

Ashwood SD 8 - 2051 - Annual Questions

Question	Response
1 There are clear impacts from the reduction in SIA funding and from the direct efforts to respond to COVID-19. While you can't fully set those aside, what is important for your community, including focal student groups, families, and educators, to understand about your SIA implementation efforts during the 2020-21 school year and the positive impacts that have occurred? How were you able to make progress towards the goals and outcomes you were aiming at with SIA funding and processes? (500 words or less)	Students began receiving SEL services from a certified counselor. This was just the beginning of a relationship with Culver's counselors and opened the door to continued work with them.
2 What barriers, impediments, or challenges to your SIA implementation have you faced or identified that are helpful for your community and/or state leaders to be aware of? (500 words or less)	While we initially set out to hire a .4 FTE educational assistant, we were unable to do so due to funding decreases. It is difficult to find employees in our remote location. It is also quite difficult to find an employee willing to work just 6 hours a week. We were fortunate to have a current employee willing to take on the additional position.
3 SIA implementation includes ongoing engagement with focal students, the families of focal students, and educators. What successes and challenges, if any, have you experienced in maintaining engagement? (500 words or less)	Our community, students and parents are quite engaged with the school. There have not been any difficulties in keeping them engaged. The most difficult piece was the workload this grant created for staff.
4 Please share your professional assessment of what guided your choices and prioritization efforts in the first year of SIA implementation? What stands out? Anything important or surprising to report back or reflect on? How were key decisions on scaled down implementation made? What impacts, if any, are helpful to name in how you navigated through the last year, specifically as it relates to SIA implementation? (500 words or less)	This year, our decisions were guided by which strategies would create the most significant impact directly on students while not increasing current staff's workload overly much. Bringing in support staff to work directly with children was valued most by staff and board members.
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