

RigorWalk®

Tap Into the Heart of Learning

The first step in Learning Sciences International's (LSI) Schools for Rigor initiative is also one of the most important—a needs analysis. As a diagnostic developed to map out and prioritize your school's needs, we begin with a conversation with school and district leaders to learn how rigor is presently defined and interpreted.

Next, LSI experts conduct a school walkthrough, better known as the RigorWalk, to pinpoint critical areas where you and your teachers can deepen pedagogy and root out learning barriers. The RigorWalk helps you focus on areas of classroom practice where growth can occur.

Achieving rigor with standards-based pedagogy

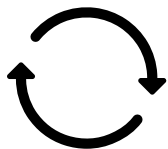
Activating students as critical thinkers is the first step. Instead of spending time reinforcing skills that barely scrap the surface, rigor requires students to use existing knowledge to dig deeper. LSI's Schools for Rigor initiative prepares you and your teachers to make the shift to rigor with research-based classroom strategies that revitalize student learning and spur teacher growth. It's a win-win scenario. Choose which areas to focus on, and LSI will design a comprehensive plan to solve them with you.

For the second step, LSI conducts an on-site analysis to show you how to lock in sturdy support structures. We work with existing resources, such as PLC teams and programs, to increase the effectiveness of your professional development (PD) without upping the cost.

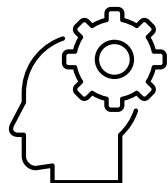


The final steps are uniquely designed for every school. LSI can analyze data or tailor a plan for turnaround. In some cases, LSI can train you and your staff to interpret data gleaned from surveys that measure your progress. No matter the approach, working together is grounded in a common goal: to increase student achievement.

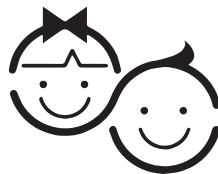
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Culture of continuous improvement



Rigorous, standards-based instruction



Autonomous, student-driven learning



Effective formative assessment

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Learning-centered data systems

Benefits

- Get a fresh third-party perspective into the inner workings of your school
- Gain powerful insight to refocus core instruction on standards-based learning
- Inspire students to take ownership for learning as self-directed critical thinkers
- Learn how classroom grades don't match up with state test scores
- Leverage real-time data to ensure each student is hitting learning targets
- Close learning gaps

Related Resources

Consider the RigorWalk PD Pack—a powerful package for any leadership team working to measure rigor, track student progress, and build highly effective monitoring into every lesson and unit.



I can honestly say that I was humbled by our first RigorWalk. After visiting 26 classrooms, it was clear that we weren't expecting or allowing for much rigor from our students. But by the end of the year, when we went on additional RigorWalks, there was a significant improvement in overall rigor. Now, our students are engaging in more autonomous cognitively complex tasks in every classroom.

—**Keith Smith**, Superintendent
Kingsley Area Schools, Michigan



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