

Unified Improvement Plan Online System User Guide

Welcome to the new Online UIP!

This User Guide is written to assist schools and districts in understanding the UIP Online System and includes comparisons between the "paper plan" and the functionality of the Online System. This User Guide is structured to include a screen shot of each page of the UIP Online System and includes a corresponding description of pertinent elements of the page. In many instances, the screen shots look similar to the "paper plan." However, in some cases, screen shots feature new functionality unique to the UIP Online System.

Functionality for building both school plans and district plans in the Online System is similar, therefore, this User Guide applies to both schools and districts. In instances where functionality and/or features differ, this User Guide highlights the differences, including an explanation, if necessary.

Getting Started

BROWSER NOTE: CDE recommends Chrome or Firefox. Only the most recent version of Internet Explorer (IE) works with the Online System (Version 11). Older versions of IE do not work. Link to the system: https://cdeapps.cde.state.co.us/index.html

Migration Tips. The UIP Team recommends reviewing this guide to become familiar with the Online System. It is also recommended using this document as you begin to "copy and paste" your school's and district's "paper plan" into the Online System. "Migration Tips" are included throughout the document.



Migration Tips: Deciding when to Copy and Paste from your Paper UIP







One of the first decisions a planning team must make is whether to write, rewrite or update their UIP. While considerations are included below, more information is available in the UIP Handbook, accessible at: http://www.cde.state.co.us/uip/20142015uiphandbook.

Write: A school or district should write a new plan if they did not have a plan in the prior year (e.g., new schools).

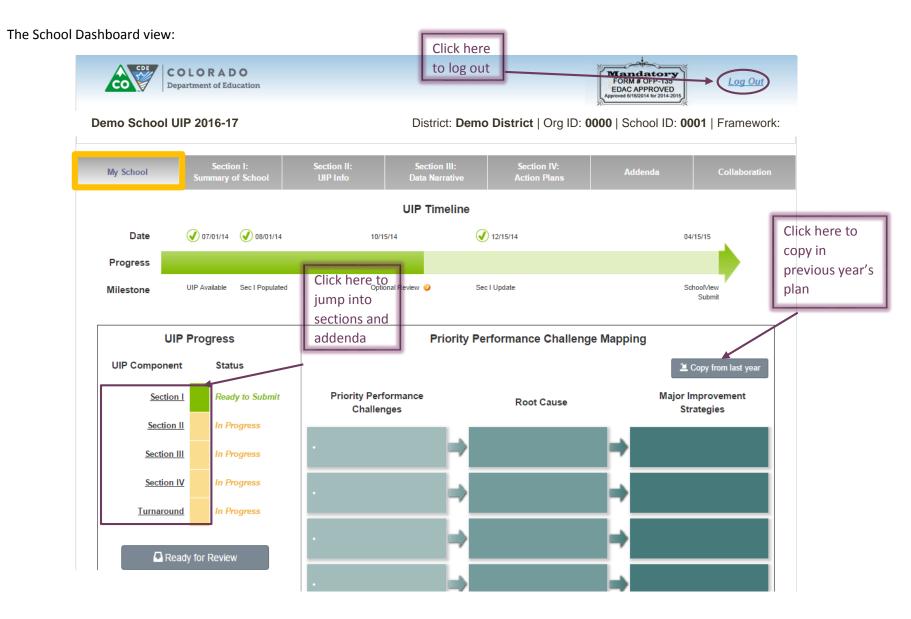
Rewrite: Rewriting is similar to writing a new plan but applies to schools and districts that have had a plan in previous years and have student performance data to draw upon. This approach requires planning teams to fully engage in every planning step as if they did not have a plan the prior year (e.g., new leadership, new approach is needed to address lack of progress). Teams may benefit from starting from scratch in the new online system, rather than taking the time to bring the previous plan into the system.

Update: Updating entails tweaking or building upon the plan from the prior year. Updates include updating the data narrative (e.g., progress on previous year's targets, including recent data in the trend analysis), updating targets and updating the action plan. This is the best option for spending time bringing in the previous plan into the online system.

Homepages: My School and My District

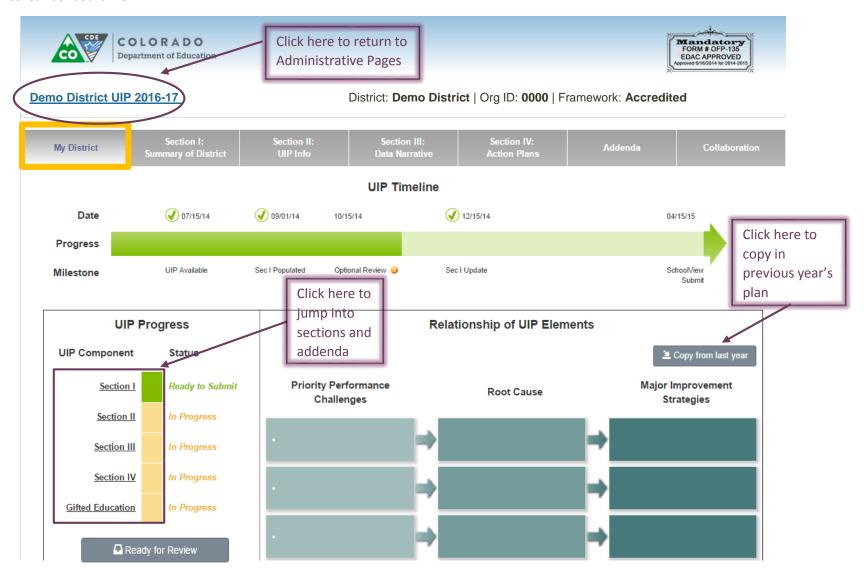
Below are screenshots of the district and school dashboards. The look of the dashboards is one difference in an otherwise very similar system. The dashboard allows schools and districts to quickly and conveniently access sections of the UIP; track completion; and monitor the timeline of UIP submission. As the plan progresses, the dashboard also provides an overview of the school's and district's UIP elements.







