



Pathblazer®

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Implementation Strategy

Key Considerations to
Ensure Success



Implementation Success

The Six Key Factors

Now that you've decided to use Pathblazer in your district, you'll want to ensure a smooth Texas SSI implementation that maximizes student outcomes. We have found these to be the six key factors that lay the foundation for implementation success:

1. Outlining your goals
2. Identifying key staff
3. Targeting the right student population
4. Choosing an implementation model
5. Defining technology access
6. Determining diagnostic assessment approach

These six key factors contain the information that will allow your district and Compass Learning to collaboratively plan a Pathblazer implementation that will meet your goals and accelerate student growth.

1. Outlining Your Goals

Before you implement, it's helpful to outline your district's goals and decide how you will measure the success of your Texas SSI implementation. This will serve to keep everyone in the district aligned to the same goals and outcomes.

2. Identifying Key Staff

It's important to identify a project manager, the person who will coordinate the implementation for the district. In addition, you'll want to identify all staff member who are key to the initiative's success. We find that a successful implementation generally includes a curriculum leader, a technology leader, site leaders, and a professional development leader.

3. Targeting the Right Student Population

You will need to decide what student population you intend to target and how to identify that population. Do you want to target only students who have been identified for intervention, example Tier 2 students? Or do you want to accelerate learning for all students in a grade level? Pathblazer diagnostic tools can help you identify the right population at your school.



4. Choosing an Implementation Model

Here are some ways that schools typically integrate Pathblazer into the school day:

- Pull-out groups
- Self-contained intervention classrooms
- Before or after school sessions
- During advisory period
- Blended learning station rotation

Identifying when in the school day students will work in Pathblazer will ensure that student usage is at the levels needed to increase student achievement.

5. Defining Technology Success

You will want to evaluate what devices students will use to access the software and how many students per device. Will you be able to provide each student with a device, or will you need to rotate students on devices using a lab setting or a computer cart? It's a good idea to think about your device strategy for this year, along with planning ahead for the next several years.

6. Determining Your Diagnostic Approach

Finally, you'll need to determine whether you are going to use the Pathblazer screener and diagnostic system to assess student needs or whether you are planning to use the assessment data from one of our partners— NWEA, Renaissance Star, or Scantron Global Scholar. Compass Learning can automate the use of assessment data from these partners to generate student learning paths without additional set up by your district.



Implementation Reflection Questions

Defining Your Strategy

Here are some Reflection Questions that will help you approach defining a strategic vision for district and campuses.

1. What are your district's goals in implementing the program? How will you measure your success?
2. Who are the key staff members responsible for making the implementation successful? Who will manage the project?
3. What population are you intending to serve?
4. During what time of day do you intend to implement Pathblazer?
5. How will students access the technology? How many devices per student do you have short term and long term?
6. How will you assess students for placement into Pathblazer learning paths?

