

Student Investment Account Annual Report Questions

This Student Investment Account Annual Report Questions template aims to help districts organize narrative responses to questions prior to submitting their Annual Report via SmartSheet. **Please note that this template will not be submitted** to the Oregon Department of Education; rather it is a tool to support grantees in compiling the necessary information that will need to be cut and paste into SmartSheet.

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<p>Santiam Canyon School District</p> <p>1. There are clear impacts from the reduction in SIA funding and from the direct efforts to respond to COVID-19. While you can't fully set those aside, what is important for your community, including focal student groups, families, and educators, to understand about your SIA implementation efforts during the 2020-21 school year and the positive impacts that have occurred? How were you able to make progress towards the goals and outcomes you were aiming at with SIA funding and processes? (500 words or less)</p> <p><i>Explainer: In your response to this question, consider what is most important to share with your community about SIA implementation over the last year. As you reflect on the progress made toward the goals and outcomes you were aiming at with SIA funding, consider and speak to the impacts to student mental and behavioral health, and the reduction of academic disparities for focal students.</i></p>	<p>SIA allowed us to add engaging opportunities in a time when so much was taken away. Extracurricular learning, CTE courses and additional social, emotional and academic supports added to the student experience and learning growth.</p> <p>SIA made distance learning better and more engaging, and will continue to support a comprehensive education in a rural district that has often lacked the resources to do so.</p>
<p>2. What barriers, impediments, or challenges to your SIA implementation have you faced or identified that are helpful for your community and/or state leaders to be aware of? (500 words or less)</p> <p><i>Explainer: Through this question, we're aiming to understand barriers and challenges that you experienced or faced in SIA implementation that would be helpful to share with students, families, communities and ODE.</i></p>	<p>COVID restrictions have made it difficult to implement programs and interventions as we hoped or intended. The changing conditions have also made it so challenging to have the TIME to implement new programs, since the COVID rules and associated work took so much of our time away from programs and instruction.</p>

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3. SIA implementation includes ongoing engagement with focal students, the families of focal students, and educators. What successes and challenges, if any, have you experienced in maintaining engagement? (500 words or less)

Explainer: What we're seeking through this question is a reflection of successes and challenges (if any) in engagement over the first year of SIA implementation. We recognize this question may feel a little redundant to one of the recent SIA Plan Update questions; however, we're hoping to get a little more depth in understanding engagement in general over the year, not just as it relates to informing updates to the SIA plan.

Distance learning and COVID safety have reduced in-person engagement opportunities, and people seem to be tired of Zoom meetings, but as a rural school district we continue to keep a good pulse on the student needs, parent communications and community wants. Although it may look different during the COVID era, we remain connected as a staff, with our school board, with our students and their families. These connections allow continued open dialogue to hear of successes and work on challenges.

4. Please share your professional assessment of what guided your choices and prioritization efforts in the first year of SIA implementation? What stands out? Anything important or surprising to report back or reflect on? How were key decisions on scaled down implementation made? What impacts, if any, are helpful to name in how you navigated through the last year, specifically as it relates to SIA implementation? (500 words or less)

Explainer: In your response to this year, we'd like to hear specifically what guided your prioritization of some activities/strategies over others in light of the reduction in funding and/or shifting community needs. Within this question, you may also offer learnings or surprises that were unanticipated.

Our choices were led by collaborative discussions focused on the needs of our students and creative ways to find solutions. Student outcomes led the choices and prioritization. There really are not that large of surprises, and I say that as someone in a small district. We take pride, even before SIA, in listening to our staff, our students and our community. We have a pulse on what they want, and SIA helped deliver it. Although there are not many surprises, we are thrilled with the opportunity it has afforded. Adding new sustainable supports and programs for all our students has been fun to watch.