

# Self-Assessment: School Turnaround Leader Competencies

# Rate your current level for the competency cluster overall and then each individual competency.

|  | **I have not yet developed these competencies.** | **I am working on developing these competencies.** | **I use these competencies some of the time when needed for success.** | **I use these competencies most of the time when needed for success.** | **I consistently use these competencies when needed for success.** |
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| Driving for Results Cluster**These enable a relentless focus on student learning results.** |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Achievement***The drive and actions to set challenging goals and reach a high standard of performance despite barriers.** |   |   |   |   |   |
| Examples:   |
| *Initiative and Persistence***The drive and actions to do more than is expected or required in order to accomplish a challenging task.** |   |   |   |   |   |
| Examples:   |
| *Monitoring and Directiveness***The ability to set clear expectations and to hold others accountable for performance.** |   |   |   |   |   |
| Examples:   |
| ***Planning Ahead*** **A bias towards planning in order to derive future benefits or to avoid problems.** |   |   |   |   |   |
| Examples:   |
| **Influencing for Results Cluster****These enable working through and with others.** |  |  |  |  |  |
| ***Impact and Influence*** Acting with the purpose of affecting the perceptions, thinking and actions of others. |   |   |   |   |   |
| Examples:   |
| ***Team Leadership*** **Assuming authoritative leadership of a group for the benefit of the organization.**  |   |   |   |   |   |
| Examples:   |
| ***Developing Others*** **Influence with the specific intent to increase the short and long‐term effectiveness of another person.** |   |   |   |   |   |
| Examples:   |
| **Problem Solving Cluster** **These enable solving and simplifying complex problems.** |  |  |  |  |  |
| ***Analytical Thinking*** **The ability to break things down in a logical way and to recognize cause and effect.** |   |   |   |   |   |
| Examples:   |
| ***Conceptual Thinking*** **The ability to see patterns and links among seemingly unrelated things.** |   |   |   |   |   |
| Examples:   |
| **Showing Confidence to Lead****This enables focus and commitment in the midst of highly challenging situations.**  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ***Self-Confidence*** **A personal belief in one’s ability to accomplish tasks and the actions that reflect that belief.**  |   |   |   |   |   |
| Examples:   |

For more about staffing models that create teams of teacher-leaders to support school turnaround principals, see [**OpportunityCulture.org**](http://opportunityculture.org/).

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All competencies derived from *Competence at Work*, Spencer and Spencer (1993).