



Improving Performance for Special Education Students



With Curriculum Matrix Data for Meeting AYP

This kit is intended to assist administrators and teachers in improving the performance of students with disabilities taking part in the general education curriculum and related state assessment program. It includes a discussion of raising expectations for students with disabilities, an assessment tool related to effective instructional programs for these students, and practical ideas for K-12 classrooms to help improve student performance. The section on using data to improve performance has staff development activities and the state-specific K-12 Curriculum Matrix for English language arts, mathematics, and science.

“Given the population of students in special education today, there appears to be no reason why performance is so low, other than the low expectations that prevail in the systems that serve them, the limited opportunities provided to them to be challenged, and the strategies that have been used to meet their educational needs. This resource kit can help to reverse this situation.”

*Larry Gloeckler,
Executive Director,
Special Education Institute*

What is a Curriculum Matrix?

A Curriculum Matrix assigns a priority rating to each state standard in English, math, and science based on the emphasis given that standard on state tests. Standards are also crosswalked to the Curriculum Survey of Essential Skills, which ranks the importance of curriculum content in the subjects relative to what graduates need for success in adult life. The International Center uses education experts in each state to assist in creating the Curriculum Matrix.

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