equitable access plan. The tool can be accessed in two ways: 1) through the Reports tab in the One Needs Assessment or 2) through the new Secure Data Center via the Report Portal application within the OHID portal. Visit the Local Equity Plan webpage for details on the Equitable Access Analysis Tool and resources for completing the Local Equitable Access Plan. Contact equity@education.ohio.gov with questions.

UPCOMING TRAININGS

Open Office Hours

Every Thursday starting on February 8th from 1:00 – 2:00 PM until April 28, 2024, the Department will be answering any questions educational entities might have regarding the ED STEPS system and process. To join, please use this link or check the ED STEPS training page.

If you have questions, please contact your federal programs consultant from the CCIP Address Book or email EDSTEPS@education.ohio.gov.

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