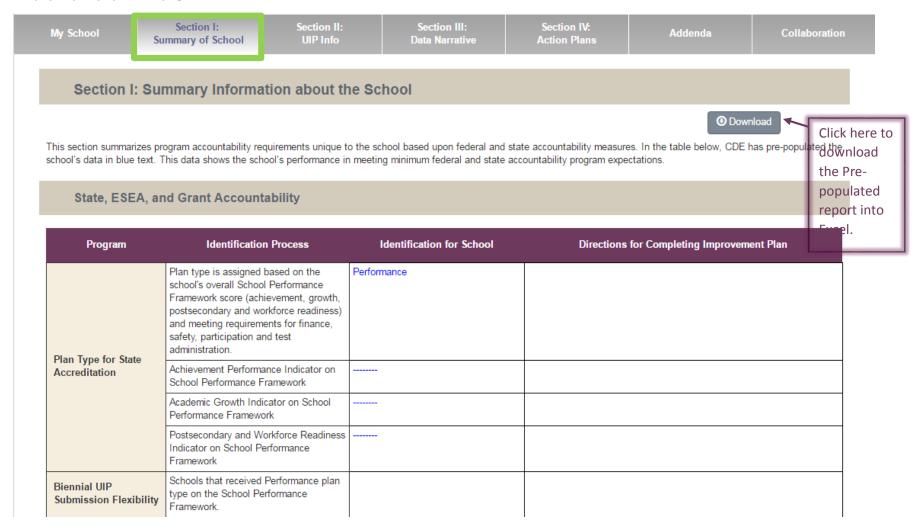
The District Dashboard view:





Section I: Summary of School and Summary of District

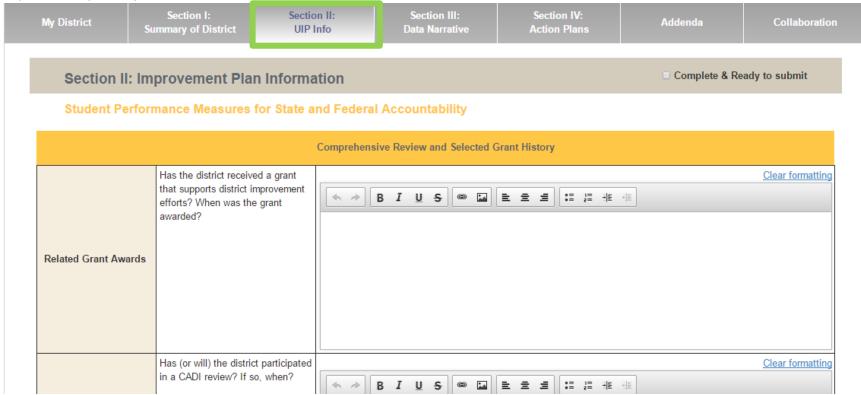
This tab houses the school's and district's Pre-Populated Report in the same format as the paper UIP. Schools and districts also use this page to review grant requirements and accountability data. It will not be printed into the final UIP for the public, unlike the paper version. This report is now just a reference document for the school and district. The Summary page for schools and districts contain different information, just like the paper pre-populated pages.





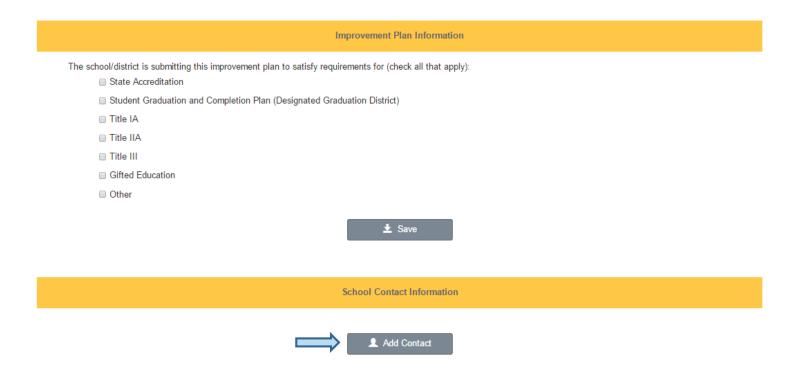
Section II: UIP Info

This section is almost identical to the paper UIP. Schools and districts utilize this section to answer questions about grant history and improvement plan requirements, as well as add school and district contacts.





At the bottom of the page, schools and districts add contact information of school and district staff/administration. These contacts should be the same as contacts added on the paper UIP – those who write/can answer questions regarding this plan. One highlight of the UIP Online System is the ability for districts to access all of their schools' UIP contacts.



Migration Tips: Section II: UIP Info



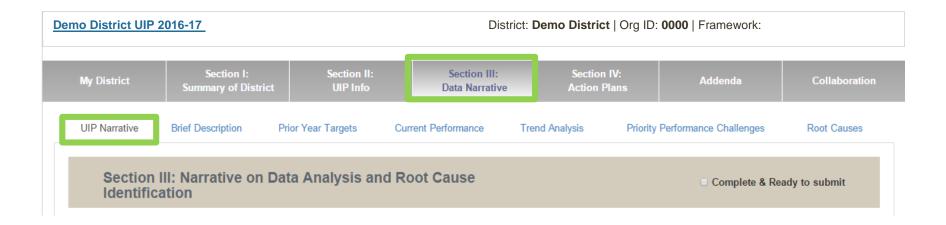


Schools and districts may copy and paste the information from the paper plan into this section, however, pay special attention to the questions asked in the UIP Online System as they have changed slightly from the paper plan. Schools and districts must actively indicate (by clicking each check box) the requirements that the UIP will satisfy. Examples of these requirements include: State Accreditation, Title I Focus School, Tiered Intervention Grant (TIG), etc. Districts will also use this section to indicate the contact information for all relevant school personnel. Schools should include personnel that draft, revise and need information related to the UIP.



Section III: Data Narrative

This section is accessed by clicking on the Section III tab, then clicking through the sub-navigation. While the paper UIP includes two worksheets and an open-ended box for the narrative, the online UIP includes six smaller components that the Online System weaves together to create the Data Narrative: (1) Brief Description; (2) Prior Year Targets; (3) Current Performance; (4) Trend Analysis; (5) Priority Performance Challenges; and (6) Root Causes.





