A nimble and clear strategy can be transformative for education: aligning action, inspiring educators, and maximizing impact on students and stakeholders.

RTI International’s team of experienced educators and planning consultants co-design solutions that empower schools, districts, and organizations to realize the future they’ve envisioned. We bring expert facilitation, research-based tools, and proven project management practices to help you save time, increase stakeholder input, and define action.

The result is a living plan that will serve as a compass and decision filter to help you navigate the future with confidence.

We support our partners using a four-phase planning process:

1. **Future State**
   - What are your ideal outcomes?
   - Your priorities? Your strengths?
   - Your weaknesses? Working together, we’ll develop an agenda to channel further planning.

2. **Current State**
   - Uncover your current situation and understand the root causes of issues.
   - We’ll collect data from your stakeholders and use that information to co-design focus areas for action planning.

3. **Framework Development**
   - Next, we’ll work with you to create a clear framework for action, along with a communication plan that helps disseminate your action plan for a rapid start.

4. **Action Design**
   - Finally, let’s build a plan to close the gap between where you want to be and current practices. Together, we’ll develop timelines, success metrics, and progress milestones for continuous improvement.
Spotlight: Northeast Academy for Aerospace and Advanced Technologies

Closing the Gap Between Today’s Reality and Tomorrow’s Goals

By the Numbers

350 9–12
students grades

Challenge: Identify and prioritize near-term action to strengthen the school’s long-term sustainability.

Customized Support: RTI assisted the school in a planning process that helped stakeholders define the gap between current state and future state. Using a Driver Diagram model, we helped create an action plan that maps activities to three priority areas.

Results: We helped develop a framework in fewer than 90 days that features 13 actions organized by impact, difficulty, and time frame. Teams also designed idea maps focused on school staffing, operations, and finance. All participants in the RTI planning sessions said they would recommend the process.

Learn More

All children deserve a quality education that empowers them to thrive. However, each day educators are faced with new challenges driven by the accelerating pace of change. The need to perceive, understand, and act on emerging trends and practices creates added complexity and can strain capacity. At RTI, we’re partnering with educators to change that.

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