

Sustainability

IARSS will be there for your district, as your Regional Office will continue providing support once your grant ends. IARSS encourages operational flexibility and autonomy throughout the transformational process allowing districts to sustain success for many years to come. IARSS has proven experience with high poverty, large urban school districts as well as small rural community school districts.



Districts Partnered with IARSS for School Improvement Grants:

Egyptian Community Unit School District #5
2010-2013

Sandoval Unit School District #501
2011-2014

DePue Unit School District #103
2010-2012

Cahokia Unit School District #187
(High School)
2014-2015

East St. Louis School District #189
(Middle Schools)
2014-2017

Testimonials

"Cahokia Unit School District #187 chose IARSS to be our lead partner for our School Improvement Grant (SIG) because they offered a statewide organizational network that could find the resources we needed to address our professional development and sustainability needs at a fraction of the cost of other lead partners. In addition, being an organization associated with the Regional Offices of Education, there is a built-in availability if the district wishes to continue a relationship with the organization even after the SIG has ended."

Art Ryan, Cahokia Unit School District #187
Superintendent

"A team consisting of district leadership, union representation, parents, and community members collaborated to rank various lead partner presentations. IARSS was the front runner by far, standing out in terms of ranking."

Denean Vaughn, East St. Louis School District #189
Director of Curriculum and Grants



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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

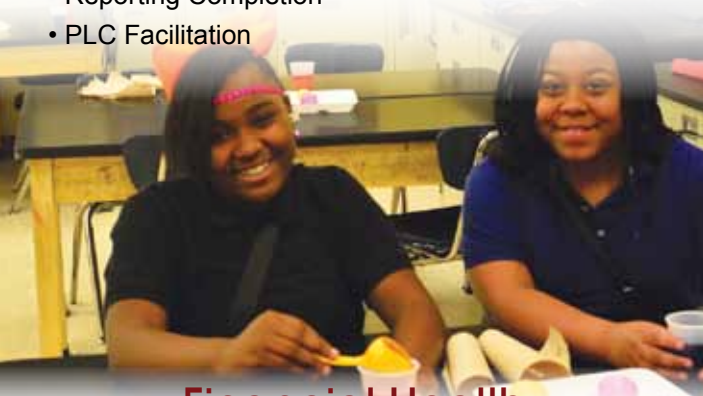


The mission of IARSS as a School Improvement Grant Lead Partner is to provide exceptional services to support student growth and achievement and to transform teacher and school leader effectiveness in schools.

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Services Offered

- Experienced Educators Serving as On-Site Administrators, Consultants, Instructional Coaches, and Liaison
- Instructional Support from state leaders such as, Dr. Peggy Allan, Dr. Michael Troop, Kathi Rhodus, and John Samara
- Comprehensive Instructional Reform Strategies
- Outcome-Based Measurement Plans
- School and District Needs Assessment
- Organizational Governance and Leadership Structure Design
- School Culture and Climate Transformation
- Community Engagement Frameworks
- Teacher and School Leader On-Site Embedded Professional Development
- Curriculum Pacing and Standards Alignment
- Research-Based Interventions for RTI and PBIS
- Assessment Creation
- Staff Evaluation
- Budget Management
- Technology Training
- Reporting Completion
- PLC Facilitation



Financial Health

While most Lead Partners require a minimum of \$1,000,000 for services provided, IARSS provides quality personnel for well under that of the competitors. The fiscal agents effectively manage grants with no audit findings and continue to practice fiscal responsibility while providing services and supplies as outlined in the MOU.



Essential Supports

IARSS upholds the vision for ISBE's 5 Essential Supports for School Improvement including:

- 1) **Leadership** – IARSS provides effective, proven leaders from the education realm
- 2) **Parent and Community Ties** – IARSS will work to employ Parent and Community Liaisons serving as active members of the community
- 3) **Professional Capacity of the Teachers and School Staff** – IARSS will work to provide support to expand the professional capacity of all staff
- 4) **Student-Centered Learning Climate** – IARSS supports the PBIS, PLC, character education and PBF philosophy of creating student-centered learning environments conducive of learning
- 5) **High-Quality Instruction** – IARSS will provide the appropriate professional development to enhance high-quality instruction in the classroom

IARSS has been an effective Lead Partner since 2009. IARSS' SIG Committee consists of experienced Illinois Regional Superintendents offering a proactive approach to constant communication and collaboration between the committee and district leadership.

Proven Results

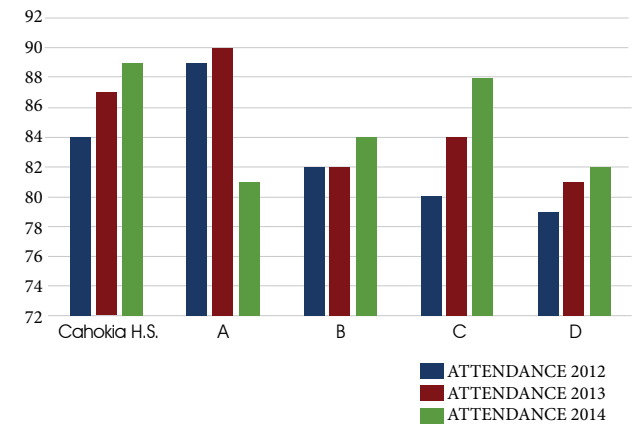
IARSS has proven to be an effective Lead Partner. All schools represented by IARSS have shown growth compared to the competition. The percent change from 2009-2010 to 2010-2011 is as follows:

IARSS
DePue 173%
Egyptian 107%

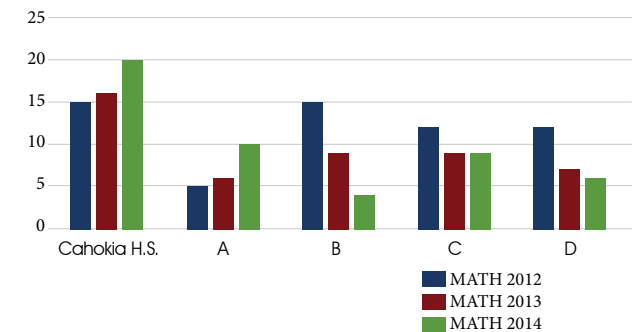
Other
Peoria 14%
Thornton 6%
City of Chicago 17%

Evidence of Effectiveness

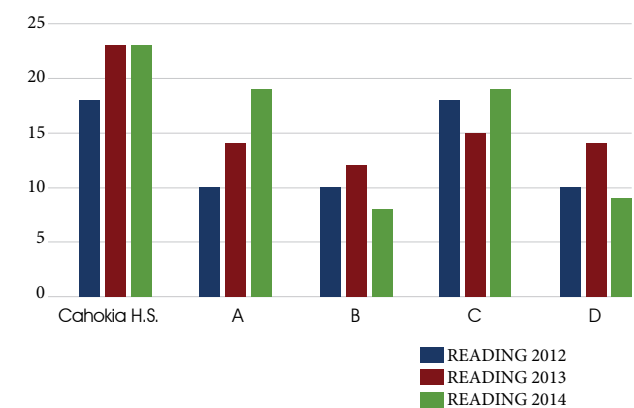
ATTENDANCE FOR COHORT SCHOOLS



PSAE MATH SCORES



PSAE READING SCORES



All schools are Cohort 3 schools. IARSS was lead partner for Cahokia.