

# PLATO® Professional Services Student Achievement Model



- Building educator capacity
  - Aligning curriculum to standards
  - Facilitating school improvement planning
  - Supporting continuous improvement

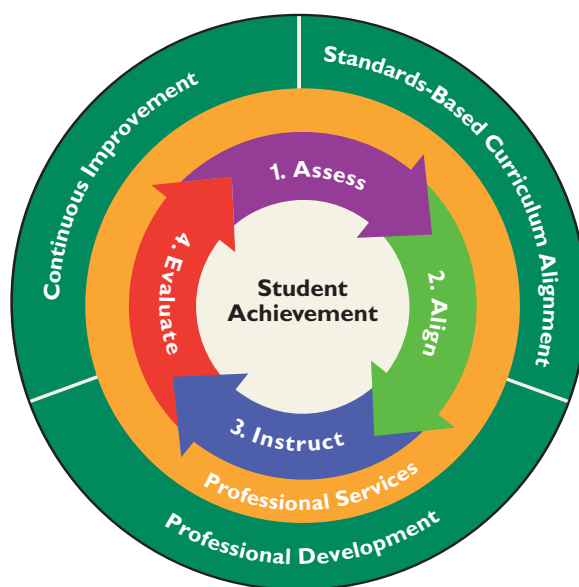
# Fostering meaningful change that promotes student achievement

As a long standing industry leader in the field of education, PLATO Professional Services is committed to creating successful partnerships with educators in order to further the common goal of improving education for all learners. By combining high-quality educational products with extensive consulting experience, PLATO Professional Services bring years of research together with real-world expertise in a new way to serve the needs of clients nationwide.

## The foundation of success for PLATO® Professional Services

In standards-based education, effective instruction depends on adequate and consistent alignment of standards, benchmarks, assessment, and instruction, thus allowing educators to implement strategies for continuous improvement, curriculum alignment, professional development, and evaluation. The PLATO® Student Achievement Model encompasses these improvement strategies, offering educators a guide to creating their individualized plans. The model is a framework that helps to build educator capacity while promoting learning. It was developed using effective schools research, continuous improvement theory, and school-based action research.

The PLATO Student Achievement Model serves as the foundation for the success of PLATO® Professional Services, defining the framework by which PLATO Learning builds the processes for continuous improvement, standards-based curriculum alignment, building educator capacity, and sustaining measurable results through highly qualified professional development.



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*PLATO Professional Services builds educator capacity through the use of PLATO Learning products, services, and strategies for fostering meaningful change that promotes student achievement.*

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## The PLATO Student Achievement Model: How the process begins

A successful student achievement initiative involves planning, implementation, and continuous improvement with a focus on scalability and sustainability of programs. Ideally, PLATO Professional Services begins as clients define their program objectives and continues through planning, implementation, and evaluation. However, it is possible to start at any point in the process and proceed by applying the principles of continuous improvement.

**Assess**—PLATO Professional Services partners with educators to articulate and develop program strategies based on school and/or classroom data.

- Identify key people for success and establish a core team
- Collect initial achievement data and background information
- Identify the key measure(s) for success
- Develop program strategies
- Outline a Professional Development Plan

**Align**—PLATO Professional Services partners with educators to align resources, tools, processes, and needs.

- Align curriculum and assessment resources with standards
- Coordinate professional development with identified needs
- Consult on product knowledge and technologies to support program objectives
- Align instructional capacity with instructional objectives

**Instruct**—PLATO Professional Services partners with educators to translate knowledge into effective instructional practices.

- Consult on product usage consistent with program objectives
- Develop educator capacity and product knowledge
- Model use of instructional technologies and resources
- Promote strategies for building motivation and confidence
- Apply instructional methodologies to reinforce program objectives
- Facilitate team leadership and build capacity to sustain program effectiveness

**Evaluate**—PLATO Professional Services partners with educators to collect and analyze data to determine results and next steps.

- Facilitate gathering data using the key measures for success
- Assist in verifying results and interpreting data
- Recommend actions based on information gathered from data
- Compile and disseminate results on student achievement and program objectives

# Committed to creating successful partnerships that build educator capacity to promote achievement



## Why use PLATO Professional Services?

PLATO Professional Services, in partnership with clients, facilitates the planning and design of improvement strategies to attain student achievement goals, using a combination of technologies and services. Extending far beyond product training, PLATO Learning offers professional development programs that adapt to the client's needs.

PLATO Learning devotes considerable time to researching new methods and applying best practices that promote student achievement. The broad scope of our consulting services addresses the full range of challenges faced by educators today, to include meeting critical accountability requirements, implementing technology in the classroom, and meeting the needs of a diverse student population. PLATO® Educational Consultants possess an unmatched understanding in the use of technology as a lever for educational change when combined with proven instructional methods.

With a highly qualified staff of educators and specialists, PLATO Professional Services is guided by the principles of flexibility, accountability, and partnership. Whether it's basic, how-to training that has immediate classroom impact or broad-reaching development that supports continuous improvement, PLATO Professional Services creates tailored, long-term consulting relationships that help educators and administrators achieve their specific goals.

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*“PLATO Professional Services came to the table with an effective model of implementation and a game plan to promote our short- and long-term instructional goals.”*

—Betsy Apolito, principal, Mound Street Health Academy, Dayton, Ohio

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