



Frequently Asked Questions

1 What is Snapshot?

Snapshot is a powerful data visualization tool for educators that brings together various data reports from the local Student Information System into one comprehensive “snapshot.” Based on the Early Warning Indicators research, Snapshot “flags” students for poor attendance, behavior, & course performance, and groups students according to how many issues (up to 3) that they are displaying. Snapshot is a quick, easy way to understand student performance and identify students in need so no one slips through the cracks.

2 What is included with Snapshot?

- Training and technical assistance to a designated staff person at your school to create and update the Snapshot data wall throughout the school year (every interim and quarter)
- Snapshot Tool Kit which includes: perforated cardstock paper for Student Snapshot cards, 3 flag headers, sticky tack, post-it flags, tape to divide the three flag areas, trend chart, directions for creating Snapshot, protocols for using Snapshot effectively, and all electronic documents
- “Snapshot 101” presentation introducing the tool and ideas for use, for all school staff

3 How long does it take to update Snapshot?

In the beginning of the year, 2 – 3 hours of training and technical assistance are provided to set-up your Snapshot system for the year. Further technical assistance to update Snapshot for each interim and quarter lasts about 1 – 2 hours each time.

4 Can I see the Snapshot data visualization on my computer?

Yes! In addition to the Student Snapshot cards and physical display, Snapshot can be viewed in a spreadsheet format for easy use and sharing.

5 Can I customize the cut-off point for Attendance?

Yes! PAI will work with each school to determine cut-off points for attendance, behavior, and course performance. Usually students are flagged if they have lower than 85% attendance, but 90% or even 80% cut-off points can be accommodated.

6 Can my school use Snapshot even if we don’t have Common Planning Time?

Common Planning Time (CPT) is strongly recommended for schools utilizing Snapshot, so that teachers can collaborate on student needs and collectively form interventions. Schools who do not have CPT in their schedule can still use Snapshot, but are encouraged to find time on a monthly basis to meet to discuss student data trends and needs. Administrators can use the data on a more frequent basis.

7 Is my data system compatible with Snapshot?

Snapshot is compatible with a handful of School Information Systems. Please contact us for more information and to ensure that Snapshot can work with your School Information System (SIS).

To learn more about Snapshot, visit our website at: www.academiesinc.org/snapshot or contact Stephanie Smith at ssmith@academiesinc.org or 215-546-6300, x105.