



## **DATA TEAM FACT SHEET**

**Making instruction precise and personalized occurs through a process of using data, based on actual student work, to make decisions about content and instruction. A Data Team is a small group of teachers who meet regularly to examine individual student work, set improvement goals for effective teaching, and monitor the goals. The purpose of the Data Team is to improve student achievement by increasing teachers' knowledge and skills. The team can be grade level specific, content area specific or a combination. An individual building will have many data teams.**

**The Data Team follows a five-step process:**

- Step 1. Collect and chart data**
- Step 2. Analyze strengths and obstacles**
- Step 3. Establish goals: set, review, revise**
- Step 4. Select instructional strategies**
- Step 5. Determine results indicators**

**Teachers use common assessments based on state and district content and performance standards. The analysis of student work focuses on what students can do and what challenges they encounter. This analysis also focuses on the variables that impact student achievement and that are in teachers' control. The Data Team sets achievement goals, selects instructional strategies, determine what students will be able to do as a result of the strategies, implement the plan, and monitor students, and finally, administer the next set of common assessments. Then the cycle begins again.**

**Large scale improvements of student achievement occur when there is large scale improvement of day-to-day classroom instruction. Data teams provide the formal structure for teachers to work collaboratively on making that instruction more effective.**