

PARTNERING WITH KENTUCKY SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO STRENGTHEN INSTRUCTION, ACCOUNTABILITY & IMPROVEMENT



Is your district asking questions like these?

- Are our programs actually improving student learning or other important outcomes?
- What's driving the success of our programs, and where can we improve?
- Do we have the right tools and measures in place to track whether we're meeting our goals?
- What evidence do we need to guide future decisions about funding, staffing, or scaling programs?
- Based on school data collected so far, what changes should we make to get better results?

Partner with the University of Kentucky's College of Education Evaluation Center to embed continuous quality improvement into your district's work. Our collaborative approach helps you turn data into smarter decisions. Led by university faculty with deep expertise in K-12 education, our team stays on the cutting edge of research, policy, and analytics—ensuring your evaluation is rigorous, relevant, and aligned with your district's goals.

SERVICES WE OFFER KENTUCKY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Assessment Design & Validation

- Co-development of formative and summative assessments aligned to academic standards
- Validation of district-developed assessments using psychometric techniques
- Analysis of assessment data for fairness, reliability and instructional alignment

Accountability System Development

- Support in creating or refining accountability frameworks aligned to local, state and federal priorities
- Validation of assessments (e.g., student growth, educator effectiveness, climate surveys) for internal and external reporting
- Policy and research-aligned justifications for accountability indicator weighting and thresholds

Curriculum & Program Evaluation

- Evaluation of curriculum implementation, wraparound services or Social and Emotional Learning programs
- Independent evaluations to support grant-funded interventions

Data Collection & Stakeholder Engagement

- Design and administration of educator, student and family surveys
- Focus group, field observations and data dashboards to inform decision-making
- Data interpretation sessions with teachers, principals and district leaders

Long-Term Improvement Partnerships

- Assistance embedding continuous quality improvement models into school and district operations
- District data-driven decision making capacity building
- An external partner on competitive grant applications

LET'S GET STARTED

Contact us at evaluationcenter@uky.edu