

Activity: School Behavior Data Inventory and Cut Scores Examples

Decision rules help to identify whether a student needs targeted or intensive support. These decisions are guided by cut points, or criterion references that indicate which students are or are not at risk. For this activity, the team will list all the collected data that reflects student behavior. If criteria have been determined for the data source, list it on the worksheet. If not, the team should determine the cut scores for each measure.

One strategy to establish decision rules is to examine previous years' student data. First, review the list of students who received documented office discipline referrals (ODRs) and consider which of those students your school would categorize as in the "at-risk", rather than "high-risk", range. Next, identify the range of ODR incidence. This would range from the lowest and highest numbers received by students perceived to be "at-risk." The team can use this information to determine the number of incidents that best depict early signs of risk for your school. The number identified by the team can then be used as the data cut score for identifying at-risk students in your school. The same process can be repeated for other types of commonly collected data.

An example is provided below. A blank template for your team to complete is on the second page of this document.

MEASURE	LOW RISK	MODERATE RISK	HIGH RISK	Review Dates
Behavior Screener	37+	24-36	0-23	Fall and Winter
ODR	0-1	2 or more	6 or more	Monthly
Classroom Minors	0-4	5 or more	15 or more	Monthly
Absences	< 6 or 3 in the first quarter	7-18 or 6 in the first quarter	19+ 8 in the first quarter	Quarterly
Tardy	<2 per quarter	3-5 per quarter	5+ per quarter	Monthly
In School Suspension	0-1	2-3	4 or more	Monthly
Out of School Suspension	0	1	2	Monthly

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