

Izard County School District School Improvement Plan

Focus

Every school in the Izard County School District will improve their rating one level as provided by the ESSA index.

Goals

By July 2020, each student will improve their STEM and Literacy scores by 3% over their 2019 score as measured by ACT Aspire and Aspire formative assessments. Students in grades K-2 will show iStation scores along a steady growth trajectory.

Evidence-based Practices

Arkansas Math Quest will be utilized to improve math scores in grades 3-12. This is a program initiated through the Arkansas Department of Education in which math teachers will be trained to better instruct problem solving and higher-level thinking skills to students to better their overall understanding of math skills.

The Arkansas RISE initiative will be utilized to raise the literacy level of each student. This initiative has been developed and implemented through the Arkansas Department of Education.

Timeline

This school improvement plan spans the time frame from June 2019- July 2020. Each school will review and monitor the plan through collaborative team sessions. District-level monitoring will occur monthly with the District PLC team.

Evaluation

A comprehensive needs assessment is done annually by the district and each school that identifies the areas in which the district and schools will focus. The building level teams meet once a month to discuss data, instructional practices, and current research to assess the current needs of the school. Additionally, the schools have PLC's that meet monthly to focus on strategies to improve instruction in the classroom. Researched-based reform strategies are directly aligned with the needs assessment. PLC's will study Marzano's *Leading a High Reliability School* and will implement his strategies in schoolwide reform. Improvement plans focus on core academic areas that address the needs of all students, especially those that are at risk.

