

Application for Innovative District

House Bill 2319 established the Innovative District Act to allow school districts to create opportunities for students to succeed and to identify any barriers that would hinder that success.

The purpose of the Innovative District is to establish interest and support for partnerships between the district, public, parents and community in order to develop specific goals and measurable student outcomes to be obtained by operating as a public innovative district.

In order to apply to become an Innovative District, the applicant should determine what state laws, rules, and/or regulations the district is requesting to be exempt from in order to achieve Innovative District status. Applications for Innovative District status will be reviewed by the Coalition of Innovative Districts Board which is comprised of the first two districts that received Innovative District status, two State Board Members and the Commissioner of Education or his/her designee.

The purpose of the Coalition of Innovative Districts Board is to:

Support a system, which promotes innovation as a means to ensure the continued growth in student achievement and prosperity of education in the State of Kansas.

1. Approve or deny the request of Kansas Unified School Districts to operate as an innovative district
2. Monitor the percentage of districts accepted as innovative districts according to K.S.A. Supp. 72-1921 through 72-1930, and amendments thereto
3. Monitor district success in meeting the standards for math and reading assessments, in demonstrating progress in achievement of goals and outcomes described in its application for authority to operate as an innovative district, and showing improvement in graduates enlisting in the military or completing post-secondary programs
4. Consider submitting a petition for removal of authority to operate as an innovative district when the district has for two consecutive years not met the standards outlined in K.S.A. Supp. 72-1921 through 72-1930, and amendments thereto
5. Pilot innovative ideas and report the results to the Kansas State Board of Education, the Governor, the Legislature and peers

The designation of Innovative Districts will not be effective until the 2015-2016 school year and will be acknowledged for five consecutive years, dependent upon district compliance, with the opportunity to renew the status at the end of the five-year period.

This application package contains the necessary information and form to apply for Innovative District status. If applicants have any questions or need additional information concerning the Innovative District application process, please contact Chairman Bill Mullins, USD 364 - Marysville via e-mail: bmullins@usd364.org, telephone (785)562-5308

Application Requirements

A successful application for Innovative District status must include a narrative emphasizing the direct effect on student achievement, specifically addressing the following:

- Description of educational programs
- Description of parental and community support
- Specific goals and measurable pupil outcomes to be obtained
- If applicable, a description of what state laws, rules and regulations are creating a barrier to the district plan

The applicant must also provide, in detail, how pupil performance in achieving the specified outcomes will be:

- Measured
- Evaluated
- Reported

(The narrative is limited to no more than 10 pages.)

Submit the application electronically to
bmullins@usd364.org

Innovative District Summary

District Name/USD #: _____

District Superintendent: _____

Local School Board President: _____

Date Approved by Local Board: _____

District Address: _____

Street

City Zip

Contact Name: _____

_____ Phone: _____

District Classification: _____ Urban _____ Suburban _____ Rural

Title:

Email:

KSHSAA

Rating: _____

Number of Schools in

District: _____ Elementary _____ Middle/Junior _____ High

_____ Other (please specify)

Current District Enrollment: _____

Percent of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch: _____

Signature of Superintendent

Signature of School Board President

Date: _____

Date: _____