Section III: First tab - UIP Narrative

The first tab of Section III is the UIP Narrative summary page. As a school or district completes the UIP, this page populates with all components of the Data Narrative. Schools and districts also utilize this page as a launch pad for beginning each step of the Data Narrative. It is important to complete the Data Narrative in order, as each step builds on itself. Specifically, trends chosen as "notable" update in the Priority Performance Challenge (PPC) page for reflection. As the school or district writes/updates PPCs, PPCs populate in the Root Cause (RC) section to make distinct connections. Schools or districts may add additional narrative at the end in the "Additional Narrative/Conclusion" section.

Brief Description

Begin Brief Description Narrative

Prior Year Targets

Begin Prior Year Targets

Current Performance

Begin Current Performance Narrative

Trend Analysis

Begin Trend Analysis

Priority Performance Challenges

Begin Priority Performance Challenge Narrative

Root Causes

Begin Root Cause Narrative

Additional Narrative / Conclusion

Add Additional Narrative





Migration Tips: Section III: Data Narrative





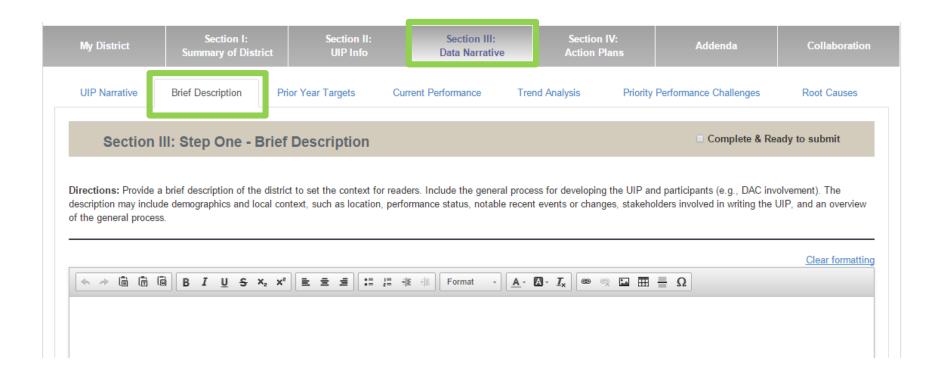


Schools and districts may copy and paste the data narrative from the paper plan into this section. It should be noted that the paper plan includes one large area to complete all data narrative requirements while the Online System divides this section into seven steps automatically woven together to create the Data Narrative. Therefore, for schools and districts to copy and paste this information into the system, they must parse out each of these "sub-sections" from the open-ended narrative box of the paper plan.



Section III: Step One – Brief Description

Schools and districts use this step to provide context and begin the narrative.



Migration Tips: Section III: Brief Description Copy and paste (or draft) the brief description of the district from the data narrative in the paper plan. The brief description sets the context for the readers and may include demographics, local data, performance status, notable recent events or changes, stakeholders involved in drafting/updating the UIP and an overview of the general improvement process. In the online system, the Brief Description is housed in a rich text box, therefore cutting and pasting should operate similarly to working in a word document.



Section III: Step Two -Prior Year Targets

In this step, schools and districts add prior year targets per Performance Indicator (Academic Achievement, Academic Growth, etc.) and then provide a reflection on why those specific targets were chosen and whether or not the targets were met and why. This reflection becomes part of the overall narrative. In future years, the online UIP will copy over the previous year's targets, allowing for ease in updating and revising the plan from year to year.

My District	Section I: Summary of District	Section II: UIP Info	Section III: Data Narrative		Section IV: action Plans	Addenda	Collaboration		
UIP Narrative	Brief Description Pr	ior Year Targets	Current Performance	Trend Analy	sis Priority	Performance Challenges	Root Causes		
Section III: Step Two - Prior Year Targets Complete & Ready to submit									
Directions: Consider the previous year's progress toward the district's targets. Identify the overall magnitude of the district's performance challenges. Note: The first year in using the online UIP, the district must copy and paste the previous years' targets into the system. In subsequent years, the online system will copy over the previous year's targets automatically.									
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Performance Indicat	tor: Academic Growth								
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Provide Overall Reflection on Targets for Academic Growth:									
✓ Write Reflection on *	Targets for Academic Growth								

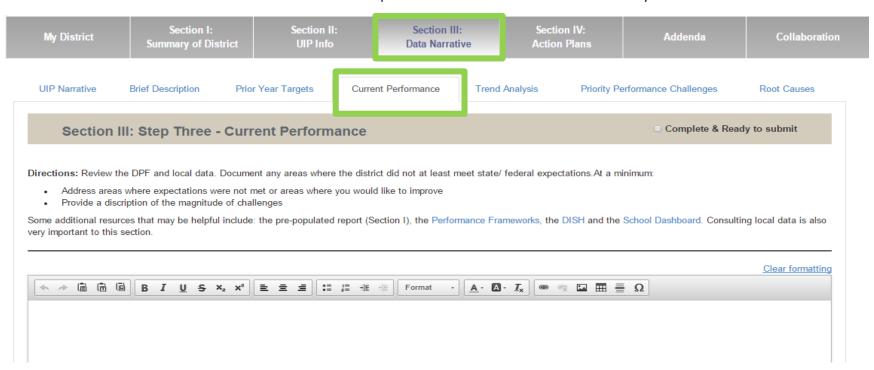


Migration Tips: Section III: Prior Year's Targets Schools and districts should copy and paste the targets into the Online System by clicking "Add Additional Prior Year Target..." per indicator. Underneath each target is a dedicated area for schools and districts to reflect on the targets. This reflection will pull into the overall Narrative

Section III: Step Three - Current Performance.

section. In future years, the targets listed in section IV can be populated into this section.

Schools and districts use this rich text box to reflect on current performance. This reflection is automatically added to the overall data narrative.





