

# Mitchell SD 55 - 2249 - Annual Questions



## Mitchell SIA Annual Report

Question	Response
1 There are clear impacts from the reduction in SIA funding and from the direct efforts to respond to COVID-19. While you can't fully set those aside, what is important for your community, including focal student groups, families, and educators, to understand about your SIA implementation efforts during the 2020-21 school year and the positive impacts that have occurred? How were you able to make progress towards the goals and outcomes you were aiming at with SIA funding and processes? (500 words or less)	The community clearly identified music as a program they wanted us to offer. We were able to utilize SIA funds to bring a music program to Mitchell that made a positive impact on our students. Over 80 percent of our students had the opportunity to have daily music instruction and the students, staff, and community continue to be supportive of that investment.
2 What barriers, impediments, or challenges to your SIA implementation have you faced or identified that are helpful for your community and/or state leaders to be aware of? (500 words or less)	One of the largest barriers we encountered was, of course navigating having school during the pandemic. Teachers, staff, and administration were stretched continuously by the situation making it difficult to add the stress of implementing new programs in an ever-changing landscape.
3 SIA implementation includes ongoing engagement with focal students, the families of focal students, and educators. What successes and challenges, if any, have you experienced in maintaining engagement? (500 words or less)	COVID-19 negatively impacted our ability to meet face-to-face with members of our community and engage them in a personal way. We did administer climate and culture surveys which we used to help evaluate our programs, including our SIA. Our board and staff met collaboratively and reviewed data but it was a difficult year to maintain a high level of engagement.
4 Please share your professional assessment of what guided your choices and prioritization efforts in the first year of SIA implementation? What stands out? Anything important or surprising to report back or reflect on? How were key decisions on scaled down implementation made? What impacts, if any, are helpful to name in how you navigated through the last year, specifically as it relates to SIA implementation? (500 words or less)	We had a difficult time implementing some of the activities such as contracting with our ESD for RTI support as well as implementation of Friday school activities and summer programs simply because the COVID precautions forced us to severely limit interactions on days that are typically off days and limit interactions with people who work with other agencies. On a brighter note, most of the technology related activities were actually accomplished utilizing other grant funding streams so we did not use SIA to fund those. In the end, we were able to focus on music instruction for our target and we successfully implemented that program with SIA funds.
5 URL of webpage where your annual report is posted:	
6 Please attach a copy of the Board Minutes to this line using the paperclip icon to the left.	Presenting at October meeting. Minutes to follow.