

# **General Supervision**





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# Concepts of General Supervision

Accountability for Implementation & Improved Results

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#### The BIG 8 of General Supervision (and Continuous Improvement)

1. What are the minimum **components** for General Supervision ?

2. How do the components form a state **system** ?

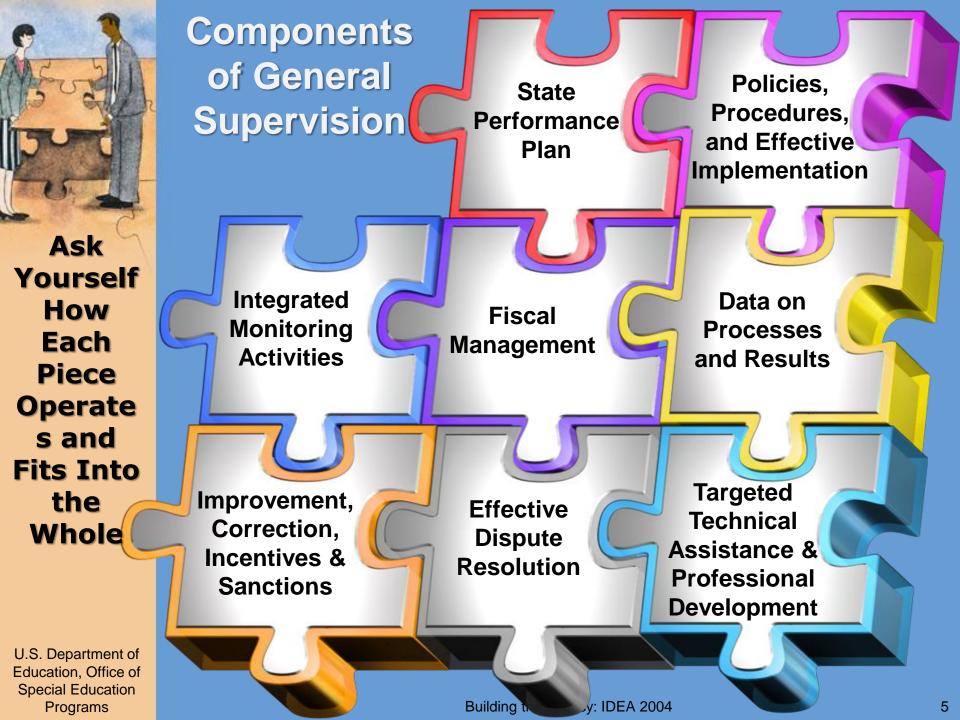
3. What are the annual **processes** operating within the system ?

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# Difference between Concepts & a Model

Each state develops Its Own Model of General Supervision based on what's required and desired

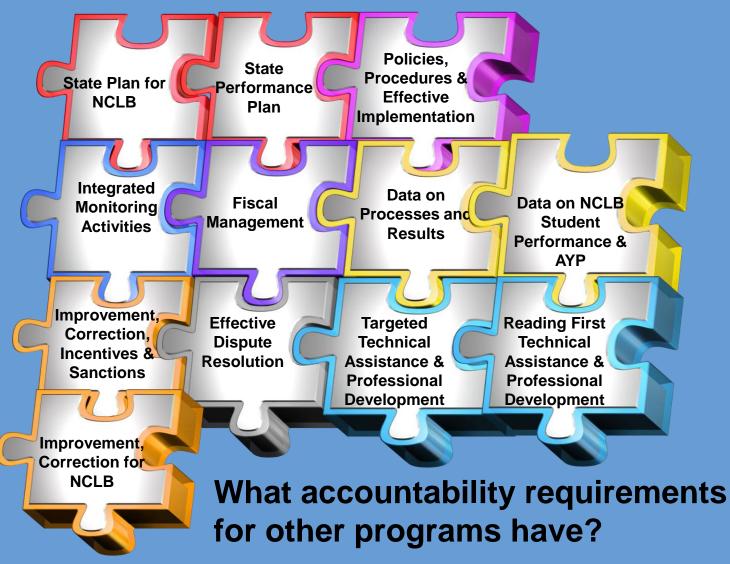




How Do the Big 8 Fit Into a State System 2

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#### Accountability's Big View