Migration Tips: Section III: Current Performance







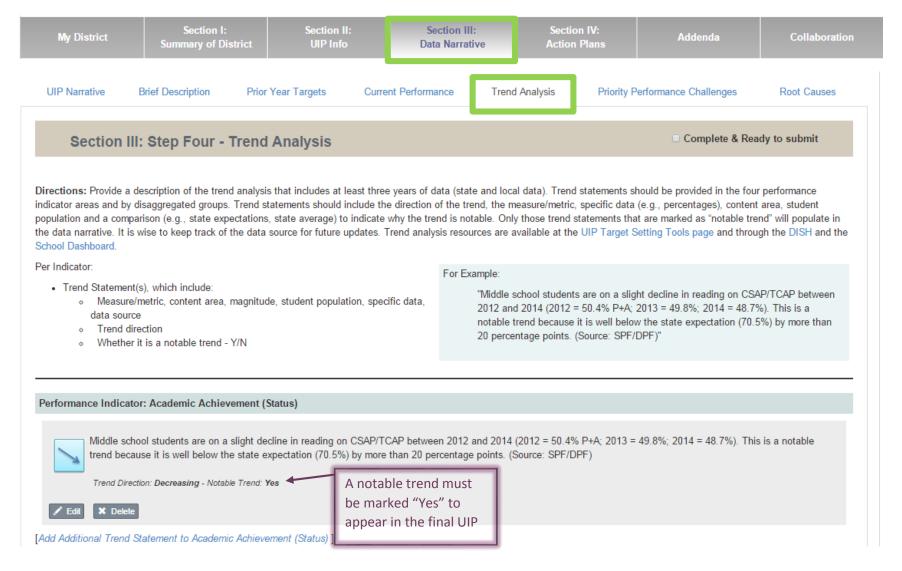
Schools and districts begin this section by clicking on "Begin Current Performance Narrative" on the UIP Narrative Tab in Section III. The Current Performance section is a rich text box where schools and districts may enter information to complete the section. In a school or district's paper plan, "Current Performance" information exists in the large narrative box after Worksheet's #1 and #2. Therefore, schools and districts should only copy and paste this information if the current performance section reflects on and examines data from the 2016-17 school year.

In this section, it is most critical for schools to document the areas where the school and district did not at least meet state/federal expectations. At a minimum, schools and districts should consider their prepopulated report, Performance Frameworks and local data. The DISH and the School Dashboard may be other good resources.



Section III: Step Four – Trend Analysis

Trend Analysis includes three components: (1) writing the trend statement; (2) identifying the trend direction; and (3) identifying whether or not the trend is "notable." New to the Online System is the ability to identify the trend direction from a drop down menu (e.g. stable, increasing, decreasing). Once a district makes an identification, an icon representing the trend direction appears. Additionally, selected notable trends populate in the subsequent Priority Performance Challenge step, allowing schools and districts to reflect on notable trends when developing PPCs.





Migration Tips: Section III: Trend Analysis







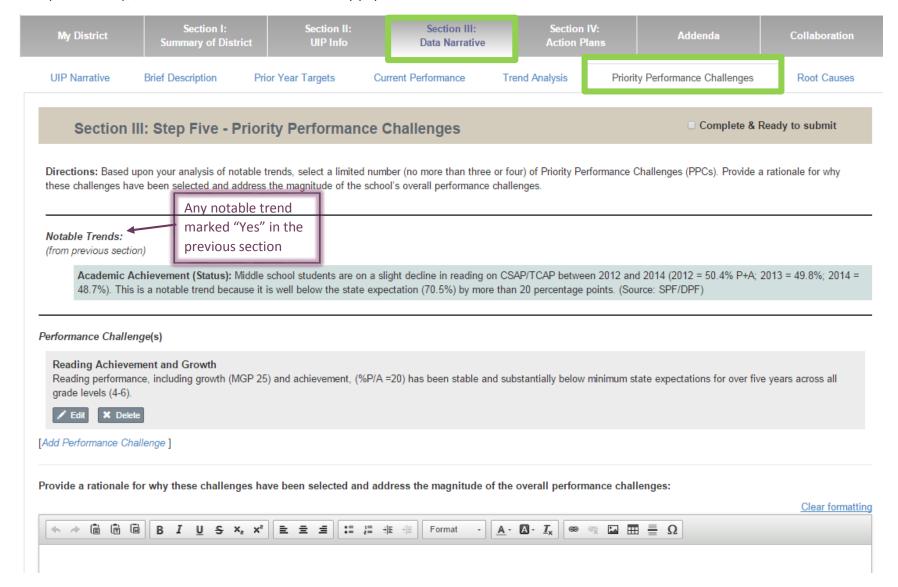
In the paper plan, trend analysis is completed on Worksheet #2. Schools enter a "Description of Notable Trends" in the first column of the chart. Trends are organized by performance indicator. Similarly, the Online System requires schools to draft trends by performance indicator. Trends should consider three years of state and local data.

Schools and districts copying and pasting trends in the Online System should consult Worksheet #2 in the paper plan and determine whether or not the statements must be updated or rewritten based on any new data since the trends were drafted. Schools and districts then click on the "Add Additional Trend Statement to [performance indicator]." Schools and districts must complete three steps when adding a trend statement: (1) enter the trend statement; (2) identify the "Trend Direction" from the drop down menu (this is a new feature of the Online System); and (3) click Yes or No to identify whether or not it is a Notable Trend (also a new feature). Any "Notable Trends" are populated at the top the Priority Performance Challenges page.



Section III: Step Five - Priority Performance Challenges

Any trends marked "notable" in step four appear at the top of this page. Schools and districts use these notable trends to narrow the plan's focus on the school and district's greatest performance challenges. To add PPCs, schools and districts select the "Add Performance Challenge" button. Once schools and districts generate PPCs, schools and districts provide a rationale explaining why these challenges were selected. As with previous steps, the PPC and rationale automatically populate in the data narrative.





