

Handout 5: Research Question 2 Description

Question: What skills, structures, and supports do district and state leaders need to create a culture of data-driven decisionmaking?

Sub-questions:

- ? What are effective decisionmaking models for data use and action at the district level? Which districts are using them, and for what decisions?
- ? What tools and resources would facilitate both training for data use and the process of strategic planning?

Activity 2.1	Activity 2.2
<p>Conduct comprehensive scans of national resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify evidence-based or promising practices that help leaders use data to make decisions. • Identify tools that measure leaders’ data use to inform decisions. • Identify tools that support leaders’ use of data. <p>Catalog/rank practices and tools based on Every Student Succeeds Act evidence levels and usefulness to local leaders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support development of cognitive interviews. • Identify target audience and sample. • Develop interview question pool. • Develop standard protocol to be used across states. • Identify interview data collectors • Identify data collection tools and storage options. • Provide consultation on analysis and interpretation of interview data. 	<p>Conduct scan of state internal tools and resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify tools that local leaders identify as effective in supporting strategic planning using data. • Identify affordances and shortcomings of the tool (that is, implementation challenges). <p>Conduct cognitive interviews.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine the utility of currently available data tools. <p>Which tools do interview participants find most useful? Identify actions to improve current data tools.</p>
<p>Potential Products:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Catalog of best available practices and tools for local leaders’ data use. 2) Cognitive interview protocol and item pool. 	<p>Potential Product:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Two-page brief summarizing the best available evidence and tools that local leaders described as having the potential for effective change in data use.