

Indistar Key Terms and Concepts Definitions

Term or Concept	Definition
Indicator	Brief statement of research-based best practice related to an area of school improvement
Objective	An indicator chosen to be included in a district or school improvement plan. Once an indicator has been assessed, it is now called an objective throughout the process.
Wise Ways	Research-based evidence and examples that help assess each indicator
Process Manager	Person responsible for documenting the work of the team by entering information into the Indistar online tool
Team Leader	Responsible for facilitating the district or school Indistar meetings
Level of Development or Implementation	A district's or school's self-assessment of its current level of implementation of an Indicator
Priority Score	A district's or school's assessment of the level of impact an Indicator would have on student achievement if fully implemented
Opportunity Score	A district's or school's assessment of the level of difficulty to fully implement an indicator
Culture of Candor	District and school personnel talk openly and honestly about their professional practices that contribute to student learning
Coaching Comments	Constructive, non-judgmental feedback to help improvement teams reflect upon and improve their processes and practices