Migration Tips: Section III: Priority Performance Challenges





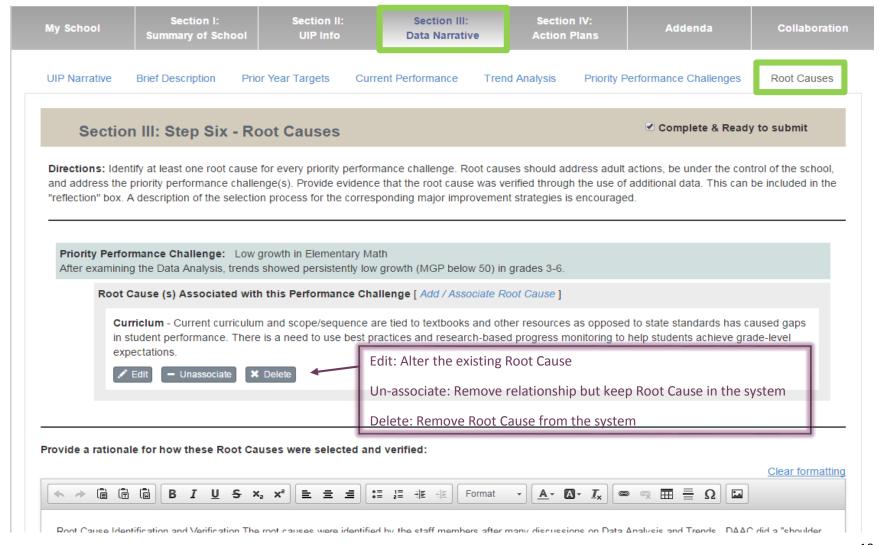


Respond to the Notable Trends that have populated at the top of the page with your Priority Performance Challenges (PPCs). Like Notable Trends, PPCs reside on Worksheet #2 in the paper plan in the second column. For schools and districts copying and pasting information from the 2015-16 plan, revise PPCs based on the most up to date performance data. Schools and districts should also note that the Online System requires both a "Name" and "Description" for PPCs. The "Name" will populate on the first page of the plan to show the relationship between Root Causes and Major Improvement Strategies. Therefore, it is important for schools and districts to use a succinct, yet sufficiently descriptive "Name." Once PPCs (Name and Description) are entered into the plan, schools and districts must also provide a rationale for why the specific PPCs are the focus of the plan. For schools and districts copying and pasting, rationale for PPCs most likely exist in the Data Narrative of the paper plan.



Section III: Step Six – Root Causes

In the Root Cause step, the plan continues to build on itself as all PPCs from the previous step automatically populate. In this step, schools and districts identify the Root Cause(s) of their PPCs. The Online System's functionality allows schools and districts to create associations between the PPCs and the Root Cause(s) by either adding or associating (an already created) Root Cause. Another helpful feature of the Online System – should a Root Cause correspond with one or more PPCs, schools and districts may "Associate an Already Existing Root Cause." Once schools and districts create/associate Root Causes, provide a rationale for why those Root Causes were selected. Again, the Root Causes and corresponding rationale will merge into the overall data narrative.





Migration Tips: Section III: Root Causes



The Online System also carries forward the PPCs to the Root Cause tab. Root causes in the paper plan are found in Worksheet #2. If the Root Causes in the paper plan are the same and correlate with the PPCs, schools and districts may simply cut and paste root causes from the paper plan and attach to the corresponding PPC. Simply click "Add/Associate Root Cause" under the appropriate Priority Performance Challenge. Should a Root Cause apply to more than one PPC, once the Root Cause is entered into the Online System, it will appear in the dropdown of the "Add/Associate Root Cause" button.

As mentioned earlier, as a school or district completes each step of Section III: Data Narrative, the summary page populates with all completed components of the narrative. Schools and districts may continue to edit the Data Narrative steps by accessing all components on this summary page.

Once a school or district completes Section III: Data Narrative, move to Section IV: Action Plans. Section IV includes two sub tabs: District Target Setting Form and Planning Form.

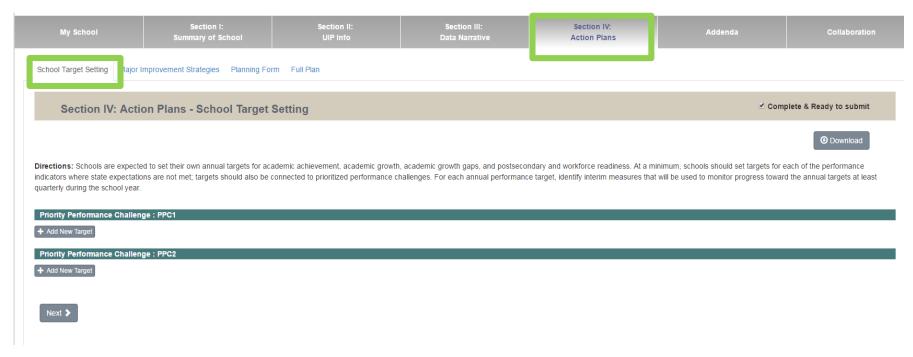


Section IV: Action Plans

Two tabs make up the Action Planning section of the Online System: (1) School/District Target Setting Form and (2) Planning Form. These online forms are equivalent to the same forms in the paper plan.

Section IV: Target Setting

Schools and districts use this section to set targets for the current and upcoming school years, per academic indicator.



The area to add targets will display after the author has created priority performance challenges on Section III, Priority Performance Challenges. For each target, select the Priority Performance Challenge; identify the metric; include the target for the current and upcoming year; and add interim measure(s). The targets set in this form for the current year automatically transfer to Section III: Reflection on Previous Year's Targets. This is another time-saving step for districts as they revise and update their UIP throughout their continuous improvement cycle.



Performance Indicator: Measures / Metrics: Annual 2016-2017: Math Growth 4th and 5th Grade Increase to 35%tile rank and meet state expectations Performance Targets 2017-2018: Meet state expectations for 3rd through 5th grades Interim Measures for 2016-2017: NWEA quarterly scores Grade level Common Assessments (Unit Tests)

Migration Tips: Section IV: Target Setting



To add targets, click on the "Add" link under each indicator. For example, if a school or district intends to add a target under the first Priority Performance Challenge, simply click "Add New Academic Growth Target." This will open a new form that includes the following:

Performance Indicator: Select from a drop down menu. Copy and paste not necessary.

