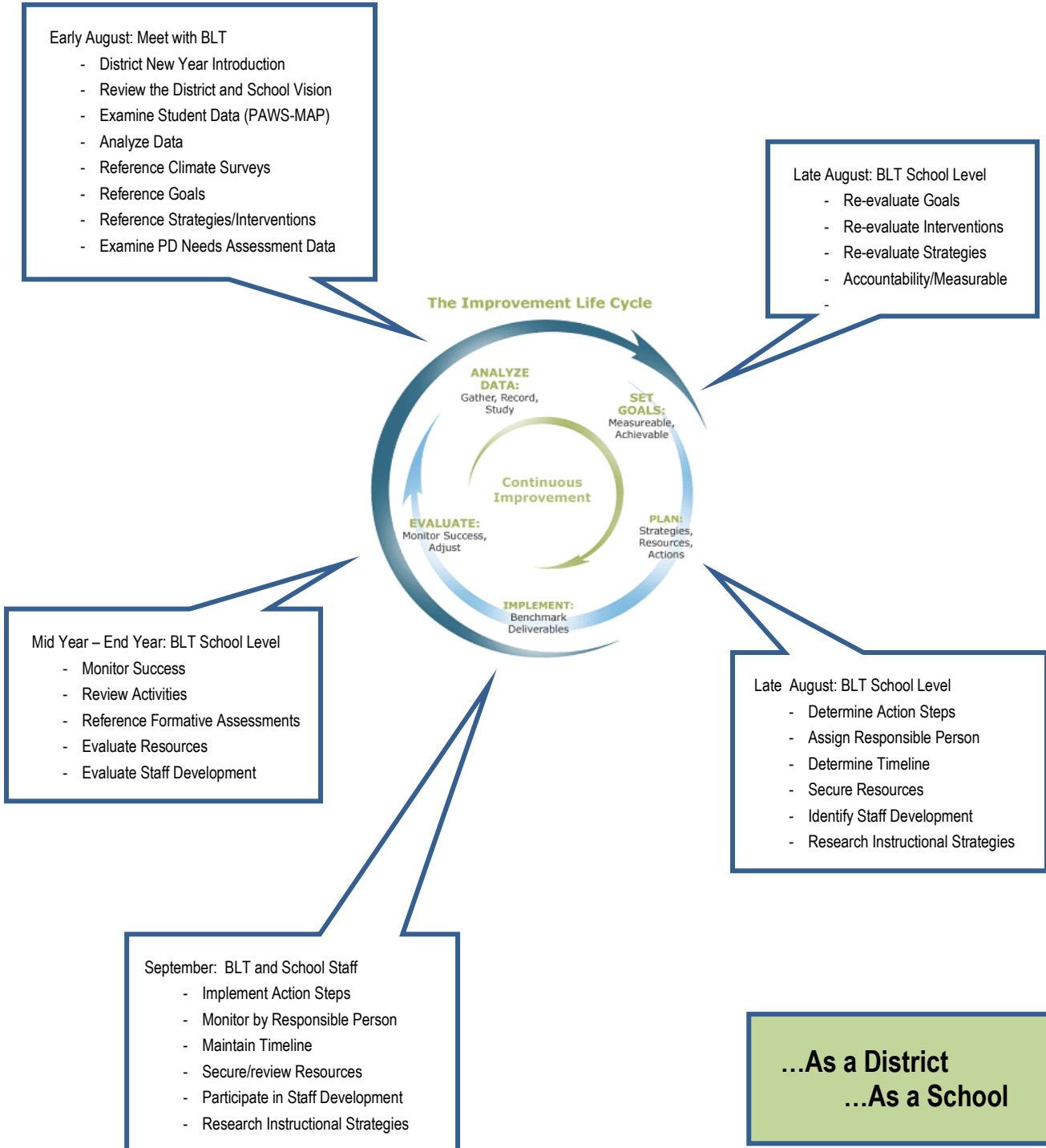


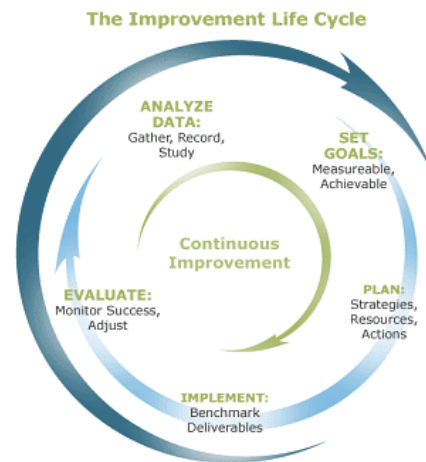
The School Improvement Process: Continuous Improvement



The Process of Continuous Improvement: The Improvement Life Cycle

Continuous Improvement:

- The processes and practices that move schools along a path towards increased student achievement and organizational effectiveness
- A set of operational activities that outline the targets, actions, and resources necessary for effective teaching and learning
- A comprehensive strategic plan, designed to produce results, and executed by a robust set of operational activities and metrics.
- Support of continuous improvement for all schools.



Vision > Data > Goals > Plan (Interventions and Action Steps) > Implement > Evaluate > Analyze Data

Continuous Improvement at the district level is based on the premise that...

Essential components must be in place for a school to truly address comprehensive school improvement.

A school must collect and analyze data, set goals, plan, implement, and evaluate/review (continuously).

A school must commit to a disciplined process for tackling the various activities that define continuous improvement, assigning staff to accomplish the tasks, establishing timelines, and allocating equitable resources.

The whole school must engaged in the school improvement discussion and is accountable for the results.

School improvement isn't the sole responsibility of the principal or the School Improvement Team - it is an initiative and a process that is owned by everyone involved in the life of the school.

School improvement challenges educators to commit to continuously push beyond the line of current competence, to frame and ask new and deeper questions, and to see more than the completion of a management plan.

AdvancED's commitment to school improvement is evidenced by a research-based set of standards and a clearly defined structure for evaluating the extent to which a school needs to implement and sustain continuous improvement.

The accreditation process involves:

- Thorough, rubric-based self-analysis using the seven AdvancED Standards and 56 Indicators for Quality Schools and School Systems
- Comprehensive peer review that provides both commendations and required actions for improvement
- Commitment to continuous improvement by monitoring and evaluating efforts on a yearly basis

AdvancED ASSIST

AdvancED Adaptive System of School Improvement Support Tools (ASSIST) is a state-of-the-art system that allows schools to streamline and enhance their efforts to boost student achievement

ASSIST is an honest, self-assessment, along with thoughtful planning and careful attention to an array of legal and program requirements.

Using AdvancED ASSIST, a school can gain a better understanding of its past successes and opportunities, and confidently build a solid, research-based improvement plan for the future.

The system is a user-friendly online resource that collects and integrates a broad array of data.