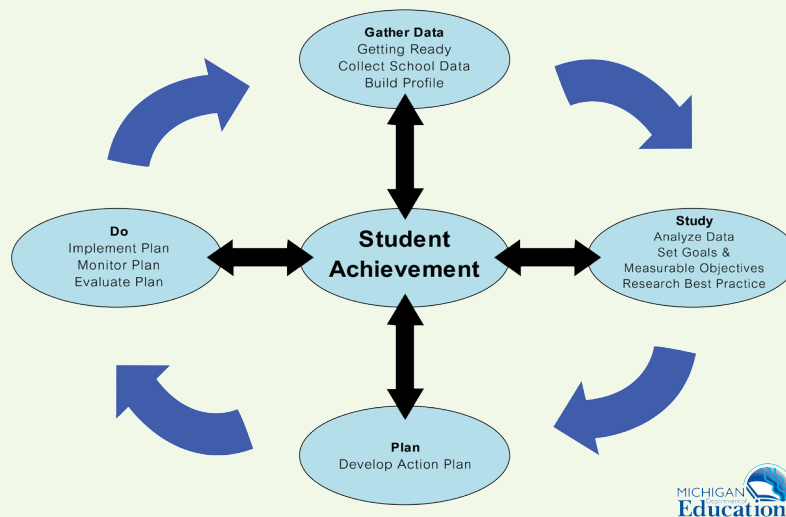




The Michigan Continuous School Improvement Process

The focus of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is to improve achievement for all learners through support of Michigan schools. Experience has demonstrated that in order to increase achievement, successful schools plan collaboratively.

To streamline a school's efforts and resources to maximize improvement for all learners, the MDE has outlined how a school district can break down barriers and plan collaboratively to develop one common plan for improvement. The Michigan Continuous School Improvement Process serves as the process that organizes staff to analyze data (achievement, perception, process, and demographic) and to develop a comprehensive, continuous improvement plan. The improvement goals are developed as a result of a comprehensive data analysis, leading to the identification of the improvement needs and the development of school improvement goals. Through the development of their school improvement plan, the staff may recognize that their school has key systems missing resulting in a negative impact on student achievement. The School Improvement process will assist in development and implementation of an effective, data driven, focused plan.



The MDE has developed on-line templates and tools to guide schools through their school improvement process. These materials can be accessed on the Michigan AdvancED website (http://www.advanc-ed.org/mde/school_improvement_tasks).

Templates and requirements for both MDE and NCA schools are on this site as well as tools that will provide guidance and help for all schools.

