

# Race to the Top Implementation Committee: Local Systems (Local Instructional Improvement Systems)

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## Purpose and Scope

The Local Systems Committee is comprised of two working groups: Minimum Standards for Local Systems (Minimum Standards), and the Local Systems Exchange (Exchange).

The purpose of the Minimum Standards working group is to provide input and feedback to the Florida Department of Education on the establishment of minimum standards for Local Instructional Improvement Systems<sup>1</sup> to ensure districts implement systems that provide access to and use of data to inform instruction in the classroom, operations at the school and district, and to support research.

The purpose of the Exchange working group is to plan the organization and operation of the Local Systems Exchange. The Local Systems Exchange will encourage and facilitate the acquisition and implementation of Local Instructional Improvement systems among districts through the collaboration and exchange of ideas, systems, and related implementation services on a statewide basis. The Local Systems Exchange working group will also provide requirements and feedback on the design, content, and usability of the Local Systems Exchange website.

## Membership

Membership on the Minimum Standards working group will include teachers, principals, superintendents, district technical staff, and district administrators representing researchers, assessment coordinators, standards/curriculum coordinators, and guidance counselors.

Membership on the Exchange working group will include superintendents, district chief information officers, and their technical staff.

The Local Systems Committee will represent Florida district diversity in technology, resources, and region of the state. All members will serve at the appointment of the Commissioner to the four-year term of the Race to the Top grant unless the member requests to resign, at which time a member with similar representation will be appointed by the Commissioner.

## Requested Expertise

Members of the Minimum Standards working group will contribute expertise in various teaching subjects and grades, district administration at all levels, research, assessment, and technology. Members representing technology will have experience with the installation, maintenance, and technical support required to sustain the system.

Members of the Exchange working group will contribute knowledge of the financial, technical, and human resources required to implement and sustain a Local Instructional Improvement System. Exchange working group members may also have experience working with other districts regarding Local Instructional Improvement Systems.

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<sup>1</sup> Local Instructional Improvement System as defined in the US Department of Education's Race to the Top request for application.

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### **Meeting Timelines**

The Minimum Standards working group will meet primarily in year one (beginning in winter) to provide input to Department on the minimum standards for a Local Instructional Improvement System and will reconvene in year four to provide feedback on necessary updates.

The Exchange working group will meet primarily in year one to establish the management and operations of the Local Systems Exchange and provide feedback on the website.

### **Communications**

Information about the activities, membership, and meeting schedule of the Local Systems Committee will be posted at [www.fldoe.org/arra/racetothetop.asp](http://www.fldoe.org/arra/racetothetop.asp).