

How is test data used at SSIP stakeholder meetings?

State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) stakeholder meetings that include parents of students with disabilities are one way states share information and gather feedback to make informed decisions about the improvement plan.

State or district test data are often shared at these meetings. Test data provide:

- evidence of what students know and can do;
- information on how well instructional programs and policies are working;
- support for instructional decisions that helps students learn rigorous content; and
- guidance for creating policy and making decisions about how to allocate resources.

For example, a state may compare the scores between students without disabilities and students with disabilities in order to decide on an SSIP goal or target that will improve outcomes for all students.

To be active participants in stakeholder meetings, parents should ask questions when needed.

For example:

- “What does that data mean?”
- “Can you say that in a different way?”
- “Why is this data important?”

Parent participation in state SSIP meetings gives them a voice to connect with others, be heard, and most importantly, gives them an opportunity to influence positive outcomes for their children and all students with disabilities!



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