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SUPPORTING EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTION WITH THE SURVEYS OF ENACTED CURRICULUM (SEC)



What is the SEC?

The SEC is a practical, reliable data collection tool used with teachers of Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and English Language Arts (ELA) to collect data on current instructional activities and content being taught in classrooms. User-friendly reports can be generated to help you with your instructional planning by providing data that can be used to analyze the degree of consistency between current instruction and state content standards.

Why use the SEC?

The SEC provides a teacher with a “picture” of current instructional content and cognitive expectations for students in his/her classroom. This picture can be compared to the state standards and supports teachers to more closely align instruction with expectations. The SEC can be used for many reasons including personal growth, aligning instruction with the intended curriculum, refining and enhancing instruction, planning for school improvement and designing professional development. The Michigan Department of Education has made the SEC available free of charge to any Title I Priority or Focus School in the areas of ELA and Math for the 2015-16 school year.

New SEC Training Resources Available

Training resources for ISD School Improvement Facilitators, Intervention Specialists, District Improvement Facilitators, teachers and principals are now available in multiple formats. ISDs will need to provide training for any Title I Priority or Focus School who chooses to take the SEC. To ensure a consistent message around the use of the SEC, the MDE has provide both an online course through Michigan Virtual University’s Learnport and made the corresponding PowerPoint presentations available for use.

Online SEC course through Michigan Virtual University

A five module online course is available from Michigan Virtual University's Learnport free of charge. At this time, no SCECHs are available as the run time of the course is only 90 minutes. Additional modules may be added to the course that would qualify the course for SCECHs in the future. The course was written for two main audiences: ISD SEC Facilitators and Teachers taking the SEC. ISD SEC Facilitators will need to complete all five modules and Teachers will just be asked to complete the Overview and the Teacher Orientation modules. A document outlining how to enroll in the SEC course, **Accessing and Completing the SEC Course in Learnport** is provided on the MI Excel Resource Center at www.tinyurl.com/miexcel-resourcecenter under the ISD/ESA Resources tab.

SEC PowerPoint Presentations

The five corresponding PowerPoint presentations used to create the online modules are also available on the MI Excel Resource Center under the ISD/ESA Resources tab. These presentations are made available to allow ISDs to create a blended training for schools that would incorporate the use of the online modules with face-to-face training for teachers.

Because this is an integral part of the Statewide of Support, we encourage you to learn all you can about this valuable resource.

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