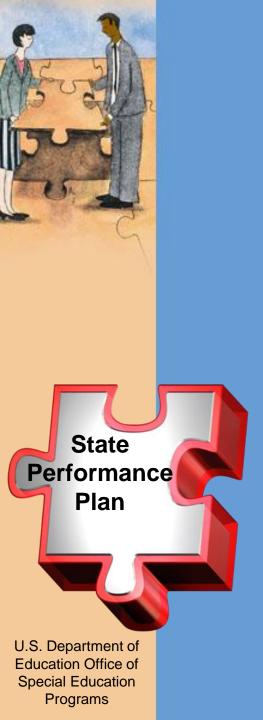
# Requirements: State Performance Plan (SPP)

- 34 CFR §§76.720 and 80.40 Annual performance reports (APRs)
- 34 CFR §300.157 Performance goals and indicators
- 34 CFR §300.601 SPP
- 34 CFR §300.600 (c) and (d) Monitoring and enforcement
- 34 CFR §300.602 Targets and reporting

State

Performance

Plan



# State Performance Plan

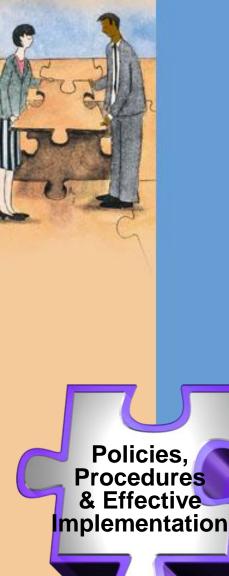
- Stakeholders should be actively involved in all aspects of the SPP.
- The development and implementation of the SPP leads to improved results.
- Reporting is critical to ensuring accountability to the public.
- The SPP is the blueprint for systems change.

#### Requirements: Policies, Procedures & Effective Implementation

- 20 U.S.C. §1232d(b)(1) Program administered in accordance with rules
- 20 U.S.C. §1232e(b)(1) local educational agency (LEA) administers program in accordance with rules
- 34 CFR §76.700 Compliance with statutes
  - 34 CFR §300.100 State policies and procedures (state plan)
  - 34 CFR §300.154 Methods of ensuring services
  - 34 CFR §§300.200-300.201 LEA policies and procedures

Policies, Procedures

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# Policies, Procedures & Effective Implementation

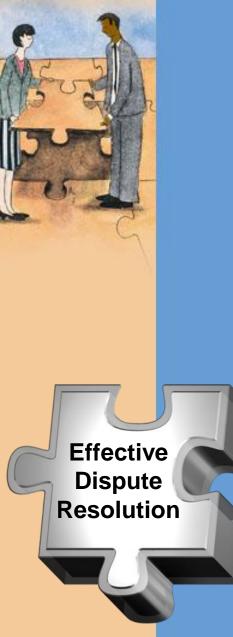
- Aligned with IDEA
- Implemented by local programs
- Methods to detect noncompliance and ensure correction of noncompliance
- Program improvement through
  improvement planning and incentives
  - Current interagency agreements and memoranda of understanding (MOU)
     when required to ensure IDEA
     implementation
- Mechanisms to determine effectiveness of agreements and MOU

# Requirements: Effective Dispute Resolution

- 34 CFR §300.150 Procedural safeguards
- 34 CFR §§300.151-300.153 Complaint procedures
- 34 CFR §300.500 Procedural safeguards
- 34 CFR §300.504 Procedural safeguards notice

Effective Dispute Resolution

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### **Effective Dispute Resolutions**

- Are timely
- Track issues
- Inform onsite and offsite monitoring activities
- Periodically evaluate effectiveness of resolutions
- Determine that parents and families and students understand their rights, especially in cases where there are few or no complaints, hearings, or other resolutions

# Requirements: Data on Processes & Results

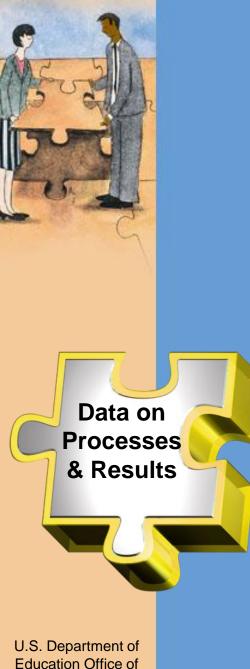
- 20 U.S.C. §1232d(b)(4) Evaluate effectiveness
- 20 U.S.C. §1232e(b) LEAs report to the state educational agency (SEA), board, Secretary
  - 34 CFR §300.601(b) Data collection
  - 34 CFR §300.602 Targets and reporting
- 34 CFR §300.640 Annual report of children served

