



POWERSHOT COMPANION

Orientation to the Digging Deeper Guides

This document supports the presentation and video PowerShot:

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available on PDE's PA Data PowerShot webpage at
[pa.gov/education >](https://pa.gov/education)

Who might use this Powershot?

The intended audience is LEA/District Leaders, School Leaders, K-12 Content Leaders, Teacher Leaders, and Teachers.

Why use this PA Data Powershot?

This powershot introduces the user to the Digging Deeper Guides: what they are, who might use them, and why and how to use these guides.

How might you use this PA Data Powershot in your work?

There are many reasons and opportunities to make use of this PA Data Powershot. For example, the video could be used:

- As a school leader, to become familiar with the organization and uses of the Digging Deeper Guides before introducing them to teachers;
- In an LEA/district administrative meeting, to ensure district and school leaders are aware of and effectively using the Digging Deeper Guides in their own settings;
- To show to teachers at a faculty meeting and quickly orient them to the format, organization, and potential uses of the guides;
- To orient new teachers (mentor program, induction program, etc.) to an array of effective practices known to positively impact student achievement and growth;
- To reinforce the importance of identifying root cause(s) that are within our locus of control (internal control vs. variables outside the educators' control); and/or
- To kick-off data team meetings to enhance educators' repertoire of professional practice.

What are possible follow-up action steps?

- Develop a professional learning activity that engages staff in a discussion about the importance of recognizing variables that are within the control of educators, illustrating that variables in the Guides are all internal locus of control variables.
- Use the video as a professional learning opportunity in enhancing skills specific to teaching students with a history of higher achievement, and teaching students with a history of lower achievement.
- Ask teachers to view the Powershot video prior to their teacher conference, to facilitate professional goal setting.
- Ask teachers to view and discuss the Powershot video prior to the principal-teacher collaborative process of working through the Teacher Self-Reflection Guides, which are available on the [Using PVAAS as a Teacher webpage](#).

Links to Resources

You may access the resources referenced in the PA Data Powershot with the links provided below:

- [Digging Deeper Resources webpage](#) with access to five (5) Digging Deeper Guides:
 - » ELA and Keystone Literature
 - » Math and Keystone Algebra
 - » Science and Keystone Biology
 - » Students with a History of Higher Achievement
 - » Students with a History of Lower Achievement
- [Digging Deeper Resource Guide \(PDF\)](#)
- [The Digging Deeper Powershot Series](#)
Videos that introduce the structure of the Digging Deeper Guides and their potential to support root cause discussions:
 - » 1: An Orientation to the Digging Deeper Guides
 - » 2: Finding Root Causes: A Focus on Variables Within Our Control
 - » 3: Digging Deeper to Find Root Cause
- [Self-Reflection Guide for Data-Available Teachers \(PDF\)](#)
- [Self-Reflection Guide for Non-Data Available Teachers \(PDF\)](#)

