

AR Mini-Session

Session Title: **Effective SIT Teams**

Time: 15 minutes

Materials/Equipment Needed: none

Handouts: Test Your Knowledge

School-Based Management and Accountability



Script

Say → Having an effective and successful School Improvement Team means understanding and following the law. The law I am referring to is 115C-105, which is the School-Based Management and Accountability law. Let's check to see what you already know about this law. You may work with a partner to complete the test.

Activity 1

[Distribute the “Test Your Knowledge” handout and allow participants four (4) minutes to complete the test.]

Say → Now turn over the worksheet to School-Based Management. Take two minutes to look through the sections shown and find the answer to each of the questions.

[For each question, select a volunteer who reads and answers the question aloud.]

Question #1: The answer is false. According to 115C-105.25, “no funds shall be transferred.”

Question #2: The answer is true. According to 115C-105.27, “Representatives of the assistant principals, instructional personnel, instructional support personnel, and teacher assistants shall be elected by their respective group by secret ballot.”

Question #3: The answer is true. According to 115C-105.27 (1), “the plan may provide that a portion of these funds is used for mentor training and for release time and substitute teachers while mentors and teachers mentored are meeting.”

Question #4: The answer is false. 115C-105.27 includes the make-up of the team and does not designate the principal as chair. Based on Question #2, NCAE would believe the chair should also be voted on by the team.

Say → School Improvement Teams are often referred to as Leadership Teams, SIT Teams, or Advisory Teams. Despite the variety of names, the team still follows the state law. It is important that, as a staff member, you become familiar with the law so that you can help to maintain an effective School Improvement Team at your school. A knowledge of this part of the law that we have just covered today will help you to ensure that your team follows

the law regarding the budget, voting and election process, and team make-up. Further information on legislation can be found at:

<http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/statutes/statutes.asp>.

Are there any questions or comments?

[Pause for discussion.]

Say → Thank you for coming today. Remember that NCAE is always here to support you.

