



SIG Notes...

Welcome to SIG Notes...

SIG Notes... is a new resource brought to you by the Louisiana State Improvement Grant (LaSIG) to share current examples of best practice happening throughout the state. These examples are easy to replicate and can be implemented in your school or district tomorrow! Many can be implemented with little or no up-front cost while still having a positive impact on your school or district.

Below is a real-life example of what a school and/or district is doing to improve overall results for students, families, and their community. If you have questions, would like additional information, or if you have something to share, please contact us. Call our office at (225) 578-2805 or visit us online at www.lasig2.org

Literacy in School Improvement Plans: Addressing the Needs of Students with Significant Disabilities

School literacy plans and School Improvement Plans (SIP) should address the needs of all students, including those with the most significant disabilities. Unfortunately, these students are often overlooked in this process, and this is likely due to the lack of information and resources related to the topic.

St. Tammany Parish has been proactive in specifically targeting the needs of these students. As part of the district's literacy initiative, St. Tammany school system is rolling out the inclusion of literacy for students with significant disabilities as part of each school's SIP. All SIP committees will include staff members who can provide input on current literacy activities related to this population of students. For information on this initiative, you may contact Sharon Hosch, St. Tammany Parish Special Education Director, at Sharon.hosch@stpsb.org or 985-898-3300.

The Louisiana Special Education Center (LSEC) has developed an action plan to improve literacy related opportunities, instruction, and outcomes for their students with significant disabilities. Refer to this action plan in the attachment provided here or at the link provided below for ideas about developing an action plan for your school. For further information, contact JoLynn McConley at JoLynn-McConley@lsec-la.org

Link to LSEC action plan:

<http://sda.doe.louisiana.gov/Lists/GreatStories/DispForm.aspx?ID=28>