



DCIP Planning Document for 2025-26 DCIP

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*Districts with No Identified Schools*

A Message to District Leaders:

Districts have multiple options to select from when completing their 2025-26 DCIP:

**Option 1:** Identifying 3 to 5 [District-level **Priorities**](https://www.nysed.gov/sites/default/files/programs/accountability/2025-26-dcip-district-priorities-template.docx).

**Option 2:** Identifying the [District-level **Systems**](https://www.nysed.gov/sites/default/files/programs/accountability/2025-26-dcip-district-level-systems-template.docx) for supporting its schools identified for additional support (*must have at least one identified school*)

**Option 3:** Completing a School Comprehensive Education Plan (SCEP) that will serve as the district-level plan (*only those with no identified schools or those with one identified school and identical school and district subgroup identification are eligible*).

**The District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP) Planning Document is required for districts who choose to *Option 1: Identifying 3 to 5 District-level Priorities****.* This document is the district-level needs assessment **for those with identified schools** that will inform the final plan, and similar to the [school-level needs assessment](https://www.nysed.gov/accountability/needs-assessment), the document is organized around NYSED’s core needs assessment concepts: Envision, Analyze, and Listen.

This document will involve:

* **Analyze:** Understanding Data
* **Listen:** Considering the Perspectives of the Identified Subgroup
* **Envision:** Reviewing the District’s vision, values, and aspirations

NYSED encourages districts to be strategic in how they address their needs and to be mindful of the number of priorities and changes they attempt to address each year. When developing your 2025-26 DCIP, consider ways the priorities intersect so that the DCIP is aligned to support the pressing needs of the district. Rather than identifying multiple independent priorities within the DCIP, consider ways that priorities could be supported through a strategic approach that allows for the work being done in one area to support the work being done in another area.

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# **Section 1: Analyze: Understanding Data**

## Section 1A: Local Data

Use the space below to include at least five local data points that the District has collected that are relevant to understanding the District. These could include:

* State-collected data from the NYSED District Report Card, such as the teacher turnover rate
* School-collected data, such as walkthrough data or report card data
* District-collected data, such as survey results
* Districtwide academic assessment data
* Student engagement/attendance data
* Student social-emotional health data

As you review your district-level data, **focus on variation in performance: “***Understanding the sources of variation in outcomes, and responding effectively to them, lies in the heart of quality improvement.***”1** Select data that identifies areas where there is **variation in outcomes** (i.e., the performance in one area is not the same as the performance in another area). This could result in looking at variation within **certain subjects** (i.e., students perform better on some standards or skills compared to others), or variation within **certain standards or skills** (i.e., some students perform better on a certain standard than other students), or variation across classrooms, grade levels, or schools, or variation across groups of students. The job of team can then be to **consider WHY those variations** exist.

When possible, consider data from the 2024-25 school year.

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| District-level Data Reviewed | What We Noticed When Reviewing this Data |
| *Example: Districtwide ELA benchmark data* | *Across the district, students scored the lowest in the areas of vocabulary and reading comprehension. Student growth was highest in grades 2 and 3 but dropped significantly in grade 5.* |
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## Section 1B: Accountability Data

**Background**: Districts with no identified schools were identified as Target Districts last year when the subgroup performance of one or more subgroups was among the bottom 10% of districts for Core and Weighted Performance in Elementary/Middle Schools, or Core Performance, Weighted Performance, and Graduation Rate in High Schools. This section is designed to have districts review the data of the identified subgroup(s) at the district-level and at the school-level and identify where the district and school may have been in the bottom 10 percent.

**Elementary/Middle**

Districts that had a **District-level** subgroup among the lowest 10% of districts for **Elementary/Middle Weighted Academic Performance** received a Level 1 for this indicator. Did any subgroups in the district receive a Level 1 for this indicator? Check all that apply.

Economically Disadvantaged

English Language Learner

Students With Disability

Asian

Black

Hispanic

Native American

White

1. **Did the School-level subgroups of any Elementary/Middle Schools also receive a Level 1 for Weighted Academic Performance? If so, which one(s)?**

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| **School** | **Subgroup** |
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Districts that had a **District-level** subgroup among the lowest 10% of districts for **Elementary/Middle Core Academic Performance** received a Level 1 for this indicator. Did any subgroups in the district receive a Level 1 for this indicator? Check all that apply.

