

## New CLC Policies beginning in 2009-10

### Initial five-year CLC grants

During the **current 2009-10 school year**, initial five-year CLC grant projects will have the following requirements:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Due</u>
Year one	no new requirements	N/A
Year two	Identify self-assessment instrument to be used in 2010-11	Spring 2011
Year three	Identify self-assessment to be used in 2010-11	Spring 2011
Year four	There are no fourth year grants in 2009-10	N/A
Year five	No new requirements- however evidence of program improvement will be an asset in application for continuation grants (application sections on sustainability and promise of success offer venues to explain program improvement efforts)	N/A

**The new policy for initial five-year grants:** Starting with the 2010-11 school year and continuing each successive year, the schedule for the self-assessment process will be:

<u>Grant Year</u>	<u>Self-assessment requirements</u>	<u>Report due</u>
Year one	No self-assessment requirements	N/A
Year two	Identify self-assessment instrument To be used during third year	With renewal App.
Year three	Conduct self-assessment and develop plans to improve weak areas	With renewal App.

Year four	Implement plans for program improvement	With renewal App.
Year five	Gather evidence of improvement to show on application for continuation grant	Use data for continuation grant App.

Progress on the above actions will be reported as an extra item on renewal applications and will be necessary for renewal.

### Exceptions for interim period:

Programs that have already completed a CIPAS self-assessment can be exempted from conducting another self-assessment by providing the results of their assessment and showing evidence of the program improvements they have accomplished as a result of their CIPAS self-assessment.

If a program has **already** conducted a self-assessment using an instrument different from CIPAS or the other DPI approved instruments, they can ask for an exemption by submitting the assessment results and the improvements they have made in response to their assessment. DPI will judge these programs on a case-by-case basis.

### Self-Assessment Instruments:

DPI will provide a short list of self-assessment instruments acceptable for the requirement above. This list will be distributed on the CLC list serve and posted on the DPI-CLC website (<http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sspw/clc.html>). Expected distribution date: January 2010. Some programs will cost money for materials and/or training and some will be free. CLCs are expected to fund their self-assessment using their original grant amount. No extra funds will be provided for self-assessment.

## Continuation grant policies

**Policy change:** The duration of Continuation grants meeting expectations will expand from three years to five years effective immediately. All current continuation projects will be funded for five years as long as program requirements are met.

**Policy change:** In order to better ensure that programs are gaining self-sufficiency, continuation grant projects will be required to submit interim reports each Spring. These reports are intended to show that the program is maintaining operations and services.

**Beginning Spring 2010:** All continuation grants will complete a short electronic report on the LPA/PPICS website ( <http://ppics.learningpt.org/PPICSNet/public/Default.aspx> )

- The Interim Report will include:
  - Hours and days of operation for site
  - Number of attendees to date
  - Number of students on track to be regular attendees or that have already attained "regular attendee" status
  - Open field to describe/explain CLC status