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Data on

Processes

& Results



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#### Data on Processes & Results

- Collection and verification
  - 618
  - Dispute resolution
  - Previous monitoring reports
  - other
  - Examination and analyses
    - Areas of state concern
    - Clusters of related indicators
  - Reporting
    - APR (state)
    - LEA Performance compare to state targets
- Status determination
- Improvement
  - Data are used to plan and revise activities

# Requirements: Integrated Monitoring Activities

- 20 U.S.C. §1232d(b)(3)(A) Proper methods of monitoring
- 34 CFR §300.120 Monitoring least restrictive environment (LRE)
- 34 CFR §300.149 SEA responsibility for general supervision
  - 34 CFR §300.600 State monitoring

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Integrated

Monitoring

Activities



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## **Integrated Monitoring Activities**

- Stakeholders involved
- Focus on specific hypotheses for area
- Teams include family members
- Investigation related to noncompliance and program improvement
- Multiple methods and data sources to monitor every program, every year
- Activities include continuous examination of performance for compliance and results
- Written reports specify evidence of correction and of improvement
- Internal and external technical assistance and professional development support improvement and correction

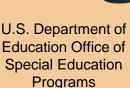
#### Requirements: Targeted TA and Professional Development

- 20 U.S.C. §1232d(b)(3)(B), (C), (D) Provide TA, promising practices and disseminate information
- 20 U.S.C. §1232e(b)(8) LEA has effective dissemination to teachers and administrators
- 34 CFR §300.119 TA on LRE
- 34 CFR §300.156 Personnel qualifications

Targeted

T/A &

**Prof Dev** 



### **Targeted Technical Assistance & Professional Development**

- Directly connected to the SPP and improvement activities
- Provided to correct noncompliance and improve results
- Principles of adult learning
- Measure effectiveness of implementation



- Incorporate various agencies in development and dissemination
- Distribute promising practices and evidence based practices to local programs

Requirements: Improvement, Correction, Incentives, & Sanctions

- 20 U.S.C. §1232d(b)(3(A) and (E) Proper methods—correction and enforcement
  - **34** CFR §80.12 Special conditions
    - 34 CFR §80.43 Enforcement
    - 34 CFR §300.222 LEA compliance
    - 34 CFR §300.600 State monitoring and enforcement
    - 34 CFR §§300.603-300.604 Determinations and enforcement actions
    - 34 CFR §300.608 Enforcement

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Improvement & Correction, Incentives & Sanctions

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#### Improvement, Correction, Incentives & Sanctions

- Explicit state authority to enforce regulations, policies, and procedures
- TA to ensure correction of noncompliance
- Improvement planning to meet targets
- Corrective action planning and follow-up tracking of correction and improvement
- Range of formalized strategies and/or sanctions for enforcement with written timelines
- Determines the status of local programs annually



- 34 CFR §§300.704 and 300.705 Distribution of funds
- 34 CFR §300.209 Treatment of charter schools
- 34 CFR §300.133 Private schools proportionate share
- 34 CFR §§300.163 and 300.203-300.205 Maintenance of effort
- 34 CFR §§300.162 and 300.202 Excess cost/supplement not supplant
  - 34 CFR §300.226 Early intervening services 15%
  - OMB Circular A-133 Single Audits