Economically Disadvantaged

English Language Learner

Students With Disability

Asian

Black

Hispanic

Native American

White

1. **Did the School-level subgroups of any Elementary/Middle Schools also have a Level 1 for Core Academic Performance? If so, which one(s)?**

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| **School** | **Subgroup** |
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**High Schools**

Districts that had a **District-level** subgroup among the lowest 10% of districts for **High School Weighted Academic Performance** received a Level 1 for this indicator. Did any subgroups in the district receive a Level 1 for this indicator? Check all that apply.

Economically Disadvantaged

English Language Learner

Students With Disability

Asian

Black

Hispanic

Native American

White

1. **Did the School-level subgroups of any High Schools also have a Level 1 for Weighted Academic Performance? If so, which one(s)?**

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| **School** | **Subgroup** |
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Districts that had a **District-level** subgroup among the lowest 10% of districts for **High School Core Academic Performance** received a Level 1 for this indicator. Did any subgroups in the district receive a Level 1 for this indicator? Check all that apply.

Economically Disadvantaged

English Language Learner

Students With Disability

Asian

Black

Hispanic

Native American

White

1. **Did the School-level subgroups of any High Schools also have a Level 1 for Core Academic Performance? If so, which one(s)?**

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Districts that had a **District-level** subgroup among the lowest 10% of districts for **High School Graduation Rate** received a Level 1 for this indicator. Did any subgroups in the district receive a Level 1 for this indicator? Check all that apply.

Economically Disadvantaged

English Language Learner

Students With Disability

Asian

Black

Hispanic

Native American

White

1. **Did the School-level subgroups of any High Schools also have a Level 1 for Graduation Rate? If so, which one(s)?**

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| **School** | **Subgroup** |
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1. When looking at the subgroups that received Level 1s for performance and graduation rate across the district, what do you notice?
2. When thinking about subgroup performance for your district, one of the things you will need to consider is the extent to which the identified subgroup experiences school differently than the subgroups that are not identified. When looking at the Accountability levels assigned across your schools, how different are the identified subgroup’s levels compared to the other subgroups?

# **Section 2: Listen: Considering the Perspectives of the Identified Subgroup**

Districts with no identified schools will need to incorporate a way to consider the perspectives of the identified subgroup. Examples of ways this could be accomplished include student shadowing, student interviews, focus groups, roundtable discussions, and surveys that disaggregate data by subgroup. Districts can determine how best to accomplish this and may pursue alternate means not listed among the examples.

Schools identified for TSI/ATSI/CSI support models are interviewing students in advance of writing their annual plans, and Districts with schools identified for these support models are being asked to reflect on the feedback provided during student interviews as part of their DCIP. Districts without identified schools may find the Department’s [Student Interview resource](https://www.nysed.gov/sites/default/files/programs/accountability/listen-interviewing-students_0.pdf) helpful.

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| How did the District seek out feedback from the identified subgroup? |
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| What did the District learn from these students? |
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# **Section 3: Envision: District’s Vision, Values, and Aspirations**

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| 1. What is the District’s vision? |
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| 1. In recognition that sometimes vision statements may not be a current reflection of the District’s values and aspirations, is there anything else important to know about what the District values and aspires to be that is not captured in the current vision? |
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| 1. Review your responses to [Section 1](#_Section_1:_Considering) and [Section 2](#_Section_2:_Considering) above. What themes emerged that let you know that **you are on the right track** toward the vision, values, and aspirations of the District? |
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| 1. Review your responses to [Section 1](#_Section_1:_Considering) and [Section 2](#_Section_2:_Understanding) above. What themes emerged that let you know that **you still have work to do** toward the vision, values, and aspirations of the District? |
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# **Section 4: ANALYZE: Considering What was Learned in 2024-25** (Re-Identified Districts Only)

## Evaluating the Success of the 2024-25 DCIP

Refer to the 2024-25 DCIP to complete the information below.

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| Priority 1 in 2024-25 DCIP: |
| Was the District able to achieve the End-of-Year Success Criteria identified for this Priority? |
| If the identified success criteria were not achieved, in the space below, identify factors that may have contributed to the District not achieving these outcomes. |
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| Priority 2 in 2024-25 DCIP: |
| Was the District able to achieve the End-of-Year Success Criteria identified for this Priority? |
| If the identified success criteria were not achieved, in the space below, identify factors that may have contributed to the District not achieving these outcomes. |
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| Priority 3 in 2024-25 DCIP: |
| Was the District able to achieve the End-of-Year Success Criteria identified for this Priority? |
| If the identified success criteria were not achieved, in the space below, identify factors that may have contributed to the District not achieving these outcomes. |
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| Priority 4 in 2024-25 DCIP (if applicable): |
| Was the District able to achieve the End-of-Year Success Criteria identified for this Priority? |
| If the identified success criteria were not achieved, in the space below, identify factors that may have contributed to the District not achieving these outcomes. |
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| Priority 5 in 2024-25 DCIP (if applicable): |
| Was the District able to achieve the End-of-Year Success Criteria identified for this Priority? |
| If the identified success criteria were not achieved, in the space below, identify factors that may have contributed to the District not achieving these outcomes. |
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| After reviewing your success in achieving the 2024-25 DCIP Priorities, what lessons have you learned that can be incorporated into your 2025-26 DCIP? |

