



## **10** Best Opportunities to Reduce Special Education Costs While Improving Student Outcomes

- 1** Track the time that special education teachers and therapists spend instructing students.
- 2** Review the service delivery model for providing academic support.
- 3** Increase student independence by reducing paraprofessional support when appropriate.
- 4** Create clear criteria for entry into special education. Don't confuse insufficient learning with a disability.
- 5** Create clear exit criteria for special-needs services. Success means that services are no longer required.
- 6** Provide intensive general education supports, especially in reading.
- 7** Ensure that general education curriculum leaders manage and monitor the achievement of students with special needs.
- 8** Create detailed staff schedules and allocate to schools based on students needs.
- 9** Create a system to measure and manage special education costs led by the business office.
- 10** Serve more students with severe needs in-district.