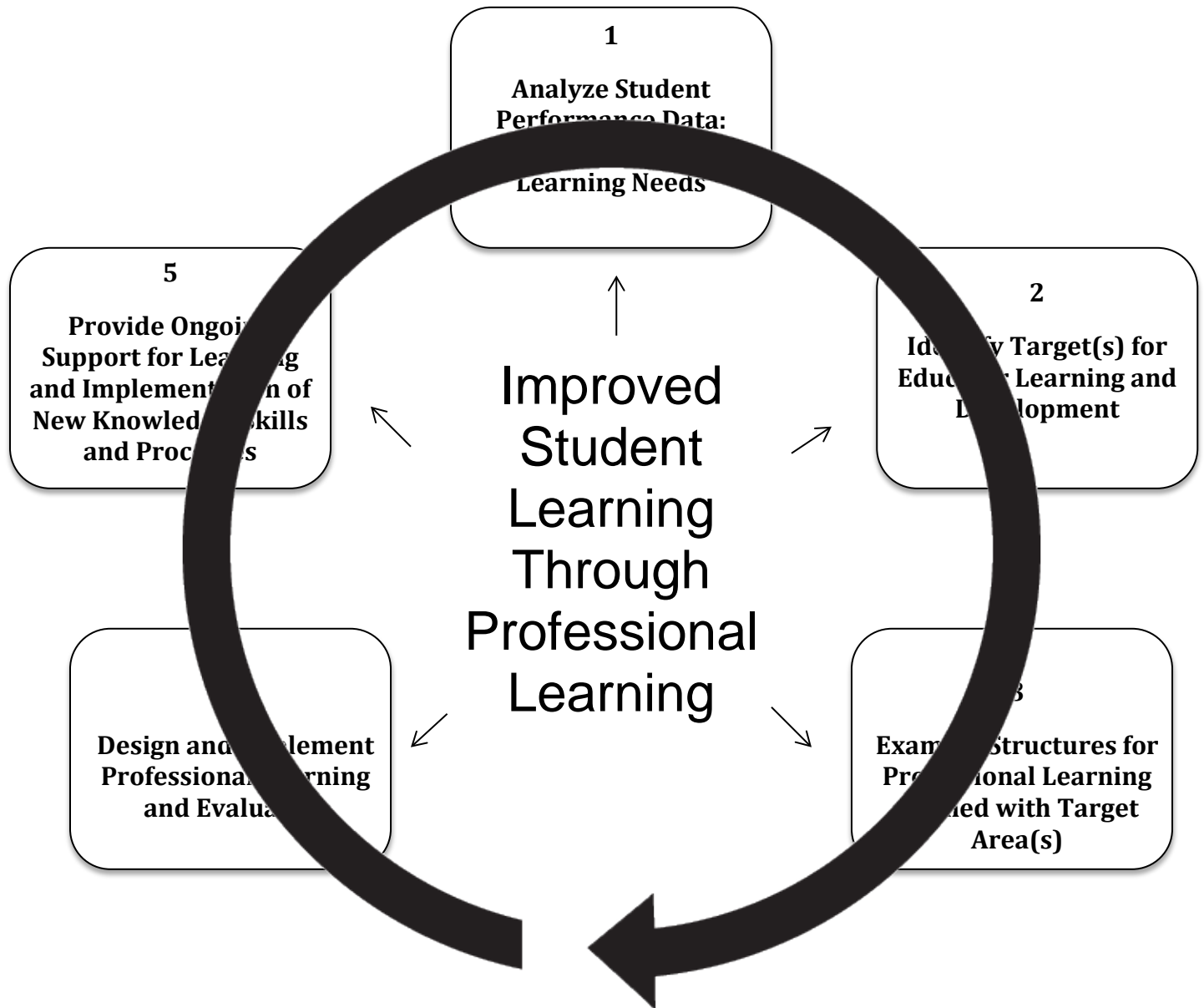


What is Professional Development?

Learning Forward* defines professional development as “a comprehensive, sustained and intensive approach to improving teachers’ and principals’ effectiveness in raising student achievement.”



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