Subject: Select from a drop down menu. Copy and paste not necessary.

2016-17: Copy and paste applicable target from 2015-16 plan. These targets exist in Section IV: Action Plan, in the target setting form.

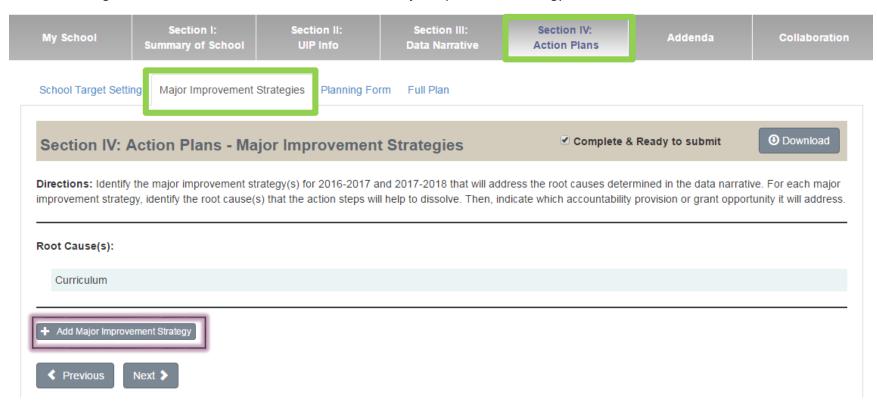
2017-18: Enter a new target.

Interim Measures: Enter new interim measures.



Section IV: Action Plans- Planning Form

Use the Planning Form to create the Action Plan. First, add the Major Improvement Strategy.





Once a school or district populates a Major Improvement Strategy (and the associated accountability provisions), either add a Root Cause or associate the appropriate Root Cause(s). To add a Root Cause, select "Add Root Cause" under the Root Cause label on the left hand side of the screen. To associate an existing Root Cause, select "Associate Root Cause" found within the Root Cause "box."

Major Improvement Strategy: Align	✓ Edit Improvement Strategy	★ Delete Improvement Strategy	
MIS Description	Curriculum will be aligned between district schools, as well as aligned to the Color	ado Academic Standards.	
Root Cause Add Root Cause	Select existing Root Cause Reading Curriculum ▼ * Cancel		
Accountability Provisions	- State Accreditation		

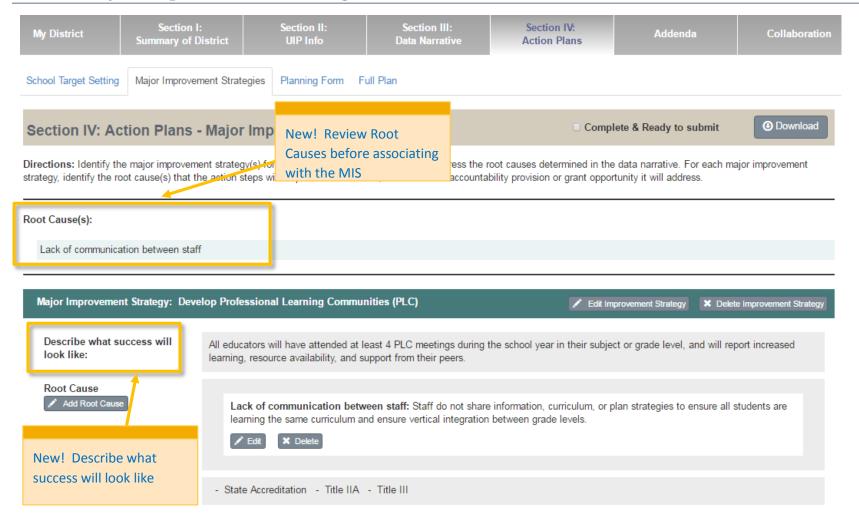
Once schools or districts select Root Cause(s), begin to add Action Steps associated with the Major Improvement Strategies on the next tab, "Planning Form".

Major Improvement Strategy: Align	✓ Edit Improvement Strategy	★ Delete Improvement Strategy	
MIS Description	Curriculum will be aligned between district schools, as well as aligned to the Colora	ndo Academic Standards.	
Root Cause Add Root Cause	Reading Curriculum: The curriculum for reading is not aligned with other dis	trict schools, nor the Colorado	Academic Standards.
Accountability Provisions	- State Accreditation		
+ Add Action Step			



In an effort to add additional flexibility to the online action plan, the Improvement Planning unit has altered the structure of Section IV: Action Plans. Updates have been made to the Major Improvement Strategy tab, and Implementation Benchmarks are no longer a subset of an Action Step. Now, Implementation Benchmarks are separated out, and can be associated in multiple ways with each Action Step.

