

Assignment #7: Accountability and Data

With the arsenal of data you have now collected, the final piece of the puzzle is to develop an accountability plan, which will aid the target district. Your job is to develop the first step in that plan.

Part 1:

To enable us to assemble the **FIRST** step in our plan to improve your “Target District”, we must further aggregate (summarize) your data into **ONE** meaningful table. This table will allow you to view all four areas for all 10 districts. Then you can see the final rankings, which will provide the first step for the Target District. It will take us three simple steps to do this!

So, first we must take the “Sum of Rankings” score developed in Action Assignment #6 and move it into the table below for each of the four areas. Then as before, rank those “Sums” for each districts in the column named “Rank”. Then add the “Rank” columns together for a “Sum of Ranks”. (Again, you may use my table as a template or your own.) Your final 3 tables should look like these:

Summary Table 1: Four Area Rankings							
District	Finance Sum	Rank	Instruction Sum	Rank	Demographic Sum	Rank	Achievement Sum
Aspiration							
D1							
D2							
D3							
Target							

Part 2:

Now copy **ONLY** the individual district ranks and the “Sum of Ranks” to this table. Then, one last time, rank order the districts by “Sum of Ranks” and rank the districts by “Overall District Rank”

Summary Table 2: Overall Rankings by Districts						
District	Finance Rank	Instruction Rank	Demographic Rank	Achievement Rank	Sum of Ranks	Overall District Rank
Aspiration						
Target						

Part 3: Finally, in this table, list the districts in ranked order using the “Overall District Rank” you determined in Table 2. (Include all of the data in Table 2 as well). Since we have no way of knowing that the “aspiration district will be the highest ranked or the Target district will be the lowest, the “blue” shading should mark your Aspiration district and the “amber” should mark your target district. (If you constructed your own tables, use whatever two colors you wish to mark your Aspiration and Target districts on this final table.)

Summary Table 3: Overall Rankings by Districts						
District	Finance Rank	Instruction Rank	Demographic Rank	Achievement Rank	Sum of Ranks	Overall District Rank
						5
						4
						3
						2
						1

Part 4: Your Final Plan: Developing your First Planning Step

Ok, so what? What do these data now tell you about what you might do first? Examine your data to see what districts, in each area, have performed better than your target district. Pick out the district and area of one of the districts closest to your target district that might provide a good first step action based upon what you see in this final table. You

can mark this first step in a color within the chart itself. List what you see as the first step(s) you might take using the data from Table 3.

Part 5:

Now, based upon the data you put together in other assignments, give some specifics to your plan to move this district forward by using the accountability questions set out below as a beginning.

Area of Focus	What do we have?	What do we need?	First Step: District Model Indicator (from Table 3)
Finance			
Instruction			
Community Demographics			
Achievement			

Write a one-page summary memo (be precise and concise!) to your supervisor outlining what you did, why you did it, and what you would recommend doing, starting this Fall, for moving toward improving your target district.

Congratulations! You have developed an accountability plan using school based data analysis!