



# ESSENTIALS

## Digging into State Testing Data for Grades 4-8

### Purpose:

This activity provides a global picture of how students are doing in general and identifies specific areas that need improvement. The data is used to guide collaborative team discussion and actions that will lead to increased student achievement. Collaborative teams work within grade level groups and with other grade level collaborative teams to interpret specific state testing data across the curriculum. Collaborative teams and individual teachers can use the information to meet the needs of their students.

### Materials:

- Blank posters with taped copies of your state testing results for each grade level, including data by strand, for all students and identified student groups  
*(If grade levels have many teachers, make two sets of data posters for each grade.)*
- Notes poster for every data poster
- Color markers for every team  
*(Colors: 4th grade = red, 5th grade = blue, 6th grade = green, 7th grade = purple, 8th grade = orange)*

### Set-Up:

Display the data posters on the walls of a hallway. The posters should go in succession for grades 4-8. Place a notes poster next to each data poster. Leave enough space in between posters for groups to stand at each poster.

**Procedure:** Digging into Data ~ State Testing Activity for Collaborative Teams

**Wrap-Up:** Collaborative Team Meeting for Digging into Data

