

## the insight you need to deliver better education

Hypothesi is an educational consulting group that is committed to helping school leaders uncover research-based, data-driven answers to their school improvement questions. Hypothesi's services are particularly useful for independent schools, small school districts, and school management companies who want to benefit from today's increasingly data-rich educational environment, but who have found that hiring in-house technical staff simply isn't possible given budget constraints and priorities.

Our staff and affiliated consultants hold advanced degrees from top-tier research institutions, are highly trained in educational research methodology, and have substantial expertise in the following content areas:

- Best practices in mathematics, science, social studies, and literacy instruction
- Alignment of curriculum, standards, and practice
- Classroom assessment
- Student motivation and learning processes
- Parent involvement
- Teacher preparation and training
- 21st century skills
- Measurement of school success

## more ways we help your school's performance

### **Customized research and evaluation**

Hypothesi offers customized research services to uncover the information that is most important to you and your school's stakeholders. The process behind our services often begins with a question (or a hypothesis to be tested) and always ends with a deliverable that adds insight into future school improvement efforts.

### **Informal advising**

Do you have a question that requires expert advice rather than on-site research? Let Hypothesi bring the experts to you. We can arrange 1/2 day on-site advising sessions, multi-participant video-conference sessions, or extended advising options designed to build and sustain capacity at your school.

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# Mini-Audit

## What is it?

A Hypothesi Mini-Audit is an innovative new tool for assessing school performance. It was created to help school leaders reap the full benefit of today's data-rich environment and to provide an "at-a-glance" look at overall school success. Results of a mini-audit are invaluable from a marketing perspective and often drive future school improvement efforts.

The Hypothesi Mini-Audit includes three key components that can be tailored to meet your needs and your budget:

**Achievement data review**—Put your school's performance in perspective. The mini-audit contains a 3-year review of standardized test scores including a comparison against other similar local schools.

**Supplemental assessment**—Gain a well-rounded picture of school success by considering assessments that move beyond achievement data. Our on-site data collection can be customized to zero in on areas such as instructional quality, school climate, and student motivation.

**Analysis assistance**—Learn more from the data you've already collected. This portion of the mini-audit provides a synthesis of previously collected data from sources such as parent surveys, teacher evaluations, and graduation records.

## Simplifying the data-driven school improvement process

Project Phases	Sub-tasks	Time Needed
Phase 1 Customization phase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial conversation about the three components of the audit, including customization options, alignment with school improvement goals, and availability of previously collected data</li> <li>Finalization and signing of proposal specifying scope of the audit, deliverables, timeline, and costs</li> </ul>	2 weeks
Phase 2 Data retrieval and/or collection phase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retrieval of standardized test data and other data to be included in the audit</li> <li>Finalization of data collection instruments and administrative documents</li> <li>Coordination of on-site data collection</li> <li>Completion of on-site data collection</li> </ul>	4 – 8 weeks depending on the scope of the data collection effort
Phase 3 Data analysis and reporting phase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data entry and cleaning</li> <li>Data analysis and synthesis</li> <li>Report generation (approx. 10 pages)</li> </ul>	2 – 4 weeks
Phase 4 Presentation and consulting phase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Power Point presentation of main findings (webinar format)</li> <li>Follow-up conversation about results of the audit and actionable next steps</li> </ul>	1 week
Total Time Needed		2 to 4 months

### Who can use a Mini-Audit?

The Hypothesi Mini-Audit is intended for use by anyone in a school leadership position. However, the services may be particularly useful for administrators in charge of independent charter schools or private schools, educational management companies, and school districts that don't have in-house research and evaluation support or that are in need of an unbiased, external evaluation.

### Why conduct a Mini-Audit?

Clients have used our audit services to meet evaluation and reporting requirements associated with grants and school authorization, to secure grant funding, to fulfill responsibilities under NCLB, to gather information for marketing materials, and, most importantly, to improve the quality of education for their students.

### Contact us about your Mini-Audit

Give us a call at (734) 748-4301 to speak to one of our consultants and learn how we can customize the Hypothesi Mini-Audit to align with your school improvement goals and existing data analysis needs. We can also be reached via e-mail at [info@hypothesi.com](mailto:info@hypothesi.com).