



# Support for Arkansas Schools in School Improvement

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## School Improvement

The **goal** of the school improvement process is for all students to reach proficient levels in math and literacy.

The **key** to the school improvement process is **school support**.



The Arkansas Department of Education  
provides school support through



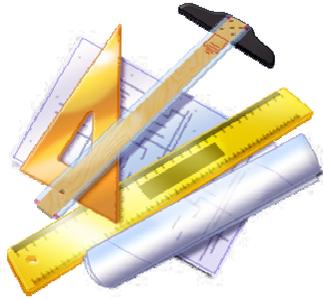
This accountability model includes specific  
provisions for technical assistance:

- ACSIP
- Scholastic Audit
- State Specialty Teams
- Professional  
Development



# ACSIP

Arkansas **C**omprehensive **S**chool **I**mprovement **P**lanning  
the **t**ool for improvement



- Based on student data and needs assessment
- Created by a team of stakeholders including parents and community members
- Includes plans, timelines and the budget for reaching benchmark goals



# Scholastic Audit

the materials for improvement

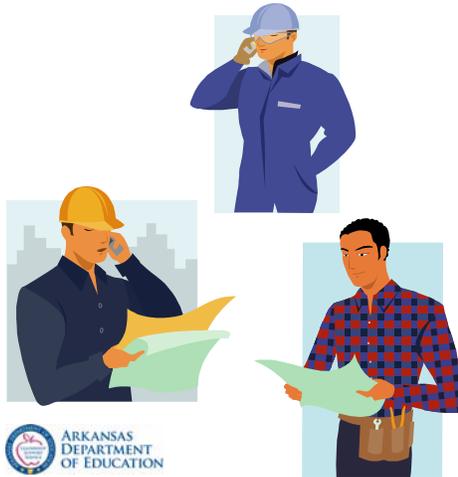


- Provided for schools in improvement year 3 and beyond
- Assesses the learning environment, efficiency and academic performance
- Provides additional recommendations to guide the improvement process



## State Specialty Teams

the guidance for improvement



- Comprised of ACSIP supervisors, content specialists and other specialists as needed
- Provides 'on-call' technical assistance depending on the special needs of each school and according to the individual school's School Improvement Status.

## Professional Development

- Arkansas' Professional Development includes research based strategies for increasing student achievement

Provided in the areas of:

- Principles of Teaching
- Principles of Learning
- Principles of Curriculum
- Principles of Leadership





## Technical Assistance

Can be requested by schools at any time and includes **any necessary support** that aids schools in meeting state requirements and federal requirements as outlined in the ESEA.



## Federal Requirements

Technical Assistance can be requested at any time during the school improvement process

Year 5+

Implement Restructuring Plan (YEAR 5)  
Hire School Improvement Director (YEAR 6)

Year 3

Develop a corrective action plan  
Participate in Scholastic Audit  
Revise ACSIP accordingly  
Reevaluate ACSIP budget  
Carry out alternative governance (YEAR 4)  
Acquire Technical Assistance from State Specialty Team

Year 1

Allocate 10% of budget for professional development  
Provide written notice to parents  
Specify strategies for parental involvement  
Provide Public School Choice  
Conduct data analysis and needs assessment  
Review and revise ACSIP Plan as necessary  
Provide Supplemental Education Services (YEAR 2+)



## Technical Assistance could include:

- Conducting a needs assessment
- Collaborating with parents and school staff to create ACSIP plan
- Providing assistance with professional development
- Revising ACSIP plan to include Scholastic Audit recommendations
- Allocating budget efficiently
- Notifying parents of Public School Choice and Supplemental Services



- Monitoring and revising ACSIP Plan as needed
- Identifying available local, regional and state resources
- Assisting teachers with identifying and implementing research-based methods to improve classroom instruction practices
- Provide opportunities for leadership training for school leadership teams
- **Any other assistance that is requested by the school or district or deemed necessary by state support team**



## Network of Support

Each learning environment is unique in its needs.

ACSIP, Scholastic Audit, Professional Development and Specialty Teams create a **network** of resources specific to each school's needs.



These resources work together with the school to improve student achievement.



# Together



We are **building** a brighter future.