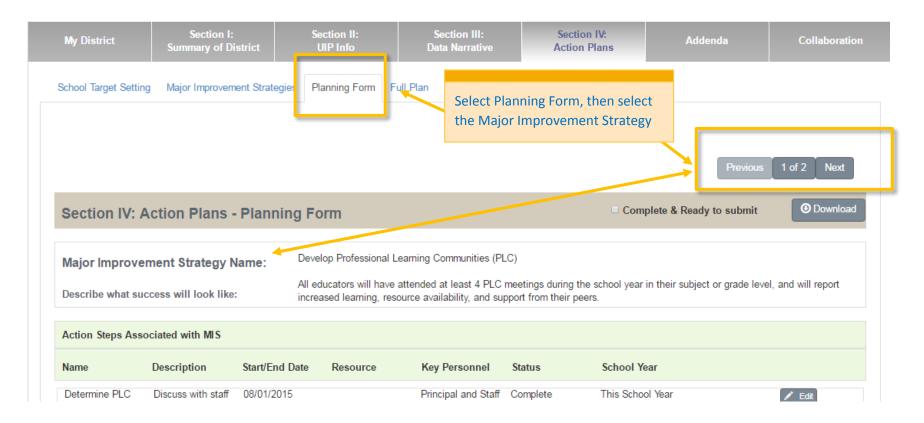
Part 1: Major Improvement Strategies





Part 2: Planning Form

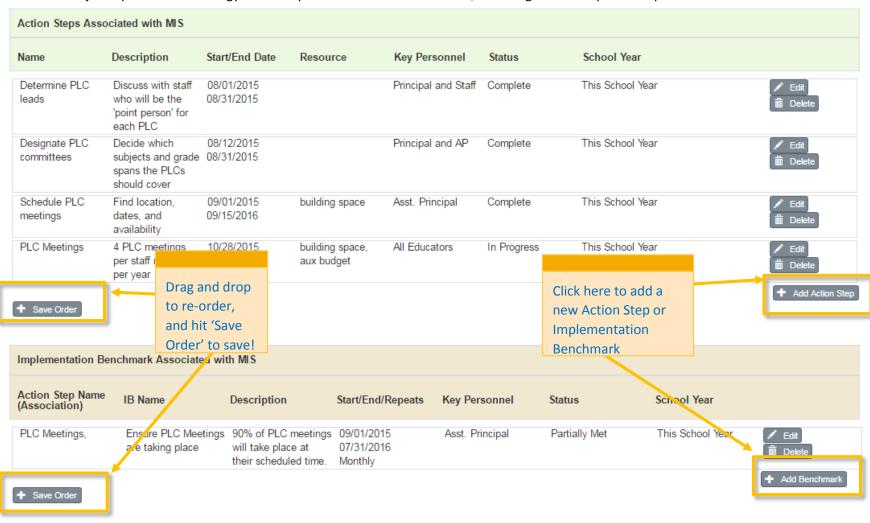
Action Steps have remained the same, and all data will migrate over from last year when you hit the 'Copy from Last Year' button on the My District Tab. First, go to the Major Improvement Strategy you would like to write an Action Plan for.





Part 3: Action Steps and Implementation Benchmarks

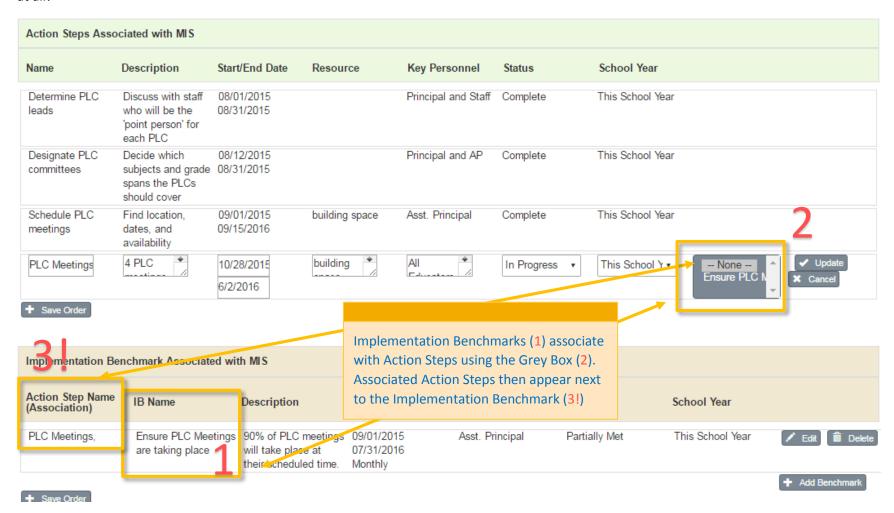
Below the Major Improvement Strategy is where you will write the Action Plan, including Action Steps and Implementation Benchmarks





Part 4 – Associate Action Steps and Implementation Benchmarks

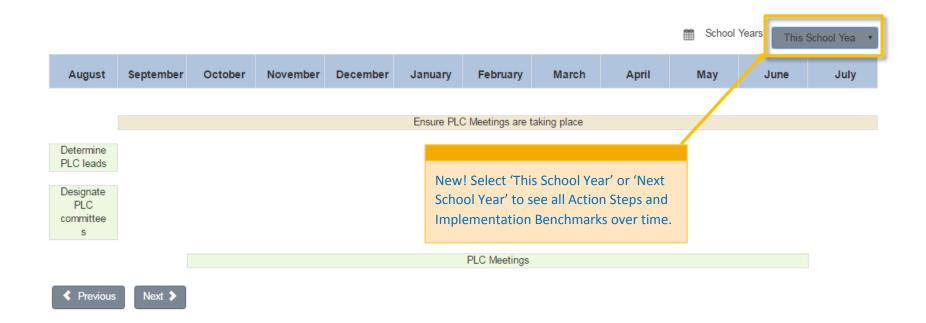
Once you have written Action Steps and Implementation Benchmarks, they can be associated together in any way that makes sense to you. This may be 1 Implementation Benchmark to 5 different Action Steps, or 1 Action Step to 5 different Implementation Benchmarks, or no association at all!





Part 5 - Gantt Chart

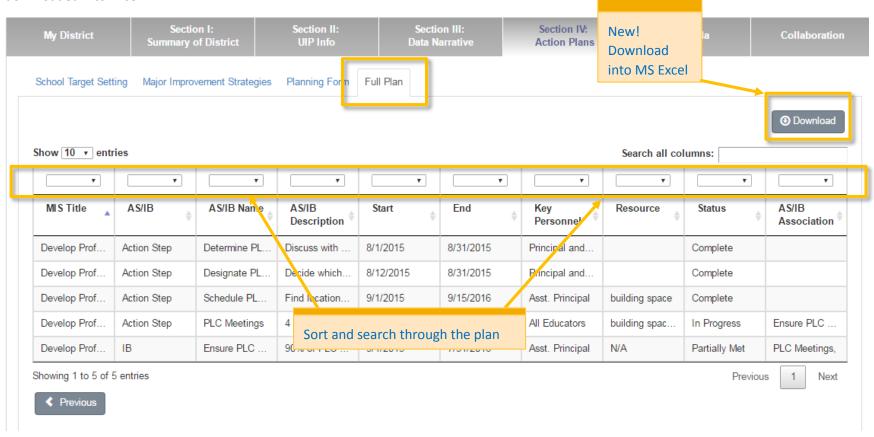
At the bottom of every Action Plan, there is a Gantt Chart calendar that shows you every item planned for the school year, including what month(s), the span, and the type of action. Implementation Benchmarks are orange, while Action Steps are green.