## Considering the Effectiveness of Previous Resource Decisions

Identify the top three areas where the District directed its 2024-25 Title 1 1003(a) District-level Improvement Funds.

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| **#1 Recipient/Use of District Improvement Funds:** |
| What was your goal in directing funds in this manner? |
| Have you met this goal? How do you know? |
| What **practices (including student practices and teacher practices)** look different in the District now as a result of this expenditure? |
| **#2 Recipient/Use of District Improvement Funds:** |
| What was your goal in directing funds in this manner? |
| Have you met this goal? How do you know? |
| What **practices (including student practices and teacher practices)** look different in the District now as a result of this expenditure? |
| **#3 Recipient/Use of District Improvement Funds:** |
| What was your goal in directing funds in this manner? |
| Have you met this goal? How do you know? |
| What **practices (including student practices and teacher practices)** look different in the District now as a result of this expenditure? |

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| After considering the effectiveness of previous resource allocation decisions, what lessons have you learned that can be incorporated into your 2025-26 DCIP? |

# **Section 5: Putting it all Together**

**Review your responses to Sections 1, 2, and 3** to identify 3 to 5 Priorities for the 2025-26 DCIP. Identify the Priorities below and indicate how those Priorities support the themes that emerged in the previous sections.

## Priority 1:

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| What will the District prioritize to extend success in 2025-26? |  |

This Priority helps support (indicate all that apply)

What was learned from our review of recent data (Section 1)

Themes from Students (Section 2)

The District’s Vision (Section 3, Question 1)

The District’s Values and Aspirations not captured through Vision (Section 3, Question 2)

What was learned in 2024-25 (Section 4)

## Priority 2:

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| What will the District prioritize to extend success in 2025-26? |  |

This Priority helps support (indicate all that apply)

What was learned from our review of recent data (Section 1)

Themes from Students (Section 2)

The District’s Vision (Section 3, Question 1)

The District’s Values and Aspirations not captured through Vision (Section 3, Question 2)

What was learned in 2024-25 (Section 4)

## Priority 3:

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| What will the District prioritize to extend success in 2025-26? |  |

This Priority helps support (indicate all that apply)

What was learned from our review of recent data (Section 1)

Themes from Students (Section 2)

The District’s Vision (Section 3, Question 1)

The District’s Values and Aspirations not captured through Vision (Section 3, Question 2)

What was learned in 2024-25 (Section 4)

## Priority 4 (if applicable)

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| What will the District prioritize to extend success in 2025-26? |  |

This Priority helps support (indicate all that apply)

What was learned from our review of recent data (Section 1)

Themes from Students (Section 2)

The District’s Vision (Section 3, Question 1)

The District’s Values and Aspirations not captured through Vision (Section 3, Question 2)

What was learned in 2024-25 (Section 4)

## Priority 5 (if applicable):

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| What will the District prioritize to extend success in 2025-26? |  |

This Priority helps support (indicate all that apply)

What was learned from our review of recent data (Section 1)

Themes from Students (Section 2)

The District’s Vision (Section 3, Question 1)

The District’s Values and Aspirations not captured through Vision (Section 3, Question 2)

What was learned in 2024-25 (Section 4)

# NEXT STEPS

You have now completed the DCIP planning document. When developing your 2025-26 DCIP, please take into consideration your reflection on recent data, the District’s vision, values, and aspirations, and what the District learned when listening the identified subgroup to determine the best strategies to pursue. The Priorities identified in this document should correspond with the Priorities in your DCIP.

Districts may find it helpful to refer to the Improvement Planning materials available at: <https://www.nysed.gov/accountability/improvement-planning> when writing their plans. Districts may want to incorporate some of the resources available to schools as they explore their values and aspirations, analyze data, and identify goals, benchmarks and strategies.

**Please submit this document to** [dcip@nysed.gov](mailto:dcip@nysed.gov) **when you submit your 2025-26 DCIP.**