

TITLE I DINI PLAN INSTRUCTIONS

DINI Requirements and General Information

The NJDOE must identify for improvement any LEA that, for two consecutive years, does not make adequate progress as defined by the state's accountability system. Once identified for improvement, the LEA must consult with parents, staff and other stakeholders to revise an existing improvement plan or develop a new one no later than three months (90 days) after being identified for improvement.

LEAs must use the DINI plan template posted at www.nj.gov/education/title1/program/ for the district improvement plan.

The DINI plan is separate from the Unified Plans submitted by the LEA. The plan must address deficiencies in the LEA that impede student achievement in language arts literacy and mathematics. The plan must analyze and address LEA deficits in curriculum and instruction, educational leadership, governance and fiscal operations. As a framework for district planning that includes detailed action steps, the LEA improvement plan must:

- Define specific measurable achievement goals and targets for each of the student subgroups whose disaggregated results are included in the State's definition of AYP;
- Incorporate strategies grounded in scientifically based research that will strengthen instruction in core academic subjects;
- Include, as appropriate, student learning activities before school, after school, during the summer, and during any extension of the school year;
- Provide for high-quality professional development for instructional staff that focuses primarily on improved instruction;
- Include strategies to promote effective parental involvement in the schools served by the LEA; and
- Include a determination of why the LEA's previous plan did not bring about increased student academic achievement.

In addition, the plan must specify the LEA's fiscal responsibilities and the state's role as a provider of technical assistance. If applicable, include the prioritized district level CAPA recommendations.

Note: Single school DINIs must only apply SINI sanctions.