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EWIMS STEP 7 Evaluating and Refining the EWIMS Process

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EWIMS Step 7: Evaluate and Refine the EWIMS Process



Anticipated Outcomes for Step 7



- Understanding of implementation strengths and challenges
- Recommendations for improvement
- Understanding of the process and team roles

What You Need for Step 7



- End-of-year early warning indicator data reports
- Time to review
- Early warning indicator data for incoming students*

* Having these data is ideal, but not essential.

EWIMS Step 7: Evaluate and Refine the EWIMS Process



Reflect What's working? Not working?

Refine How to improve?

Three Key Elements



Reflect on Key Elements: Data and 7-Step Process



Data

- Use of a data tool
- Trends over time

7-Step Process

- Alignment of EWIMS with school priorities, policies, practices, and procedures
- Effectiveness of EWIMS coordination and communication
- Efficiency of team meetings

Reflect on Key Elements: Interventions



- Availability of interventions
- **Type** of interventions assigned at Tiers I, II, and III
- Especially successful interventions
- **Difficulties** associated with implementing each intervention

Refine the EWIMS Process in the Context of Your School

- Improvements and adjustments
- Expansion (e.g., more seats in interventions)
- Sustainment of progress

The Importance of Tier 1 Interventions

Many student needs at Tiers II and III? Try bolstering Tier I interventions.

Top Three Implementation Challenges of the EWIMS Process



(Faria, Sorenson, Heppen, Bowdon, Taylor, Eisner & Foster, 2017)

Summary available: air.org/sites/default/files/Infographic-EWIMS-508_JR.pdf

Step 7 Challenge: Importing Data Into the Tool

Appoint a data person

Step 7 Challenge: Staff Turnover and Onboarding New Team Members

Onboard multiple times a year

Step 7 Challenge: Limited Staff Time to Fully Implement EWIMS



Keeping Students at the Center

- Disengagement from school is gradual.
- There are identifiable signals of disengagement.
 - Data can be used to identify trends.
- Understanding trends enables educators to intervene.

Stick with the process and be patient!

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Next Steps

- View all eight EWIMS videos.
- **Review** Michigan's EWIMS Implementation Guide.
- **Use** the EWIMS Video Facilitation Guide.



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