Part 6- Full Plan

This tab displays the Action Steps and Implementation Benchmarks for every Major Improvement Strategy in one sortable list. This can also be downloaded into Excel.





Migration Tips: Section IV: Planning Form





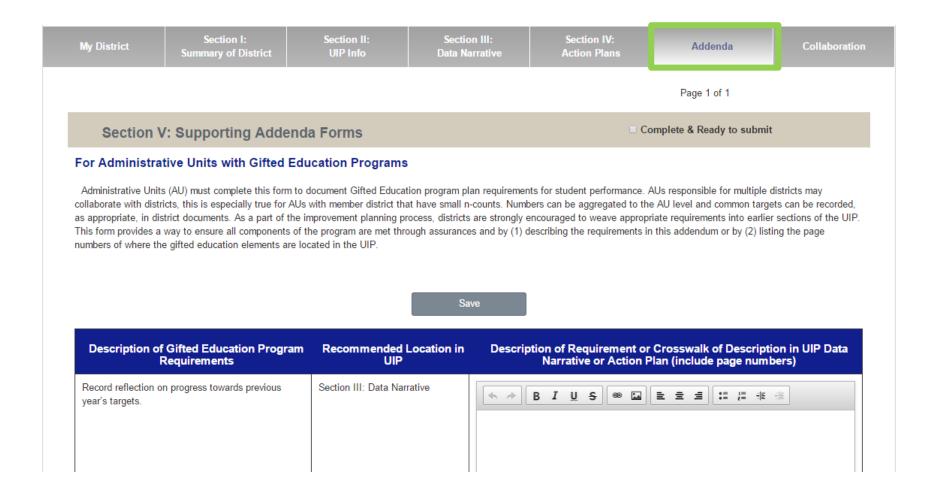


Because Unified Improvement Plans are two year plans, schools may find it fairly easy to cut and paste any action steps that are still relevant to the 2016-17 school year. First, enter the Major Improvement Strategy (both Name and Description required, similar to PPCs) and click the box(es) that the Major Improvement Strategy addresses (e.g., State Accreditation). Next, associate the applicable Root Cause(s). Then head to the Planning Form, click "Add Action Step" and complete the following: Name, Start/End Date, School Year, Resources, Key Personnel and Status. Next, you can add Implementation Benchmarks and complete the following: Name, Description, Start/End Date, Key Personnel, Status, and School Year. Finally, go back and edit the Action Step to build the Implementation Benchmark and Action Step relationship.



Section V: Addenda

The Addenda Section may include the following Addenda for districts: District Turnaround Status; Student Graduation and Completion Plan; ESEA; Title III; Gifted Education Program, and for schools: Turnaround; TIG; and Title I School Wide. Addenda are populated based on the school or district's grant and program requirements, therefore districts must complete any attached Addenda.





Migration Tips: Section V: Addenda Forms

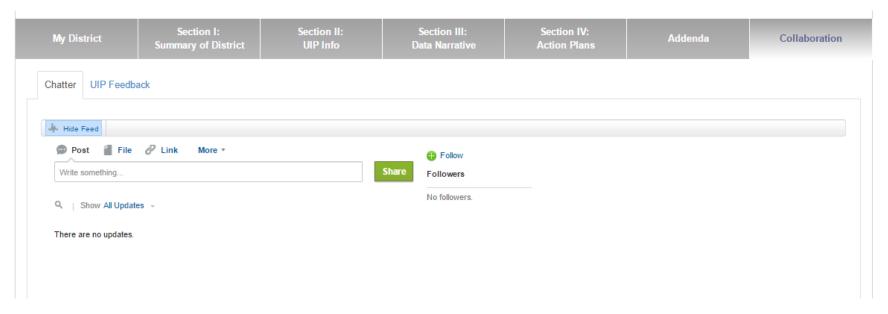


Addenda in the Online System should look very similar to the paper plan. A district completing addenda should review the information existing in the paper plan, copying and pasting any appropriate information and updating or completing elements or requirements new for the 2016-17 school year.

Last Tab: Collaboration

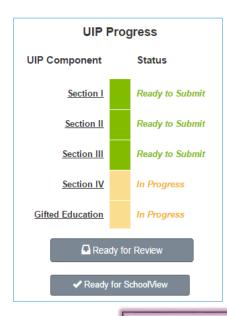
Collaboration has two sub tabs- Chatter and UIP Feedback.

Chatter is a way for districts and schools to communicate about their improvement plans; school and district users to talk to each other; and CDE to comment on the plan. Use this section like a chat box. This chat will only be seen by users with access to the plan.





Submitting a Completed Plan



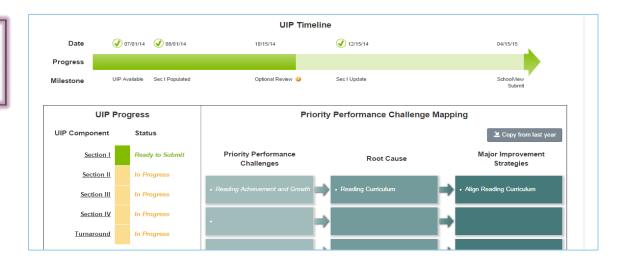
As schools and districts complete each section, mark the "Complete & Ready to Submit" check box in the top bar. These check boxes correspond to the UIP Progress Bar on the first page of the Online System. As schools and districts complete each section, the UIP Progress Bar shows each section as "Ready to Submit."

Similar to the UIP Progress bar, as schools and districts complete each section of the UIP, the UIP Elements progress bar populates with the district's PPCs, RCs and MISs.

For schools: once the UIP is complete, hit the 'ready for review' which will indicate to the district that the UIP is ready for review before submission to CDE.

For districts: select 'Ready for SchoolView' for schools and districts that are ready to be posted. Refer to the District Administrator guide for more information on submission.

Click here to submit to CDE and/or submit for public posting





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