**Fiscal** 

Management



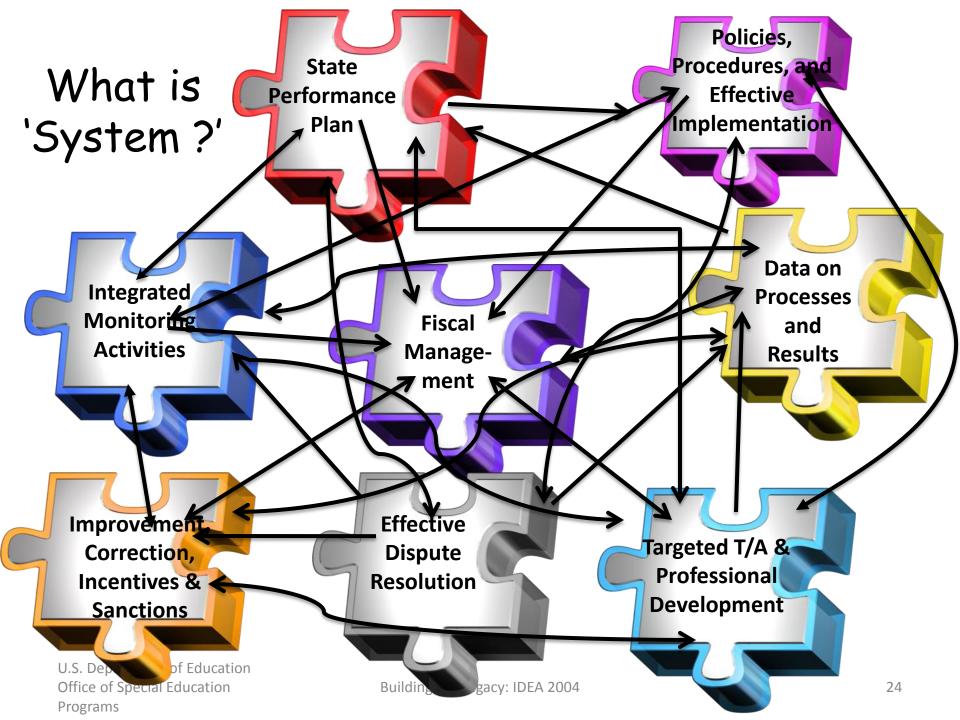
# **Fiscal Management**

- States distribute funds in accordance with federal requirements.
- Funds are used in accordance with federal and state requirements.
- States provide oversight on the use of funds.
- Funds are aligned to problem areas in the SPP/APR

#### **Describing a 'System' of General Supervision**

Problems in Description (beginning list)

- Equating general supervision as only onsite monitoring
  - Viewing administration as a collection of separate and isolated functions
- Defining accountability as an event rather than a 'state' and process
   Others?

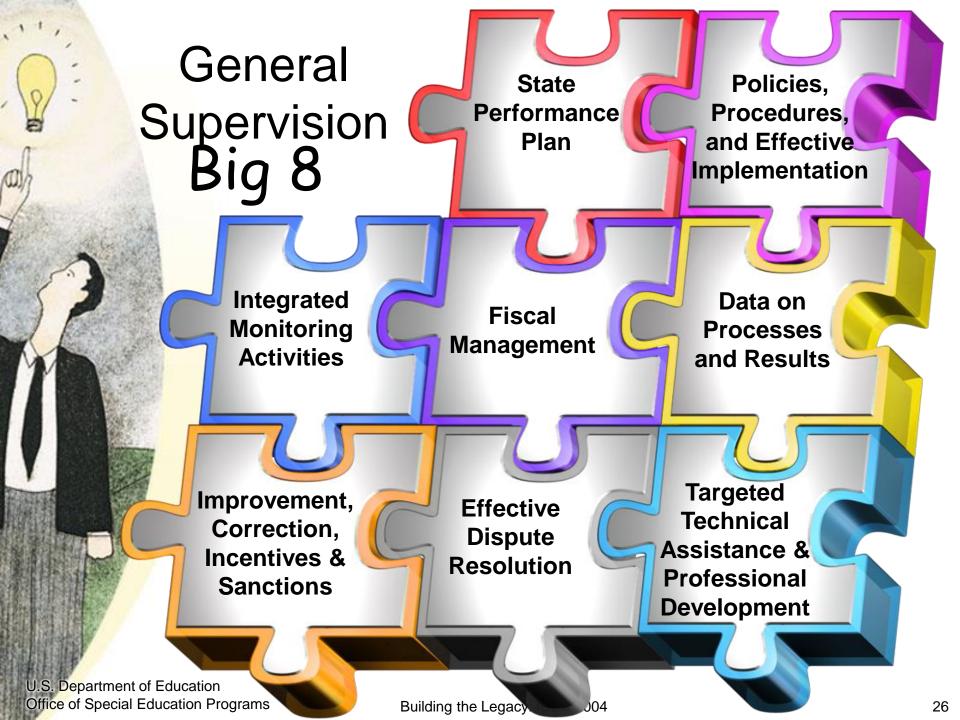


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- http://www.monitoringcenter.lsuhsc.edu
- http://www.rrfcnetwork.org