

Evaluation of the State Program Improvement Grant (SIG) Program

SIG Project Evaluators Survey

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SIG Project Evaluators Survey: Telephone Interview

1. Were you involved in preparing the grant proposal? If so, how were you involved, and how did your involvement affect the plan for the SIG project?
2. What education-related evaluation experience do you bring to the SIG project evaluation?
3. How have the evaluation design and implementation changed over the life of the SIG project? Why were the changes made?
4. How have any changes in the SIG project been reflected in the evaluation activities?
5. Is there a process in place to provide ongoing review of the quality of the evaluation design and implementation? If so, by whom? When and how will this be done?
6. Are stakeholders (e.g., parents, teachers, university faculty, school or district personnel) participating in designing and conducting the evaluation? If yes, identify which groups and describe their involvement.
7. According to the logic model we developed for the SIG project, various strategies are planned to carry out the project's goals. For the three most important strategies for one goal related to personnel preparation/professional development and one related to student learning/achievement, please answer the following questions.

SIG Strategy	Question		
	What data will you use to assess this strategy?	What data sources will be used?	How will you use these data?
Goal: Personnel Preparation/Professional Development			
Strategy A			
Strategy B			
Strategy C			

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8. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the data you will be using for this evaluation? Would you recommend that state policy decisions be made based on the data to be collected for the evaluation?
9. How will evaluation findings be used for ongoing SIG monitoring and improvement?
10. How will the data be aggregated or analyzed to assess the extent to which the SIG project is achieving its stated outcomes?
11. Who is, or will be, using the evaluation information?
12. How will the information be disseminated to them? What's the timing of such dissemination?
13. How will you find out about unintended outcomes? How will this information be used?
14. Will your evaluation demonstrate how specific features or activities of the SIG project contribute to systemic change? If yes, how?
15. Thank you for completing this interview. Please send us a copy of any evaluation reports that have been prepared (e.g., formal reports memos, briefings, etc.).