



The 5Essentials System

All schools need valid and reliable information on the factors that can truly help them improve. The 5Essentials System is a research-based school improvement system that gives schools, districts, and states data and insights into schools' organizational strengths and areas of opportunity across the five essential factors decades of research revealed are necessary for school improvement: Effective Leaders, Collaborative Teachers, Involved Families, Supportive Environment, and Ambitious Instruction.

UChicago Impact's 5Essentials System helps schools organize, prioritize, and evaluate what education research shows matters most in achieving sustainable school improvement through student, teacher, and parent surveys, in-depth survey analysis, individualized reports, and supports for school leadership teams.

Research Shows

Schools strong on at least three of the five essentials for school improvement were 10 times more likely to show substantial gains in student learning than schools weak on three or more of the five essentials. A low score in even just one of the core measures of the five essentials reduced the likelihood of improvement to less than 10%.

