



Summit Education Initiative (SEI) is a nonprofit research and collective impact organization working to increase personal and regional prosperity through educational attainment. We work to support schools, nonprofits, community groups, families, faith-based communities, philanthropy, government, and business leaders who share our goals.

In general, we provide three different supports to programs working directly with students: direct access to educational outcomes, small-scale program evaluations, and social-emotional surveys.

As a small organization, we are limited in the scope of supports we can offer free of charge to our partners. This guide is intended to help you determine whether your program is a good fit for a partnership with SEI.

## **General Criteria for Partnerships**

- Official 501(c)(3) or other organization recognized by the federal government as nonprofit
- The majority of youth served must reside in and attend school in Summit County, Ohio

## **Services and Supports**

### **Direct access to school academic/behavioral data through SEI's OST Portal for long-term programs**

The OST portal provides access to student-level data updated regularly to help programs set goals and inform their actions. Data include attendance summaries, grade point average, standardized test scores for students participating in an out-of-school time (OST) program. Below are the criteria for organizations seeking access to the OST Network and the OST portal:

1. Students served through the program are enrolled in Summit County Public Schools
2. Programs have a sustained relationship with students lasting at least 20 hours over at least eight weeks during the academic school year (August-May)
3. Parents sign SEI's data release form authorizing access to student records
4. Program staff complete SEI's FERPA/OST Portal training
5. Program leaders actively engage in the Out of School Time (OST) Network facilitated by SEI through attendance at no less than two quarterly meetings in a calendar year



### **Simple program evaluation (pre/post) for short-term and summer programs**

For summer or shorter-term programs, SEI can sometimes offer simple program evaluation support. These evaluations intend to help programs demonstrate their impact on students' academic outcomes after the program has concluded. Below are the criteria for organizations interested in working with SEI to conduct a simple program evaluation:

1. The program provides at least 15 hours over at least four weeks of explicit academic support or academic enrichment
  - a. The program itself may last longer than 15 hours, but at least 15 hours of the program must focus exclusively on academic support or enrichment
2. The program collects attendance data for each student in the program
3. Parents sign SEI's data release form authorizing access to student program participation records and school academic records
4. The appropriate school district(s) authorize Summit Education Initiative to conduct the evaluation (district permission is required before any program evaluations if said evaluation involves retrieval of school district data)
5. The program measures student achievement at the beginning and the end of the program in one of two ways:
  - a. The program itself administers a nationally-normed or Ohio-recognized assessment of student learning and collects the results for students at the beginning and the end of the program; or
  - b. The program collaborates with SEI to confirm that pre-and post-program academic achievement data are being collected in the students' school information system, at which time SEI will collect these data to conduct the evaluation
6. *For example: if students already participate in benchmark assessments during the school year in the spring preceding the program and in the fall following the program, SEI can use these to determine the program impact.*
7. The program shares all collected data with SEI in a digital format, with unique identifiers shared across all data files (if necessary)

### **Survey of youth sense of belonging, aspirations, and motivation in out-of-school programs**

SEI created and validated the Youth View® and Youth View OST surveys in 2014. The OST survey provides program leaders with information about student aspirations, academic motivation, and a sense of belonging. The survey also asks how long students have participated in the program and whether they recommend it to others. Results are presented in the aggregate (i.e., without student names). Below are the criteria for using the Youth View OSTP survey

1. Program leaders create an account in the SEI OST Network and register their sites and programs, following which they request the appropriate surveys
2. The program lasts at least 10 hours and spans at least three sessions
3. Students completing the surveys are at least 12 years old
4. Finally, students take the surveys through the [OST Network Website](#)